



Statement

The Leicestershire Police is committed to having sufficient capacity and capability to provide a planning and contingency function for major events.

In accordance with ACPO Policy the responsibility for Public Safety rests with the organiser of the event, the owner of the land in which it takes place and possibly the local authority if the event takes place on the road. The Constabulary has no general duty to preserve Public Safety at any Public event except where there are immediate threats to life.

Assessment of the need for Police attendance and action at Public events will be principally based on the need to discharge their core responsibilities which legal advice indicates are as follows:

- a. Prevention and detection of crime
- b. Preventing or stopping breaches of the peace
- c. Traffic regulations within legal powers provided by statute, a Road Closure Order (TPCA 1847) or a Traffic Regulation Order (RTRA 1984)
- d. Activation of a contingency plan where there is an immediate threat to life and co-ordination of resultant emergency services

The level of Police resources committed to the event and the action undertaken will be proportionate to the assessment of risks posed by the event. This assessment will be made in line with the Conflict Management Model by an appropriately trained and accredited police commander.

The Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police is entitled to provide Special Police Services in accordance with Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 in relation to an event where the applicant requests the police attendance. The request for the provision of police officers is subject to agreement between Leicestershire Police's Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the applicant and is supplied subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

This request for resources would include those officers which are above that which would normally be required in the locality to address crime and disorder issues arising from the staging of an event. Costing principles that will be applied is a full economic cost recovery in order to ensure local policing resources are used primarily for policing communities. It remains with the Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police discretion as to whether the charge is applied in full. Some events may be deemed by the Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police as requiring abatement of the charge.

The Contingency Planning function is an integrated part of the planning process which ensures that specialist and site specific emergency and contingency plans are in place. This is completed with partner agencies and the Local Resilience Forum where appropriate.

Aims

The aim of this policy and the supporting procedures are to provide corporacy to the planning processes in line with nationally recognised best practice for those organisers and police staff planning events within Leicestershire Police. In addition its aim is to seek to learn, share information and adopt good practice that can be used in the delivery of events leading to an improvement of service delivery.

Scope

This policy applies to the planning cycle for all events within the Leicestershire Police policing area. A key element of the planning cycle is the de-brief process to identify good practice and areas for development for future events

Legal Basis

All Leicestershire Police operations planning officers have attended and received accreditation at a College of Policing planning officer's course. In addition all planning officers receive regular updated training in a multi-agency environment specific to public safety derived from the national guidance publications at the Emergency Planning College.

The policy and supporting procedure takes into account requirements under the following legislation and reference material:

- Requirement of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (Green Guide)
ISBN: 978-0-11-300095-2
- The Event Safety Guide. (HSE 1999)
A guide to health, safety and welfare at music and similar events
(Purple Guide)
ISBN: 07176-24536
- Guide to fire precautions in existing places of entertainment and like premises (Yellow Guide) ISBN: 0-11-340907-9
- 5 Steps to Risk Assessment Case Studies (HSE 1998)
ISBN: 07176-15804
- Safety Guidance for Street Arts, Carnivals, Processions and large Scale Performances published by the Independent Street Arts Network

- Managing Large Events (Licensing Act 2003) A LACROS Guide
- Temporary Demountable Structures - Guidance on procurement, design and use (3rd Edition April 2007)
ISBN: 978-0-901297-45-7
- Managing Crowd Safety (HSE 2000)
ISBN: 07176-1834-X
- Guidance to Event Organisers requesting Special Police Services under Section 25 Police (1) Police Act 1996
- Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police vs Wigan Athletic AFC Ltd [2007] EWHC 3095 (ch)

Monitoring

The primarily method of monitoring this policy is via the formal de-brief policy. This is supported by the College of policing, the Emergency Planning College (EPC) who are able to give an independent review and insight into event and contingency planning. A formal review of this policy will be undertaken two yearly.