

Police Costs in Relation to the Commonwealth Games in Smethwick

1/ What was the total cost for all police officers to attend and be on scene throughout the event, naturally you won't be able to answer this until the 9th August but that still fits within the time frame of the FOI Act.

This information is not held by West Midlands Police, please be advised that FOI legislation only covers information held at the time that a request is submitted, for further information please see the below link which states in section 1.11 – 'Information created after a request is received is not within the scope of the application and is therefore not "held" for the purposes of the Act'.

[CoP FOI Code of Practice - Minor Amendments 20180926 .pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

2/ As there were officers from outside of Sandwell, can you confirm if the officers travelled back to their own force area, or did they stay in local hotels.

Officers from other Forces deployed on Mutual Aid stayed in student accommodation or police/prison service college residential sites.

2a/ Can you confirm if the officers stayed in hotels what was the full cost and who paid for these costs.

As above. This was paid for from the Safety and Security budget.

3/ Can you confirm why armed Police were stationed at points some 400 yards from the entrance gates to this venue.

This will be due to operational requirements and to ensure the Games was safe and secure for all. Deployed in line with threat assessment and overarching Safety and Security plan.

4/ Can you confirm if your presence was as a result of Sandwell MBC requests.

MBC had no part in the police deployments decision.

5/ What was the full cost of the fuel used by Police Officers in the vehicles they were using to get to and from the venue. This is for the total period of covering all the days of the games. Again you will not know this until the 9th August but it is still within the timeframe of the FOI Act.

As per response to question 1.

6/ Can you confirm why electric buses were not used on the main road which is where the venue is rather than those that are not currently Euro 6 compliant.

This information is not held by West Midlands Police. You would need to contact TfWM for this information.

7/ Can you confirm why residents of Sandwell never got letters or leaflets explaining what passes they needed to apply for. The reason I ask this is I had a white permit and was told I needed a blue permit even though from the check point my home is 1 mile from the venue location.

This information is not held by West Midlands Police. You would need to contact Sandwell MBC for this information.

8/ Can you confirm that if a vehicle is parked the other side of the road closure signs where there are no yellow or red lines, that they would have the right to do so or would your officers try to impose their powers even though I believe no offence would be committed.

This information is not held by West Midlands Police. You would need to contact Sandwell MBC or TfWM for this information.

9/ Have your force been informed if this commonwealth game will be a yearly event.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following websites:

[Game on: Dates locked in, more sports for 2026 | Commonwealth Games Australia](#)

[Our History \(birmingham2022.com\)](#)