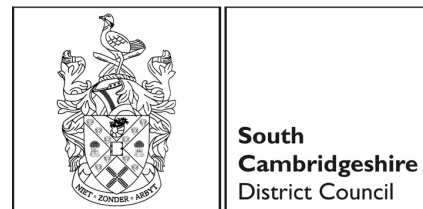


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5 May 2010

To: Councillor Ray Manning, Portfolio Holder

John Batchelor

Scrutiny Monitor and Opposition
Spokesman

Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING**, which will be held in **JEAVONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2010 at 10.00 a.m.**

Yours faithfully
GJ HARLOCK
Chief Executive

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The Portfolio Holder is asked to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2010 as a correct record.		
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Claire Holloway from the Local Government Association will be in attendance for this item and will be making a presentation to the Leader.		
A copy of the report that went to the Leader's meeting in March 2010 is attached for information.		
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The Portfolio Holder will maintain, for agreement at each meeting, a Forward Plan identifying all matters relevant to the Portfolio which it is believed are likely to be the subject of consideration and / or decision by		

the Portfolio Holder, or recommendation to, or referral by, the Portfolio Holder to Cabinet, Council, or any other constituent part of the Council. The plan will be updated as necessary. The Portfolio Holder will be responsible for the content and accuracy of the forward plan.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Leader is asked to note Thursday 15 July as the date of the next meeting.

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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitor and John Batchelor
Opposition spokesman

Officers:

Holly Adams	Democratic Services Officer
Peter Harris	Principal Accountant (General Fund and Costing)
Richard May	Policy and Performance Manager
Paul Howes	Corporate Manager, Community and Customer Services

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Leader signed the minutes of 19 February 2010 as a correct record.

Matter Arising

Paul Howes agreed to check with the Partnerships Manager about the Connections Bus Project Funding (minute 20, Grant Funding to Voluntary Organisations).

25. SERVICE PLAN 2010/2011

The Corporate Manager (Community and Customer Services) explained that there had been no significant changes to the draft service plan received earlier in the year, and that the improvement plan was ambitious and comprehensive.

The following amendments were made:

- Page 16 – Service Objectives – replace “empower” with “support”;
- References to the number of villages should state “more than 100”; and
- Page 32 – SX048 % of customers seen within 10 minutes of their appointment at Cambourne Reception – reduced target to “within 5 minutes”

The Corporate Manager confirmed that sufficient resources were available for monitoring the targets throughout the year, and that the Performance Information Officer was entering the details into CorVu so all service areas could input their data regularly.

Subject to the amendments made at the meeting, the Leader **APPROVED** the Partnerships element of the 2010/11 Service and Improvement Plans for Community and Customer Services.

26. REVIEW OF LGA MEMBERSHIP

The Leader considered whether the Council's continued membership of the Local Government Association (LGA) brought sufficient benefit to the authority for the annual subscription of £12,850. It was a legal requirement to give one year's notice of intention to leave the LGA, therefore, if the Council chose to renew its subscription for 2010/11, the

earliest it could leave would be April 2012.

Mr Daniel Mason of the LGA had contacted the Council asking for a meeting with the Leader to demonstrate the value of membership, and the Leader asked that an additional portfolio meeting be scheduled, with all members and Mr Mason invited, at which on-going membership would be considered. Although it was noted that withdrawing from the LGA could give rise to the perception that the Council was isolated and not part of the local government 'family', notice of intention to cease membership from April 2011 would be given to the LGA, with the Council retaining the right to rescind this notice at any time during the next civic year if the Leader were persuaded that the LGA provided good value for money for the authority.

The Leader **AGREED** to pay for Local Government Association (LGA) membership for the 2010/11 civic year, but to give the required one year's notice of the Council's intention to leave the LGA by April 2011 whilst maintaining the Council's right to rescind this notice if circumstances change at any time during the 2010/11 civic year.

27. **PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET REPORT**

The Principal Accountant (General Fund and Costing) introduced the financial monitoring reports which demonstrated that 93% of the budget had been spent, and that it was likely all the relevant areas were on target to spend their budgets by year-end. No overspends were anticipated.

Paul Howes agreed to investigate progress with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) grant made towards A1307 improvements.

The Leader **NOTED** the financial monitoring report.

28. **FORWARD PLAN**

A new meeting, on a date yet to be determined, was added to the Forward Plan to enable consideration of the LGA membership review with an LGA representative present to answer questions.

Subject to this addition, the Forward Plan was **APPROVED**.

29. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

An additional meeting would be scheduled as soon as possible to enable the Leader and other members to meet with a Local Government Association (LGA) representative to review the decision to terminate the Council's LGA membership as of April 2011.

The Meeting ended at 10.53 a.m.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	Leader's Portfolio	11 March 2010
AUTHOR/S:	Chief Executive / Corporate Manager for Community and Customer Services	

REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA)**Purpose**

1. This report reviews the Council's ongoing membership of the Local Government Association in terms of the benefits to the organisation derived from the annual subscription of £12,850 and seeks a decision by the Leader in respect of whether the Council should continue in membership.
2. This is not a key decision.

