Appendix C

Results of the Member Survey

	strongly agree				strongly disagree
I fully understand the financial planning process at SCDC	3	8	6	3	2
I know when and how to get involved in the financial decision-making process	5	4	7	4	2
I believe that residents need more opportunities to influence financial decisions	5	2	10	3	2
I know when and where to find SCDC's financial information	4	8	6	2	2
I believe that SCDC's financial information could be made easier for residents to understand	10	5	7		
I would welcome annual refresher training	9	9	2	2	

Further comments or suggestions

- The training sessions (Oct 08) were excellent; advanced course would be welcome
- Deeper and better-informed scrutiny of the budget is always welcomed
- Service planning needs more time
- Residents vote Members into office to make decisions on their behalf. If you involve more residents you end up with those who shout loudest getting their will, rather than what is best for the District as a whole. They will not be able to have a full picture
- What is important is recognition of how little influence we have over alternatives
- The outside trainer this year was very good
- Please could we ensure that all relevant staff are given the appropriate knowledge/training to assess the environmental impact of financial decisions/ purchasing; the aim being to minimise carbon emissions
- Would welcome training sessions at sensible hours
- The problem for the public particularly, and for Members, is that access needs to be complete, including questioning extensively and deeply so that understanding is not partial – or at least there is no justification for it being partial! (apart from unintelligence).