



Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority
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1st November 2022

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 4th October 2022. Your specific requests and the National Park Authority's response are provided below. This is subsequent to your initial request by email of 1st September 2022 on the same topic, to which we responded by letter on 5th September, also sent to the email address provided by you as detailed above.

1. "What total costs were incurred by the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority inc and any investment/infrastructure costs in order to organise and facilitate the Go swim event 2022."

The total cash cost incurred by the Park Authority to host the Go Swim Loch Lomond 2022 event was £5,000 including VAT. This sum was agreed as a sponsorship fee and was paid after the successful delivery of the event. There were no investment or infrastructure costs incurred by the Park Authority. The external event organiser covered the event costs to organise and run the Go Swim event 2022.

2. "What income was generated from GO SWIM for use of the Duncan Mills facilities as a direct fee from/to GO SWIM Organisers and participants to the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority."

There was no income generated for the Park Authority from this event. There was no fee paid from the event organisers or participants to the Park Authority.

3. "Did any of our annual launch & registration fees contribute to the Go swim event 2022 whilst our access was restricted."

No.

4. Was this event subsidised in any way directly from the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority?"

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No. A sponsorship payment was made to the event by the Park Authority. Sponsorship is not a subsidy, it is a legal business arrangement where benefits are delivered in return for a contract fee set with agreed terms and conditions, which in this instance included the professional management of swim and water safety plus other public health & safety protection for hundreds of people. Details of the sponsorship in kind support and estimated value are provided in Appendix A. Annual boat registration costs and launch fees were not used to meet these costs. The wider benefits of holding this event have previously been explained to you in our response dated 5th September 2022.

5. Can you provide any correspondence (inc accounts) on record to provide evidence of your reply?

There was no financial income or subsidy generated for the Park Authority in relation to this event. Details of this event and its wider benefits to the public and local economy have been provided in our response dated 5th September 2022.

6. Did GO SWIM 2022 organisers generate any profit from the event?

The National Park Authority has no information about the financial accounts and profits of the organisers of the Go Swim event. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

Yours sincerely

**Information Management
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority**

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- address your review request to:

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