Considerations – History and purpose of the LGA

3. The LGA was created in 1997 to provide a voice for local government in the national arena. It is a voluntary membership body, funded entirely by subscriptions, which lobbies and campaigns for changes in policy and legislation on behalf of member councils and the people and communities they serve. The organisation states that its business is to:

'Change minds – the minds of citizens, of councils, of partners and of government – and persuade them that everything we do, with and on behalf of councils, will improve the lives of citizens and communities.'¹

It seeks to do this through:

- (a) Working closely with member councils to ensure that its activities are aligned with the needs of their diverse communities;
- (b) Campaigning for change in those areas which matter most to councils e.g. providing advocacy support in response to local or national situations such as the Icelandic Bank crisis.
- (c) Generating positive stories about local government in the national and specialist media, and working to rebut negative stories e.g. criticism of highway authorities following the recent salt shortages.
- (d) Initiating policy and debate about policy, tailored to local needs e.g. publication of a review of the first year of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA);
- (e) Working with government to influence the legislative agenda, challenging where appropriate;
- (f) Maintaining a presence in Brussels to influence EU legislation and policy;
- (g) Commissioning research to provide an evidence-based policy frameworks, able to anticipate relevant future developments proactively;

¹ <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/1846877>, page 4

- (h) Delivering a comprehensive programme of conferences and events to enable members and member councils to engage in the LGA's work and provide information about new and forthcoming developments.

Considerations – Specific services for LGA member councils

- 4. As a member of the association, the Council receives the following:
 - (a) Allocated places on the General Assembly of the LGA, which meets twice yearly.
 - (b) The opportunity, subject to the political selection process, to sit on one of the Association's boards, panels or commissions (these include the boards of other organisations with the LGA group – see paragraph 9 below).
 - (c) The opportunity to join a Special Interest Group. The group is most direct relevance to this Council is the District Councils' Network.
 - (d) Access to the LGA improvement partnerships, established particularly to support outstanding or failing councils;
 - (e) Membership of a task group or advisory network, to ensure the LGA's work is grounded in the experience of local councils.
 - (f) The opportunity to attend quarterly briefing meetings for District Council Leaders.
 - (g) Access to the facilities at Local Government House in Central London.
 - (h) Access to legal advice secured on behalf of member councils.

- 5. In recent years, the Council has chosen not to nominate Members to attend the General Assembly. There is no representation by the Council on any of the bodies mentioned in points (b) – (e) above. The Executive Director (Corporate Services) attended a meeting of District Council treasurers at Local Government House in December 2009.

- 6. Membership also gives the Council access to a range of services:
 - (a) The LGA website, containing information about the LGA, its policies and activities, lobbying (including parliamentary and public affairs briefings), publications, events, meetings and other services;
 - (b) Dedicated links to the websites of other central and regional bodies, local authorities and key partners;
 - (c) The LGA information centre, 'LGconnect', offering members a direct enquiry line via 'phone and e-mail.
 - (d) Reduced delegate rates at one-day and residential conferences;
 - (e) LG Alerts – a weekly information service sent to member authorities' Chief Executives, and published on the LGA website;
 - (f) LGA publications, many free to member authorities, covering subjects such as Bills and research reports.
 - (g) 'First' magazine – a weekly news magazine delivered free directly to the homes of all councillors, and 'First on-line', a web version containing additional content.
 - (h) Press releases and daily news headlines – published in the 'news' section of the website. Registered users in member councils receive this information via an e-bulletin.
 - (i) The opportunity to join 'PANet', the public affairs network, which provides a parliamentary monitoring and intelligence service through e-mail alerts and face-to-face briefings.
 - (j) A research and analysis bulletin drawing on the work of the LGA research division and related research output.

7. Consultation with the Executive Management Team did not provide evidence that the above services were widely used. Much of the information on the LGA website is currently freely available without the need for membership or registration; however, the LGA has advised that, from 2010-11, access to much of this information will be restricted to member councils.
8. Expenditure on LGA conferences was £893 in 2007/08, £1,125 in 2008-09 and nil in 2009-2010.

Considerations – the LGA Group

9. The LGA group comprises, in addition to the association itself, the following associate organisations with distinct roles within the local government field:
 - (a) **Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA)** – The IDeA supports improvement and innovation in local government, and recently supported the Council in its response to the Corporate Governance Inspection report through the provision of services such as Member Mentoring and ‘Top team’ development of senior Elected Members and Officers. It should be noted that this support was secured through regional government funding, although there is a significant body of on-line examples of best practice and support available on the IDeA’s website.
 - (b) **Local Government Employers (LGE)** – LGE works with local authorities on many issues related to pay, pensions, terms and conditions of employment. A key role is to support the employers’ side of the national pay negotiation in negotiations with trade unions, central government and other organisations. The Council is not part of the national pay negotiation, therefore does not directly benefit from LGE’s representation. Nevertheless, the Human Resources Manager has advised that LGE provides a valuable advice and support service in respect of employment issues.
 - (c) **Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS)** – Promotes quality regulation in matters such as licensing and gambling, food safety, hygiene and standards, offering comprehensive policy advice and guidance to councils and their partners, disseminating good practice and providing up-to-date information on relevant policies and initiatives affecting local people and services. LACORS’s work is highly relevant to the Council’s Health and Environmental Services, and the Corporate Manager has stated that the advice and guidance produced is of valuable assistance in interpreting legislation and planning services accordingly. He estimates that, should the Council be required to undertake the interpretation of policy and legislation in-house, the annual cost would be likely to exceed that of the Council’s annual LGA subscription of £12,850.
 - (d) **Public-Private Partnership Programme (4ps)** – 4ps works in partnership with local authorities to secure funding and accelerate the development, procurement and implementation of large-scale private finance initiative schemes, public-private partnerships and procurement support. The Council has not engaged the services of 4ps.
 - (e) **Leadership Centre for Local Government (LCLG)** – LCLG works with leaders in councils and local strategic partnerships to help develop their thinking on leadership and to develop their skills and qualities as effective leaders.
 - (f) **LGCommunications** – Although not formally part of the LGA group, LGCommunications is an organisation which is endorsed by the LGA and IDeA. It is a national subscription body (currently £200 per year) made up of

