

# **The Moray Council**

## **Spending Priority Consultation 2012**

### **Community Workshops Participant Feedback**





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## INTRODUCTION

Moray Council has identified that it needs to cut £30 million (11%) from its budget over the next four years. In order to achieve this, the Council will have to reduce spending significantly, which will impact on many of the services it provides.

A community consultation exercise was undertaken to ensure that the Moray public had the opportunity to exercise their views and to identify their priorities in relation to Council services.

In keeping with the Council's commitment to meaningful community engagement and compliance with the National Standards for Community Engagement a comprehensive consultation was developed and delivered based upon direct feedback from a number of community based focus groups (e.g youth, older persons and the business community).

The purpose of the community consultation was to fully engage with the community which would result in shared decisions being made (allowing the community to influence choices and options for action by Moray Council).

A variety of methods for engagement were put in place over the months October to December 2012 to ensure there were opportunities for all residents to participate. These included:

- Community road shows (nine)
- Community workshops (nine)
- Secondary schools workshop
- IT based budget challenge
- Survey (paper and on-line)
- Facebook / Twitter
- Moray Council web page (information on Council services and budgets)
- 24 hour clock

This report contains feedback from those residents who participated in the Community workshops (Nine throughout Moray and one secondary schools workshop):

- Forres (16<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Buckie (19<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Elgin South (21<sup>st</sup> November 2012)
- Keith (27<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Milne's (29<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Elgin North (30<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Speyside (4<sup>th</sup> December 2012)
- Laich (6<sup>th</sup> December 2012)
- Secondary schools (13<sup>th</sup> December 2012)

Participants were asked for their feedback on the impact of the Community workshops and it is this feedback that informs this report. Comments have been taken directly from participant evaluation forms for inclusion in this report.

# **Forres ASG Community Workshop**

**Forres Town Hall  
16.11.2012**

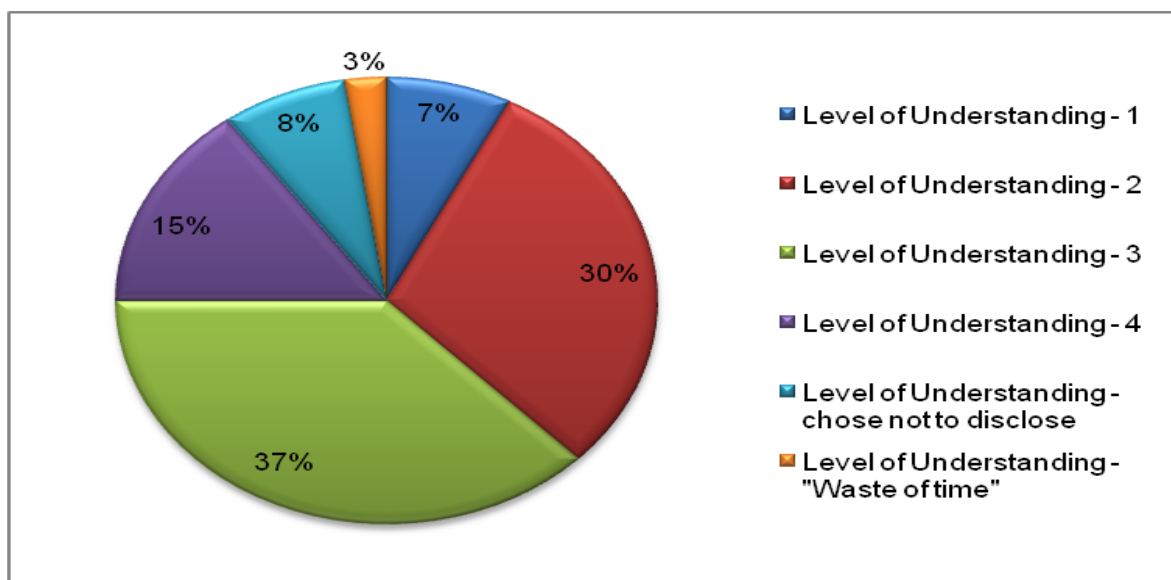
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**Forres ASG 16.11.12  
Forres Town Hall**

