

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190318-7011

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Dear [REDACTED]

The London Stadium

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 March 2018 to the Greater London Authority in which you made a Freedom of Information request about recent events at the London Stadium and how this might impact on council taxpayers.

You requested:

My GLA rates are to increase by over 5% this coming Fiscal year. It was recently reported that the Mayor had seized control of the management of the London Stadium as Newham Council could not afford the cost of running the football events.

There have been several incidences whereby West Ham supporters have caused criminal damage to the London Stadium and I am told the GLA Rate Payer is picking up the tab for repairing the damage (ripped up seats).

I have read in The Times newspaper that after the recent events involving disgruntled West Ham supporters there is to be a Police presence in the stadium for the last 5 home games at a cost of £900,000 per game, which will be paid by the GLA Rate Payer!

Surely this cannot be right.

Can you tell me what portion of my GLA rate am I paying in order that a 'Premiership' football club can play football whilst it receives huge amounts of cash from television rights..

Response:

Subsidy for the costs of running the London Stadium is met from the budget of the London Development Legacy Corporation (LLDC) for which there is full provision for the additional costs for policing and stewarding for West Ham's last five home games. None of LLDC's funding is sourced from council taxpayers, including the subsidy it in turn receives from the GLA.

You refer to a figure of £900,000 per match from a Times article, but the article cites a figure of £90,000. This is the average cost per game of £90,000 for policing and stewarding at the

Stadium although there will be estimated additional costs for the last five games of the season of circa £55,000 per match.

Please contact LLDC for any further information about the application of its budget. You can find details at <http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/get-in-touch>.

I would like to thank you for contacting the Greater London Authority with your query.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA190318-7011.

Yours sincerely,

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>