member associations which works to raise the standard of communications in local government. The Council is a member, and the Communications Manager has stated that the organisation provides a valuable service in terms of advice and direct communications support in respect of key national issues.

Comment and Analysis

- 10. Consultation with senior management has revealed that the direct benefits to be derived from the Council's LGA membership are small and, in terms of accessible material versus that is available to member subscribers only, difficult to quantify. Furthermore, access to the resources identified as being as greatest value to the organisation, those provided by LACORS and the LGE, is not dependent on LGA membership.
- 11. Any cost-benefit analysis should be considered alongside the indirect benefits to the Council arising from the LGA's advocacy work for local government, policy development and lobbying on its behalf. There is merit in the Council continuing as a member of the LGA 'family' in order to maintain SCDC's status as an outward-looking authority which is able to influence regional and national policy and one which is self-aware enough to recognise when external support may be required in future, organisationally and in response to the changing needs of the community. Any decision to withdraw from the LGA could result in damage to the Council's reputation, and give rise to a perception of insularity and isolation. It may also be borne in mind that, whilst the withdrawal of the Council's subscription would not in itself mean the LGA ceasing to support its member group organisations or advocating district councils on the national stage, should such withdrawals develop into a 'domino effect', the LGA may become unviable and its single voice for local government lost.

Implications

12.	Financial	As identified in the main body of the report, cessation of the Council's membership of the LGA would give rise to an annual saving of £12,850; however, there is a requirement for one year's notice to be given of any intention to cease membership, therefore no saving could be realised until 2011-12.
	Legal	As stated above, there is a legal requirement to provide one year's notice of any intention to cease membership. As such, any decision not to renew the Council's subscription for 2011-12 should be taken before 31 March 2010.
	Staffing	There are no direct staffing implications arising from this report and recommendation.
	Risk Management	As outlined in paragraph 11 above, a withdrawal from the association carries the risk of damage to the Council's reputation.
	Equal Opportunities	There are no direct equal opportunities implications arising from this report and recommendation.

Consultations

- 13. The Executive Management Team (EMT) was requested to provide details of the specific LGA services they made use of. The commentary in the 'considerations' sections above reflects feedback by EMT members. The resources most valued were those provided by LACORS and the LGE; paragraphs 8(b) – (c) refer.

Effect on Strategic Aims

14. The support, guidance and best practice provided by the LGA has the potential to enhance the Council's capacity to deliver all its strategic aims, and those of the local community. This indirect benefit must be balanced against the opportunity cost of the annual subscription, savings from which could be reallocated towards the provision of front-line services.

Conclusions/Summary

15. Whilst an internal study has identified that the Council derives limited direct benefit from its subscription to the LGA, it is considered on balance that the ability of the LGA to provide a single voice for local government and provide targeted support to assist councils with continuous improvement, together with the resources provided by the LGA and specific organisations within its group which continue to be valued by senior officers, justify the annual cost of the subscription. The Leader is therefore recommended to maintain the Council's subscription, subject to the matter being reconsidered in one year's time. Given the year-long notice required to cease the Council's membership, taking this course of action will mean the earliest that the Council could leave the LGA would be April 2012.

Recommendation

16. That the Council's continuing membership of the Local Government Association be agreed, subject to its subscription being further reviewed by 28 February 2011.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

'Your LGA – a Guide to LGA services 2009-10', from the LGA website:
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/1846877>

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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader's Portfolio Meeting 13 May 2010
AUTHOR/S: Corporate Manager (Community and Customer Services) / Partnerships Manager

FEAR OF CRIME SURVEY 2009/10**Purpose**

1. To outline the results of the fear of crime survey carried out by the Council between January and March 2010.
2. To agree future actions as a result of the responses received to the fear of crime survey.

This not a key decision, however, has been brought before this decision-maker as the lead Cabinet member for the action in the 2009/10 Council Actions.

Recommendations and Reasons

3. That the Leader agrees to:
 - (a) note the content of the report because it reports on a Council action for 2009/10.
 - (b) carry out a further survey aimed at children and young people because they were excluded from the initial survey.
 - (c) continue to work with partners, through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, to further publicise accurate crime levels, eCops and crime reduction tips.