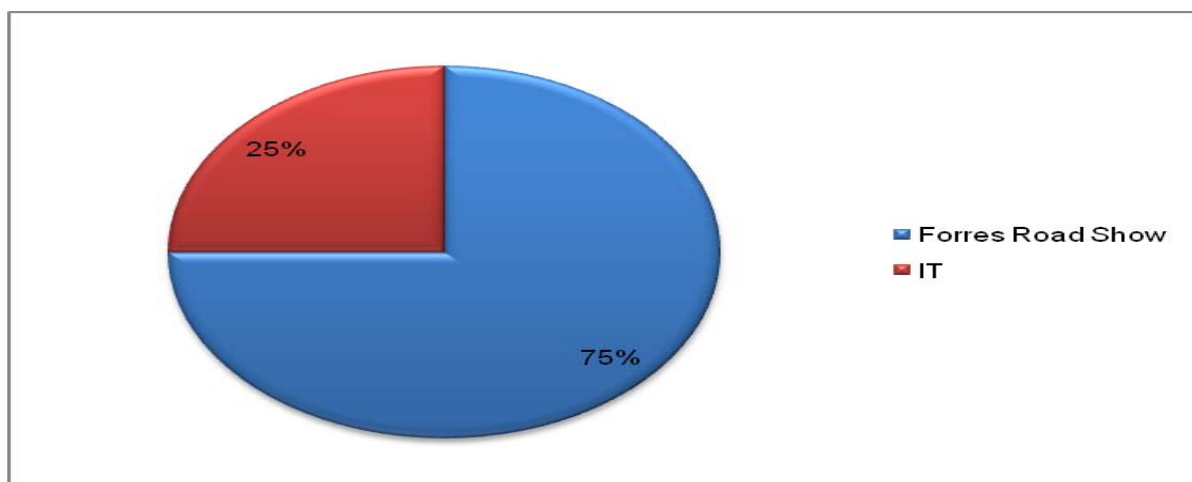
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## **Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**

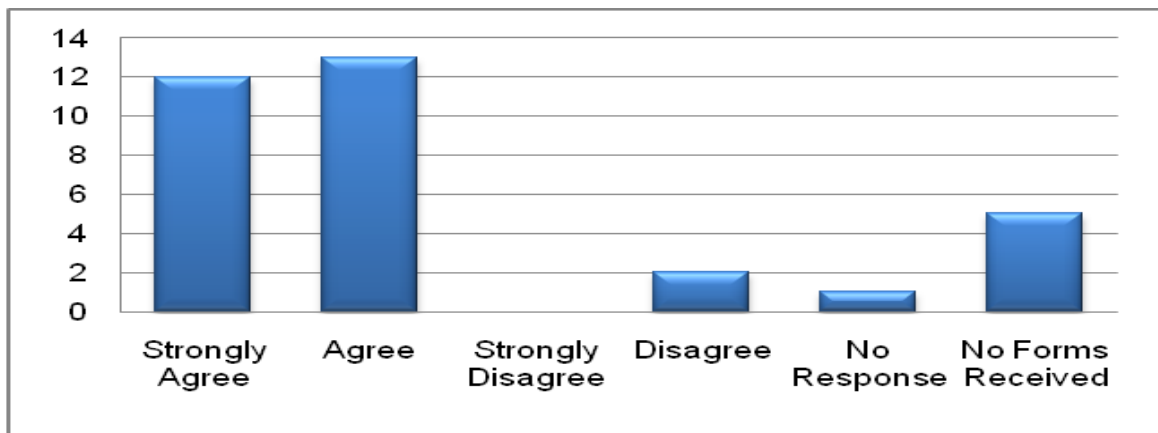


## **Origin of original booking**





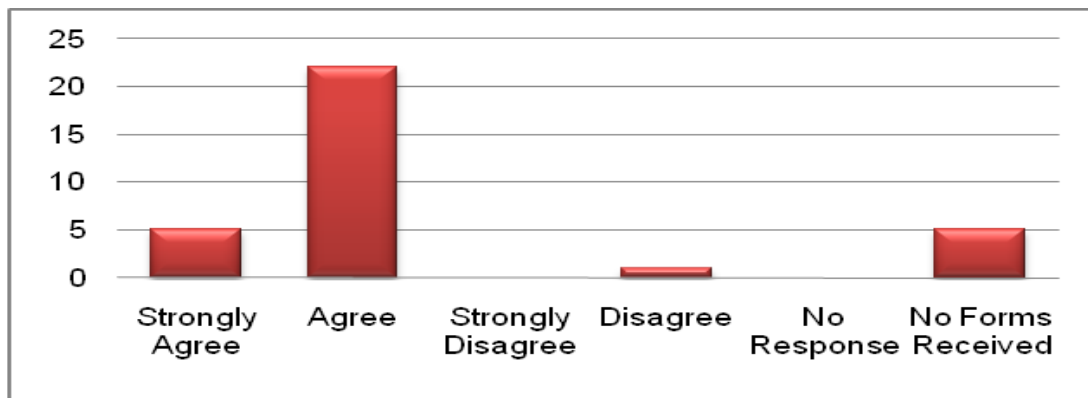
**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**



**Comments Received**

- More time required.
- Consultation useful, however the savings need to be made, perhaps a closer look at efficiency would be useful.
- This is a good way to do it; I feel that we may have contributed.
- A bit of information in an email would have helped.
- Find it informative.

