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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07202**

Thank you for your request for information relating to 'Black Lives Matter,' march costs.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

The Black Lives Matter march that took place on Sunday 07th June 2020 was a well organised event with plenty of road marshals on the route, I noted this was a private company I believe named EST, Can you please provide the following information.

1. How much did the council pay for marshalling the route?

We can advise that the Council paid £8,897.50 for marshalling the route.

2. Can you confirm the name of the company used?

The Company used was 'Event Support Team'. (EST)

3. Were there any other costs incurred by the council in regard to the protest march?

We can confirm there were no other costs incurred by the council in regard to the protest march.

4. Given the lastminute organization of the protest march please confirm who at the council approved the costs in question, please also provide any email correspondence in regard to the conversations to do with marshalling, security and risk assessment for the even.

EST were unable to provide costs before the event due to the last-minute notification of the protest and no approved route for the protest march. Correspondence to find a Traffic

Management Company with any resources was done by phone late Friday and Saturday. We can advise that EST completed the Risk Assessment and were responsible for Traffic Management not security or marshalling.

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Yours faithfully

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