Executive Summary

4. The report, which is limited through small numbers of responses, shows that the majority of residents participating in the consultation are not overly fearful of becoming a victim of crime. Some fear, higher than it should be compared to the level of crime in the district, does however exist and there are small actions that the District Council can take, with partners, to attempt to further reduce levels of fear.
5. It should be noted that an element of fear can be positive if it does not outweigh the actual risk and is accompanied by a realistic response that assists the individual to take steps to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

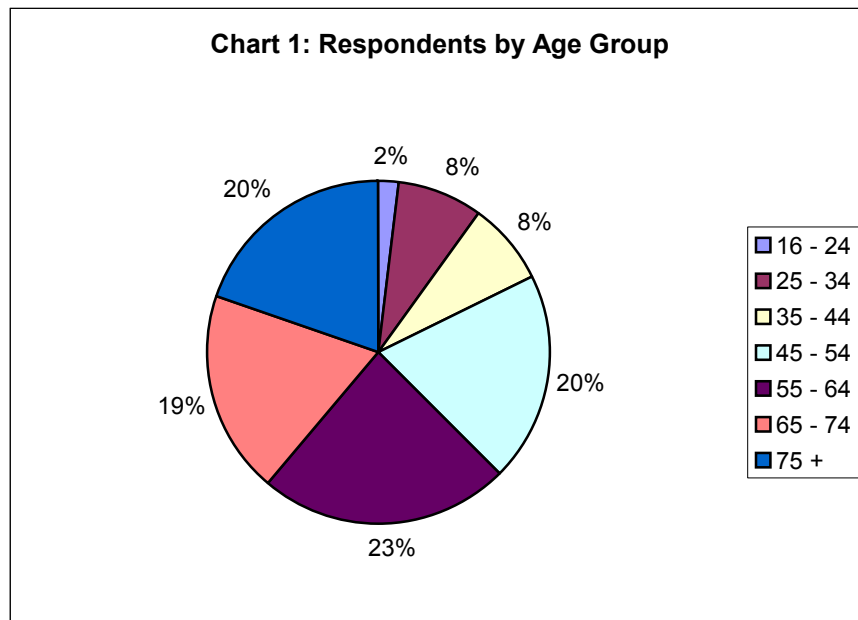
Background

6. The 2009/10 Aims, Approaches and Actions included an action to "carry out a Fear of Crime and Public Reassurance Survey". Councillor Ray Manning was agreed as the lead member for this action.

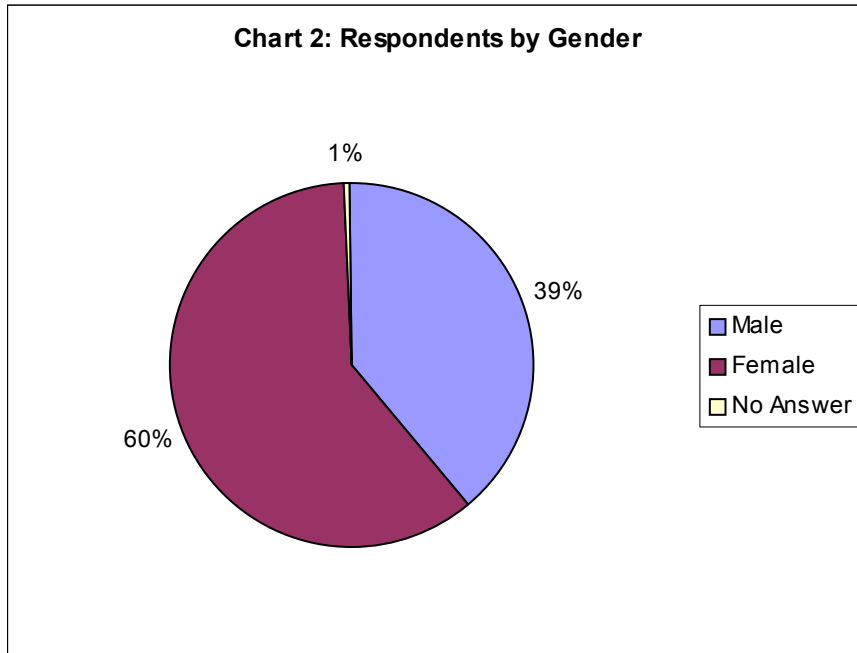
7. After consultation with partners, a fear of crime survey was placed on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website on 7 January 2010 and in the Spring 2010 issue of the South Cambridgeshire Magazine (see Appendix A). The survey ran until 31 March 2010, with hardcopies received by 30 April 2010 also counted in the results.
8. The survey questions are similar to those included in both the Place Survey and the British Crime Survey.
9. The survey was featured on the homepage of the website sporadically throughout the consultation window and also publicised through Neighbourhood Panels meetings that occurred within the window.