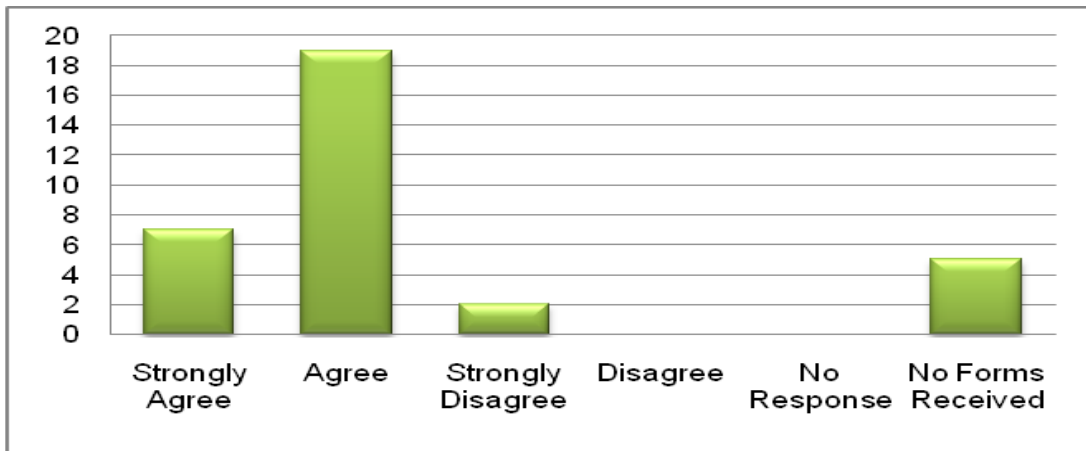
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- Feedback will be very important.
- Helped to highlight the scale, our high priority choices were costly – and we had a few low, medium priority.
- It was useful in making the point that what people immediately think of cutting won't do the job,
- Interesting to see the immediate opinion.
- Watch out for peer pressure when voting publicly.
- We all have different priorities and it was good to hear others views.
- It was clear that council received a strong “steer” to protect the education and social budgets at the expense of parks, libraries, art and sport, but as the Convener reminded us savings or cuts imposes on the latter would go nowhere near the annual cut required of say £7m, adding to the £30m.

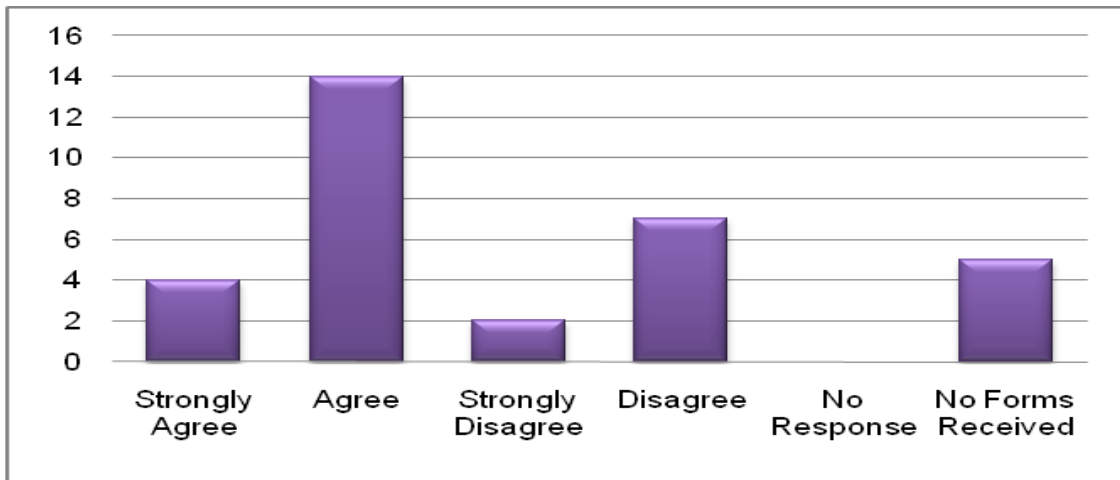
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- Well done.
- Feedback is important.
- But it is difficult to discuss properly in detail when we don't know the legal constraints but I realise that level of detail wasn't possible.
- It needed fairly strong moderation to keep one two people from dominating the discussion.
- Difficult to Chair – be aware of vociferous individuals dominating: a strong Chair needed.
- Good to hear other points of view.
- Limited to terms of actual costs eg actual savings of school closure info would have helped.
- Too wide a field to be adequately covered.
- This was first class sharing views.
- Again we were all agreed that the council waste our money.
- Tricky – hijacking regarding local issues – inevitable.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



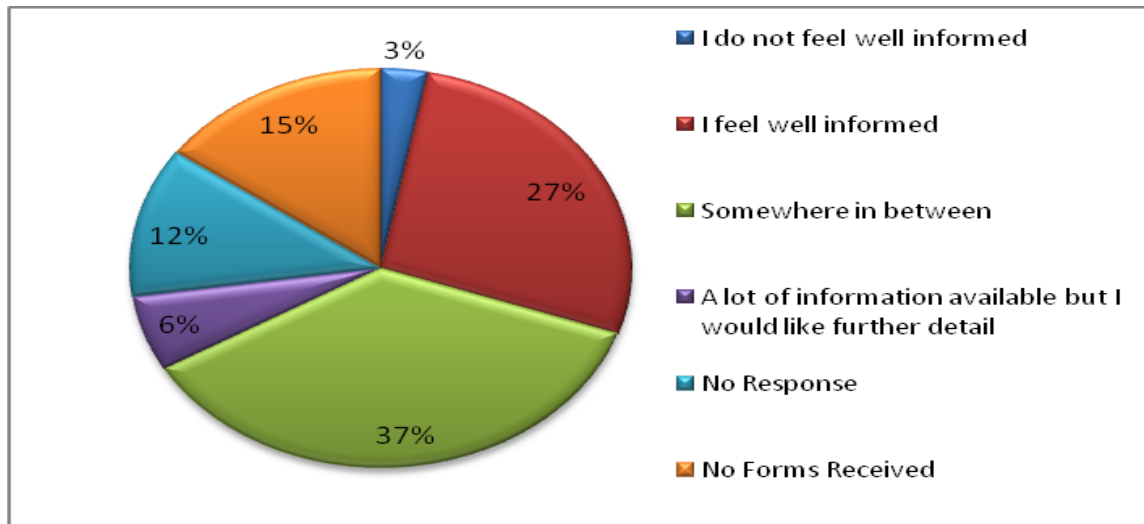
#### Comments Received

- Not enough time. Headings weren't really self explanatory.
- Not sure about this.
- Feedback is important. Activities 1, 2, 3 made a difficult job – more approachable and fun and communication within groups.
- More difficult as no real idea of how to calculate possible savings.
- Though it does distort by over simplifying.
- Very difficult but gave a good feeling for the issues – more detail was available when we asked for it.
- Showed how hard it is to lose money from the budgets.
- Useful but far too short a time. In put from each service would be desirable.
- Too many categories to consider, not enough time.
- Difficult to decide in so short a time.
- Only useful in terms of demonstrating how difficult it is to save £30million. Does not capture ideas on how to save it.
- Without detailed information on individual expenditure items (costs of individual schools for instance) sound recommendations cannot be given.
- Didn't work for me.

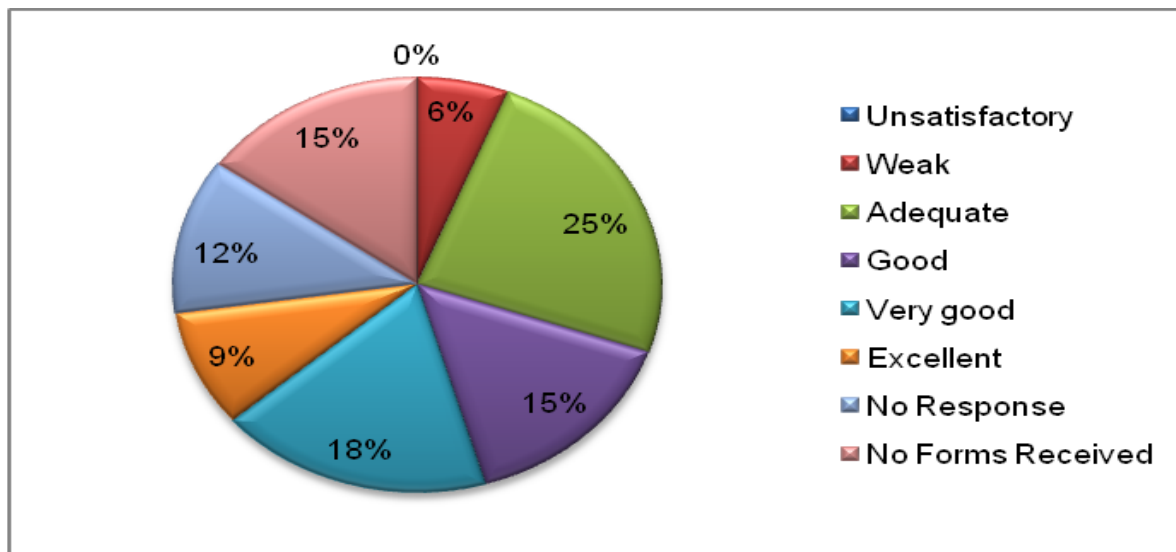
**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