Considerations

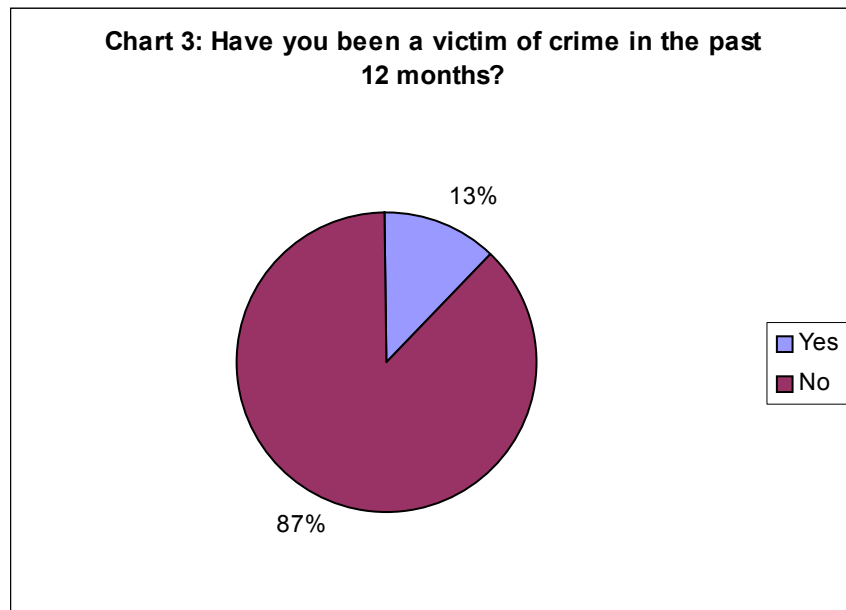
10. There were a total of 152 responses to the survey, which were received either via a web-based survey (64 responses) or a hardcopy survey that was included in the Spring 2010 issue of the South Cambs Magazine (88 responses). The small sample number means that any conclusions drawn cannot be taken as statistically significant and should be used with caution.
11. The results tables can be found at Appendix B.
12. Chart 1 below shows the age of people responding to the survey. As can be seen, 82% of respondents were aged over 45. There were very few respondents between 16 and 24 years (three) and the survey was not open to young people under 16. A further survey, aimed specifically at children and young people could be carried out during 2010 subject to available resources.



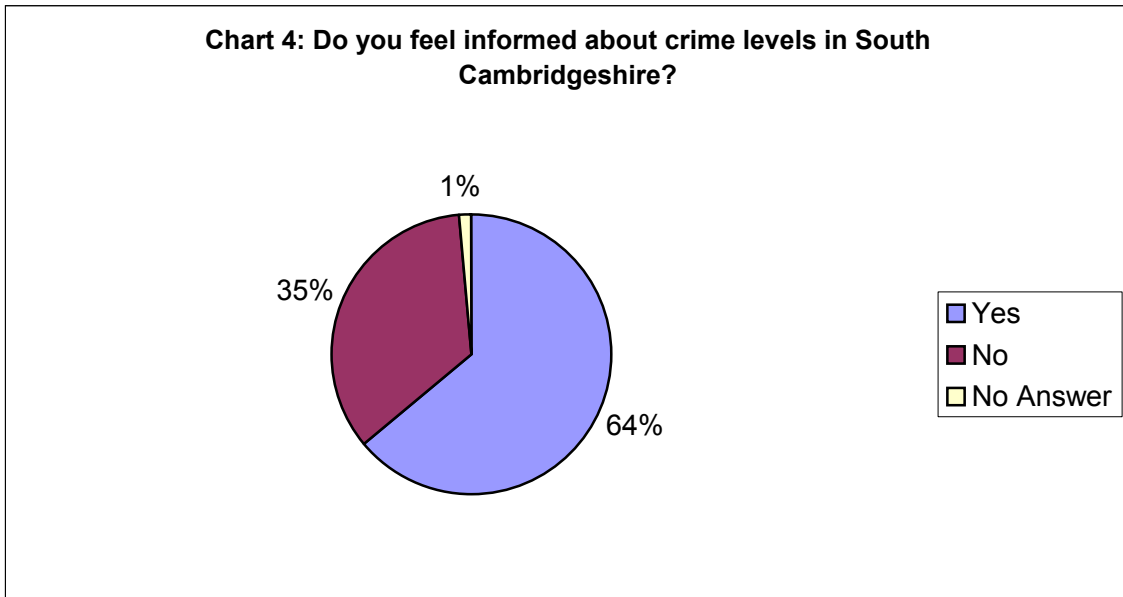
13. Chart 2 shows the gender breakdown of respondents. Three-fifths of respondents were female (92).



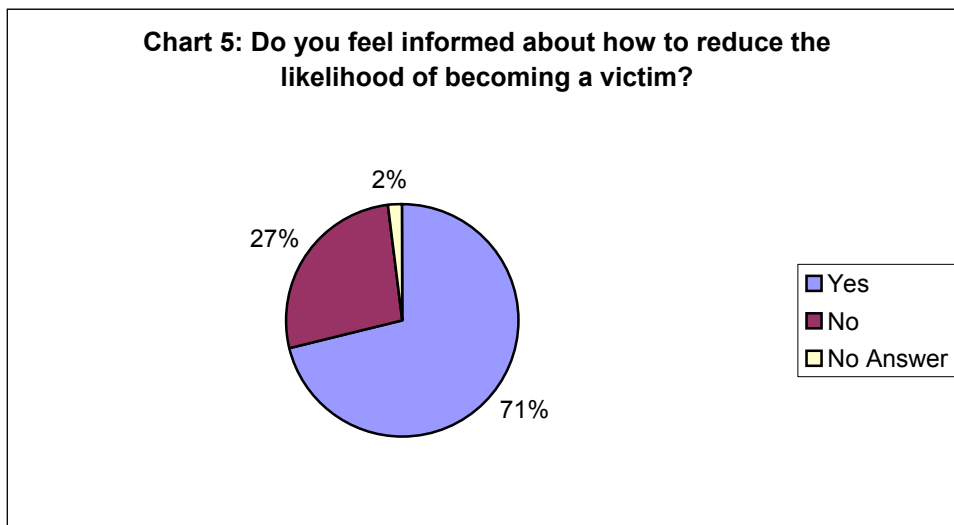
14. Chart 3 shows that only 20 respondents (13%) stated they had been a victim of crime in the past 12 months whereas the vast majority, 133 respondents (87%), had not.