- Better understanding of what services came under many of the headings etc, HR & ICT etc, schools Strategic Management.
- Management wage structure details. Council departments and staffing numbers. Number of council vehicles. Number of middle management.
- I am encouraged given past experiences.
- A better understanding of what savings have already made.
- Brief description of legal requirements ie that the law requires certain things to be done – need to know how much room for manoeuvre there is.
- Would have liked to know wage and pension breakdown.
- A series of talks / lectures from each head of department would have given much background info.
- The council's business model, I tried to find it on the website to no avail.
- More data, info on the wage bill.
- It was fine – specific information available.
- Prior knowledge of supporting information.
- Cutting £30million from the budget – I was puzzled what this meant, particularly as it would affect future and therefore hypothetical budgets for costs, revenue and Government grants all in an economy. Are cuts better defined as savings? In this case they should appear as revenue in another part of the budget. Are cuts government ceilings on expenditure which are applied to idealised future budgets? While it is possible to cut a draft budget because of unexpected review defaults, it is really not possible to cut a future budget which would be deficient in criteria unless a ceiling discipline is in force.

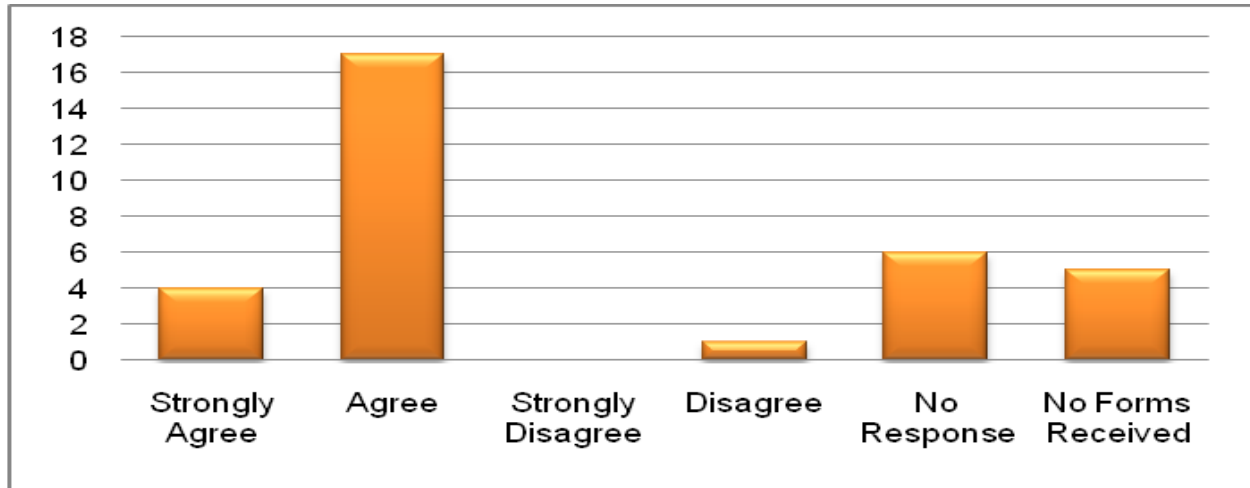
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### 7. How would you score this meeting?



### 8. Was the venue suitable?

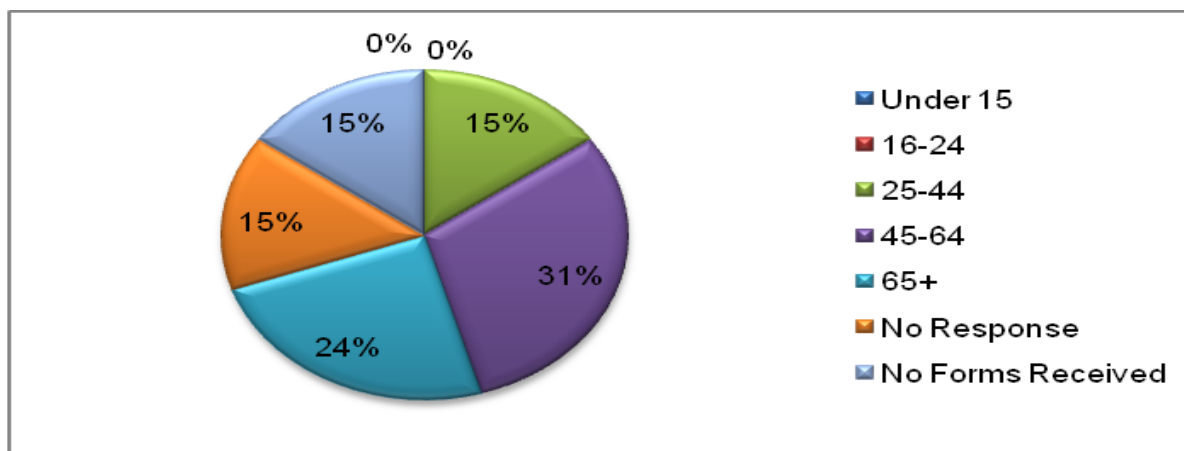


## **9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.**

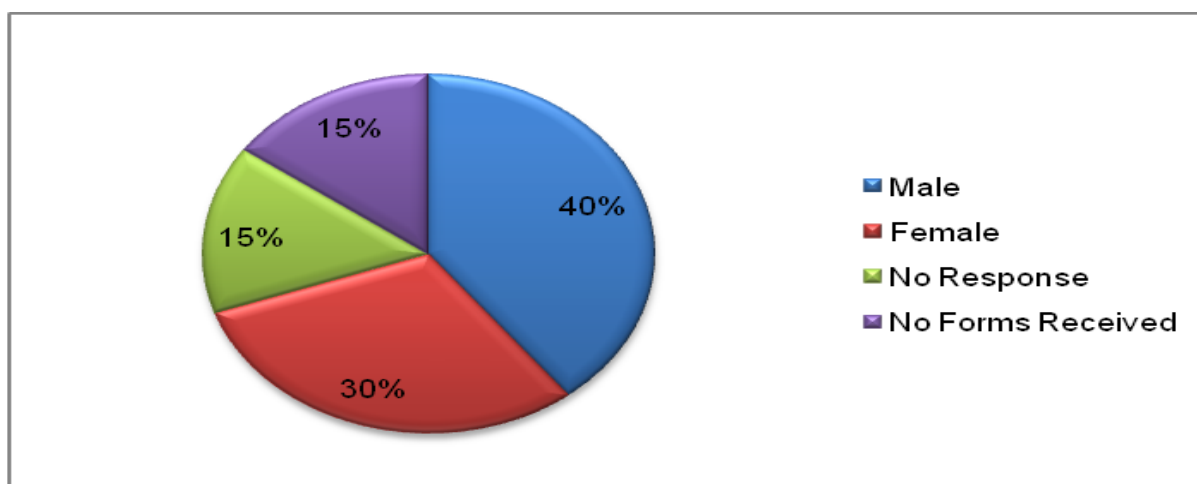
- There were different headings separated that could have been put together.
- Better, thanks.
- Very constructive exercise.
- Would like to have had more chance to discuss other ways of working eg partnership working, very concentrated on Moray Council – possibility of joining with other agencies / council to provide a good service. Need to retain quality, make good use of technology, look at different ways of doing things.
- It is very clear from the meeting that people value social / educational provisions.
- I found it difficult hearing sometimes because of the acoustics of lots of background noises.
- Noise – not always easy to hear speakers in our group because of noise from other groups.
- Well thought out. Well run, there is hope for the council.
- Would need more breakdown on certain areas to make full comment – awareness of overall wage costs.
- Fun, possibly instructive or educational but did not allow for exploration of how things could be done differently, reducing costs while increasing possible impact.
- Congratulations on coming out to consult. Intention and effort is much appreciated. However format did not lend it self to capturing innovative approaches and out of the box thinking.
- More data should be made available eg additional support needs provision – how many students, wage bill, number of locations, (could centralisation make manpower savings).
- Too noisy.
- I would like to thank Cllrs (many from outside Forres) and council staff for the effort that they put into this meeting and for being patient with our misunderstandings. I hope our contributions will help you a little. It is important that council staff who are all tax payers and moray public appreciate the budgeting situation.



### Attendees Age Range



### Attendees Gender



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IV36 2UE	IV36 1PH	IV36 3YF	IV36 1FH
IV36 1DQ	IV36 1DA	IV36 1DQ	IV36 2TN
IV36 2UF	IV36 2RA	IV36 3YN	IV36 1BG
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**Buckie ASG  
Community Workshop**