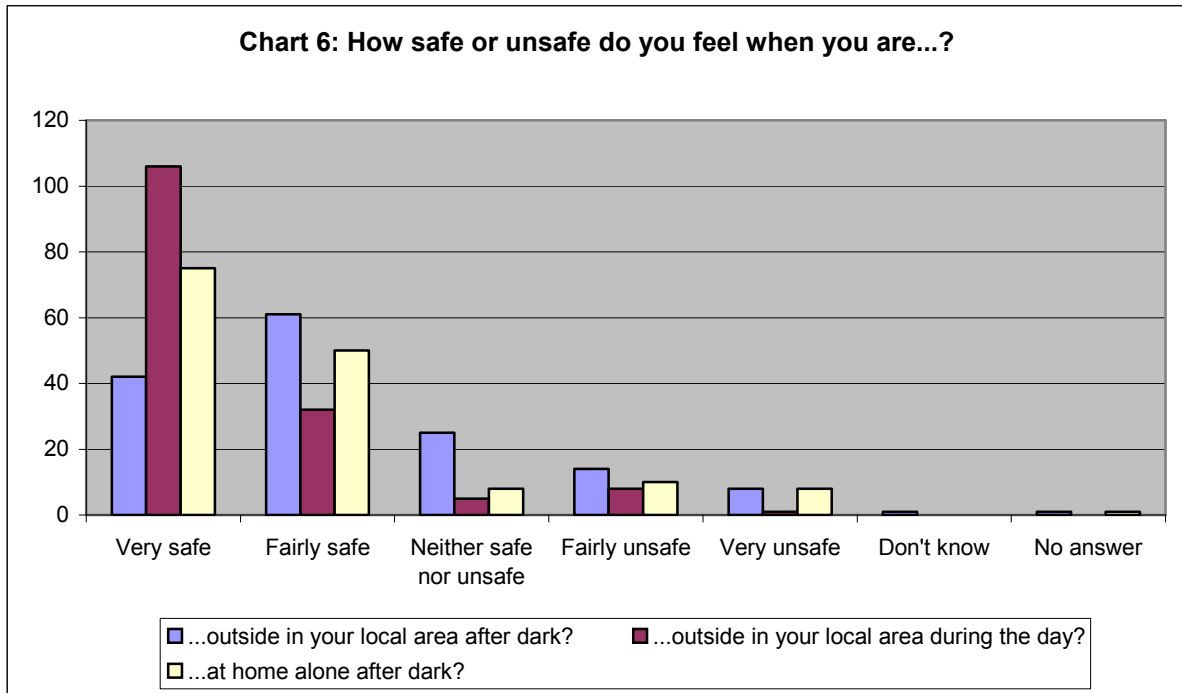
15. Chart 4 shows that nearly two-thirds of respondents feel informed about crime levels in South Cambridgeshire. Many of those who do not feel informed would like to receive information via the South Cambridgeshire Magazine, their parish magazine, online or via email. It would be possible to make the links to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website clearer on our own website, to continue to place articles in the South Cambs Magazine and to also feature another article about eCops in the Magazine.



16. Chart 5 shows that nearly three-quarters of respondents feel informed about how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. Where respondents do not know how to reduce their likelihood, the majority would like information in writing either by email, in the Magazine or leaflets through the door. The suggestions at paragraph 14 are also relevant in response to this question.



17. Chart 6 shows how safe respondents feel when they are outside in their local area after dark or during the day and at home alone after dark. The majority of respondents feel very or fairly safe in each of the three scenarios listed. As would be expected more people feel very or fairly safe outside in their area during the day (91%) that both at home after dark (82%) or in their local area after dark (68%). These figures increase to 94%, 87% and 84% respectively if the numbers answering “neither safe nor unsafe” are added.



18. Table 1 shows that when the results for ‘How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are...?’ are compared to the answers for ‘Have you been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?’ we can see that there does not seem to be a correlation between how unsafe respondents feel and if they have been a victim in the past 12 months.

Table 1: Number of respondents who have been a victim in the past 12 months that feel very or fairly unsafe when they are...

	Very unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Total (out of 20)
...outside in your local area after dark?	1	4	5
...outside in your local area during the day?	0	2	2
...at home alone after dark?	2	2	4

In fact 14 of the 20 respondents who stated they had been a victim of crime in the past 12 months did not answer that they feel very or fairly unsafe for any of the three questions.

19. Table 2 shows that when the results for ‘How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are...?’ are compared to the answers for ‘Do you feel informed about crime levels in South Cambridgeshire?’ there is not a correlation. More respondents (18 out of the 53) stated that they felt very or fairly safe in response to all three questions.

Table 2: Number of respondents who do *not* feel informed about crime levels in the district that feel very or fairly unsafe when they are outside in their local area after dark or during the day and/or at home alone after dark.

	Total
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to one of the questions	1
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to two of the questions	10
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to all three questions	4
Total (out of 53)	15

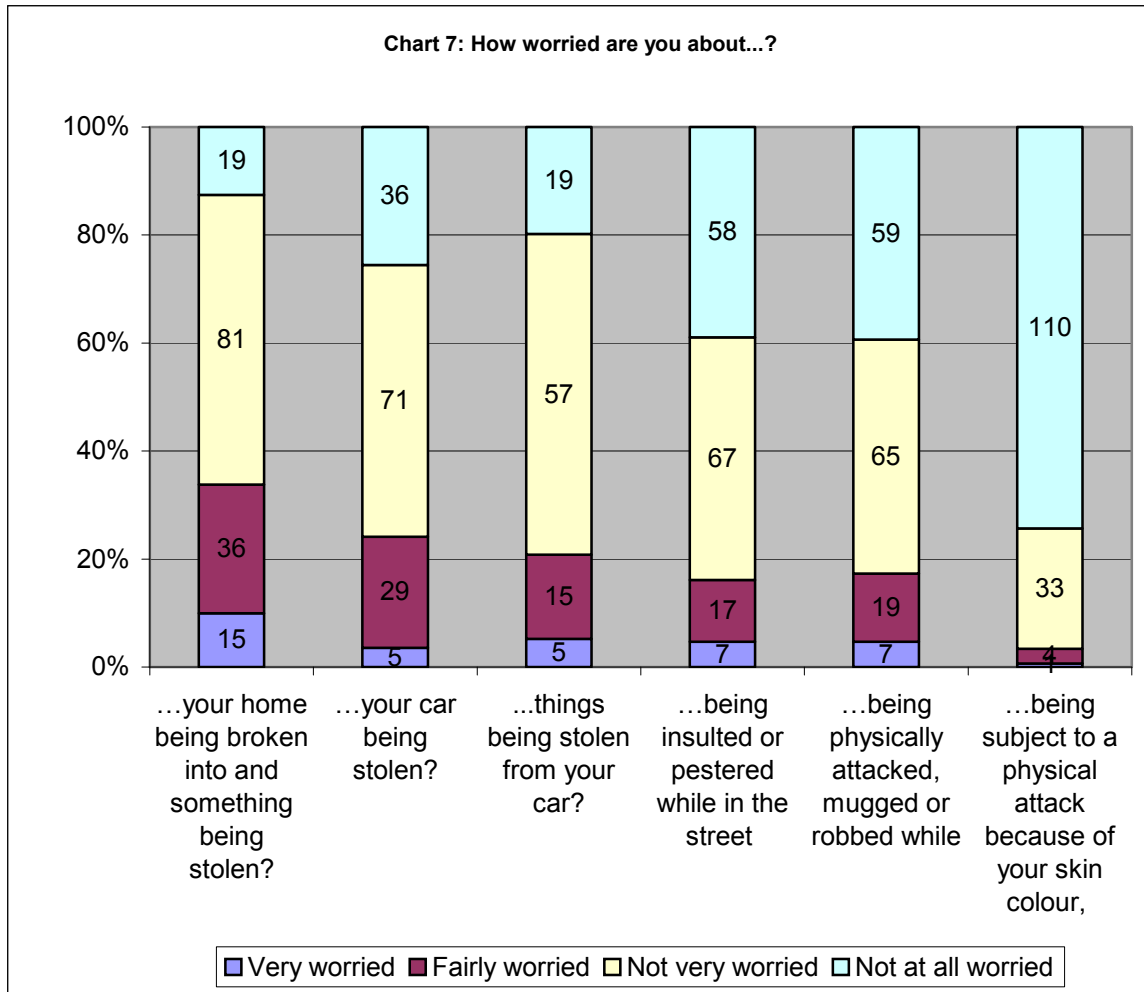
20. Table 3 shows that when the results for 'How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are...?' are compared to the answers for 'Do you feel informed about how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim?' there is not a correlation. More respondents (22 out of the 41) stated that they felt very or fairly safe in response to all three questions.

Table 3: Number of respondents who do *not* feel informed about how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim that feel very or fairly unsafe when they are outside in their local area after dark or during the day and/or at home alone after dark.

	Total
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to one of the questions	1
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to two of the questions	5
Responded 'very or fairly unsafe' to all three questions	4
Total (out of 41)	10

21. Looking at Chart 7 below, it should be noted that the 'not answered' figures have been removed due to the fact that a number of people were unable to answer the question about things being stolen from their car because of an error with the web-based survey, which omitted the question early on during the consultation window. 41 of the 56 respondents who did not answer the question about things being stolen from their car can be attributed to this error and therefore the figures for this question should be viewed with caution. A number of people also did not answer the two questions about cars because they do not own one.

From the responses gained, more people are worried about their home being broken into and something being stolen (34%) than for any of the other crime types included, however, as mentioned above, the figures for people being worried about things being stolen from their car may be showing lower than is actually the case.



Options

- 22. To note the report and
 - (a) recommend no further action, or
 - (b) take small action, with partners on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, to further publicise accurate crime levels, eCops and crime reduction tips, and/or
 - (c) carry out a further survey aimed at children and young people because they were excluded from the initial survey.