**Fisherman's Hall  
19.11.2012**

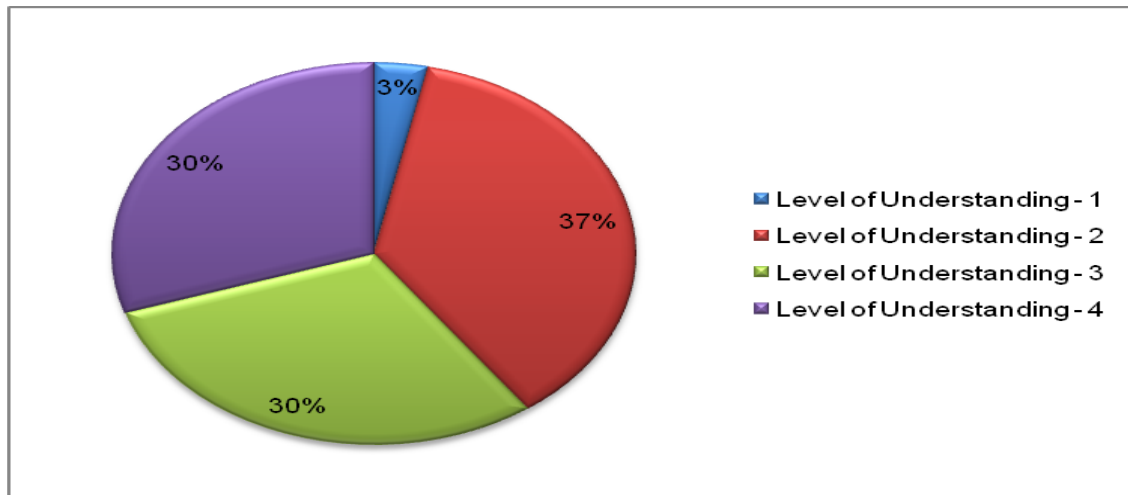
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Fisherman's Hall**

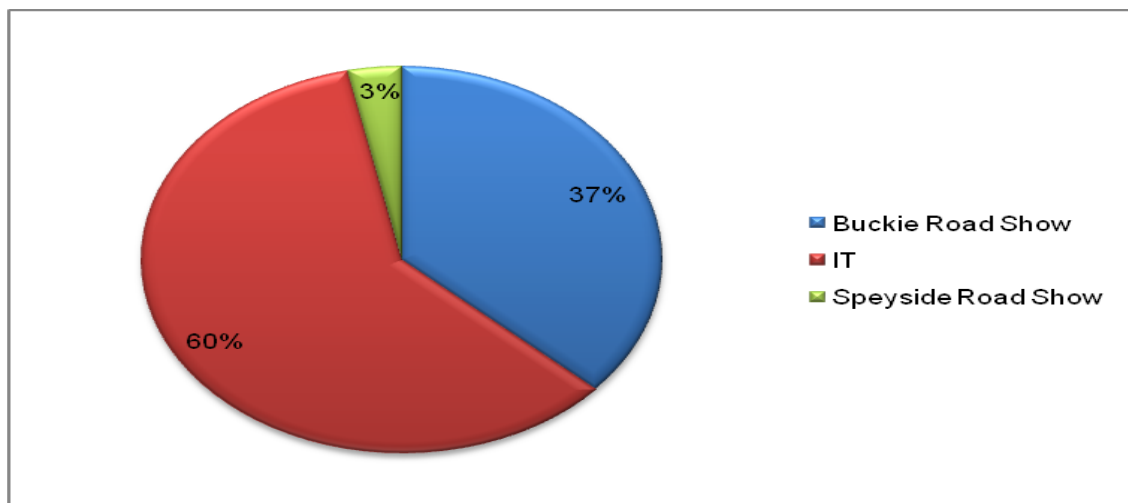
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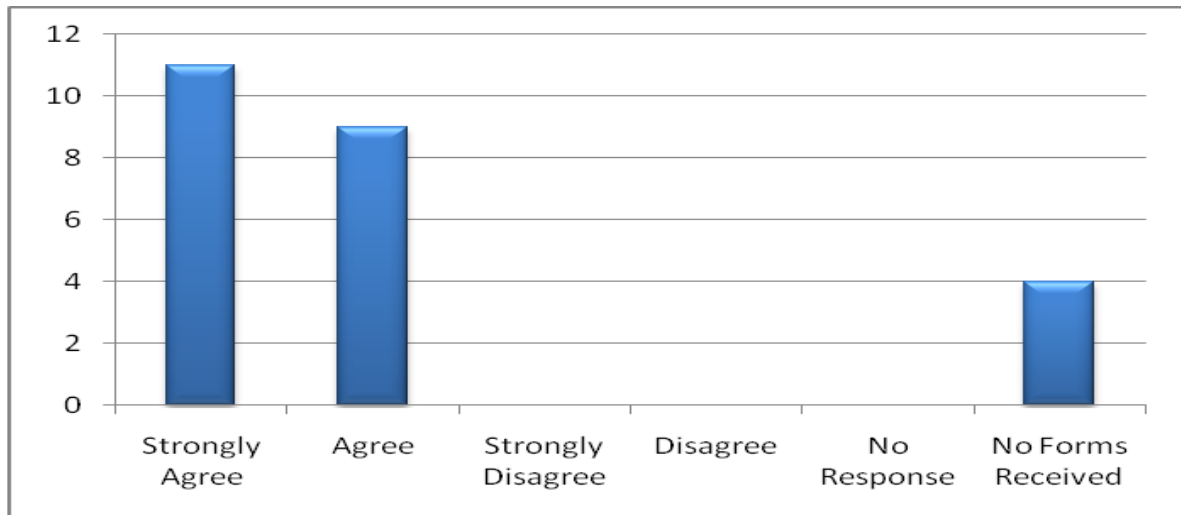
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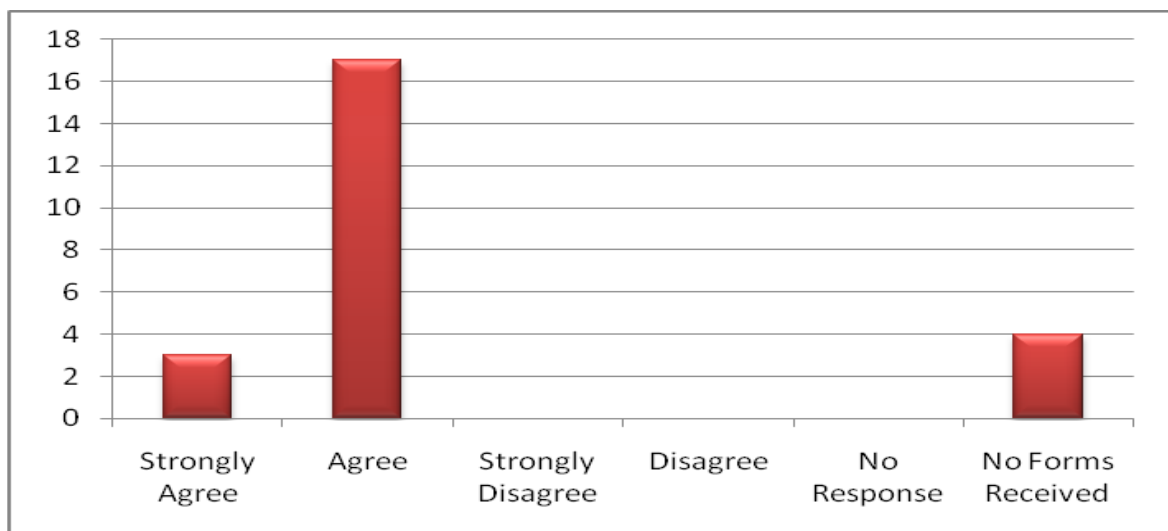
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**Comments Received**