Implications

23. Financial	Minimal financial implications for any options suggested.
Legal	None identified.
Staffing	Staff resources required if the survey is to be rolled out to young people.
Risk Management	None identified.
Equal Opportunities	Young people have not been surveyed to date. Also, some people with disabilities may not have had the opportunity to complete the survey to date due to the two formats used.
Climate Change	None identified.

Consultations

24. The results will be shared with the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
25. The results will be published on the District Council website as well as summarised in the Autumn 2010 issue of the South Cambridgeshire Magazine.

Effect on Strategic Aims

26. The Fear of Crime Survey has been carried out in response to an action in 2009/10, which was related to the aim "We are committed to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for you and your family". The responses suggest that the majority of people in South Cambridgeshire are not overly fearful of crime, however, there is some work that can be done to further reduce levels of fear.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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Fear of crime survey

Figures continually show that South Cambridgeshire is one of the safest places to live in the country. Most of us, however, worry at some time or other about being the victim of a crime.

We would like to know more about how safe you feel in your local area to help us plan community safety work. We would be grateful if you could spare five-ten minutes to fill in and return this survey.

Please consider your local area to be within 15 to 20 minutes walking distance from your home.



Q1 How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are: Please tick one box only in each row below

	Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
a. outside in your local area after dark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. outside in your local area during the day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. at home alone after dark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2 How worried are you about: Please tick one box only in each row below

	Very worried	Fairly worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried
a. your home being broken into and something being stolen?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. your car being stolen?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. things being stolen from your car?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. being insulted or pestered while in the street or any other public place in your local area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. being physically attacked, mugged or robbed while in the street or any other public place in your local area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. being subject to a physical attack because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3. Have you been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?

Please tick yes or no Yes No

Q4. Do you feel informed about crime levels in South Cambridgeshire?

Please tick yes or no Yes No If no, how would you like to receive information?

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Q5. Do you feel informed about how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim?

Please tick yes or no Yes No If no, how would you like to receive information?

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Please complete the following questions to help us see if there are any differences between the views of residents across the district.

Q6. Which village do you live in?

Q7. Are you: Please tick Female Male

Q8. Are you: Please tick Under 16 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 Over 75

Please return to: Partnerships Team, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA by 31 March 2010. This survey can also be completed on our website at www.scams.gov.uk/fearofcrime

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FEAR OF CRIME SURVEY RESULTS TABLES

1. How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are outside in your local area after dark?
2. How safe or unsafe do you feel when you are outside in your local area during the day?
3. How safe do you feel when you are at home alone after dark?

	Q1	Q2	Q3
Very safe	42	106	75
Fairly safe	61	32	50
Neither safe nor unsafe	25	5	8
Fairly unsafe	14	8	10
Very unsafe	8	1	8
Don't know	1	0	0
No answer	1	0	1
Total	152	152	152

4. How worried are you about...

- a) your home being broken into and something being stolen?
- b) your car being stolen?
- c) things being stolen from your car?
- d) being insulted or pestered while in the street or any other public place in your local area?
- e) being physically attacked, mugged or robbed while in the street or any other public place in your local area?
- f) being subject to a physical attack because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?

	Very worried	Fairly worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Not answered
a)	15	36	81	19	1
b)	5	29	71	36	11
c)	5	15	57	19	56
d)	7	17	67	58	3
e)	7	19	65	59	2
f)	1	4	33	110	4

5. Have you been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?

Yes	19
No	133

6. Do you feel informed about crime levels in South Cambridgeshire?

Yes	97
No	53
No Answer	2

7. Do you feel informed about how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim?

Yes	108
No	41
No Answer	3

8. Which village do you live in?

Answers not collated due to small numbers.

9. Are you male or female?

Male	59
Female	92
No Answer	1

10. How old are you?

16 - 24	3
25 - 34	12
35 - 44	12
45 - 54	30
55 - 64	36
65 - 74	29
75 +	30

Date of Portfolio Holder Meeting	Agenda Item	Key	Purpose	Corporate Manager(s)	Responsible Officer(s)
13-May-10	Service Plan improvement milestones full year report 2009 - 2010		Monitoring		
	Fear of Crime Survey			Paul Howes	Gemma Barron
	Consideration of LGA Membership Review		An LGA representative will be in attendance		
	Performance Indicators full year report 2009 - 2010.		Monitoring		
15-Jul-10	Financial Performance full year report 2009 - 2010		Monitoring		
	Approval of NI 179 (2009/10 actual figure) for submission to central government.			Alex Colyer	John Garnham
	Integrated Business Monitoring (as required)		Monitoring		
Oct 10	Approval of NI 179 forecast for 2010-11 forecast for submission to central government.				
Nov 10	Integrated Business Monitoring (as required)		Monitoring		
	Review of Corporate Objectives, Annual Priorities and Council's Aims, Approaches and Actions				
	Draft Service Plans				
	BAR HILL: Designated Public Place Order - Annual Review (November 2010)				
	Financial Monitoring				
Jan 11	Capital and Revenue Estimates				
Feb 11	Integrated Business Monitoring (as required)		Monitoring		
	Final Service Plans				
Unscheduled					

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