- Well publicised event with clear objective.

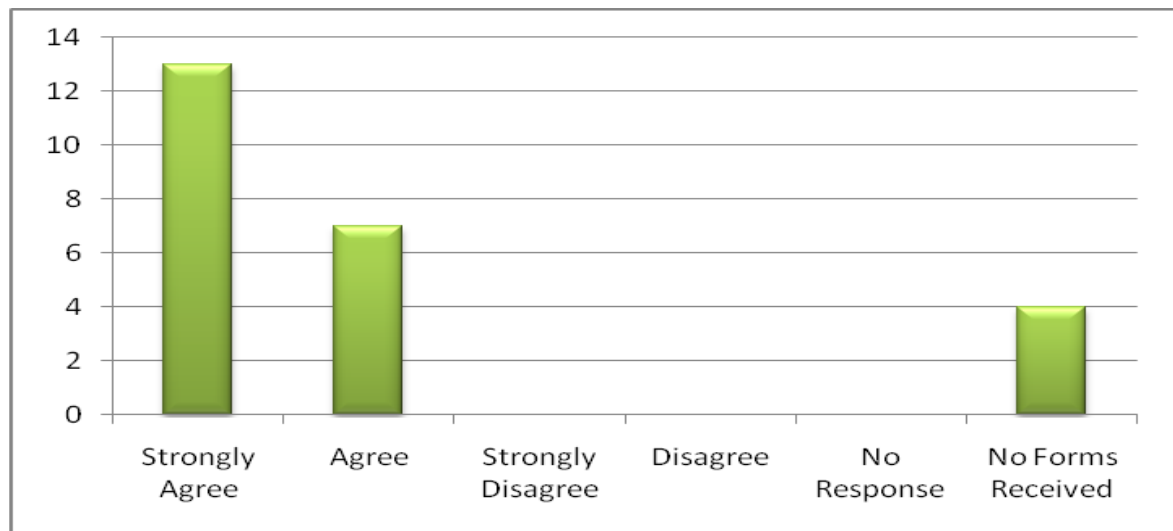
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**Comments Received**

- But really needed a bit more description for each.
- Gave a good general overview of people’s opinions on priority of services.

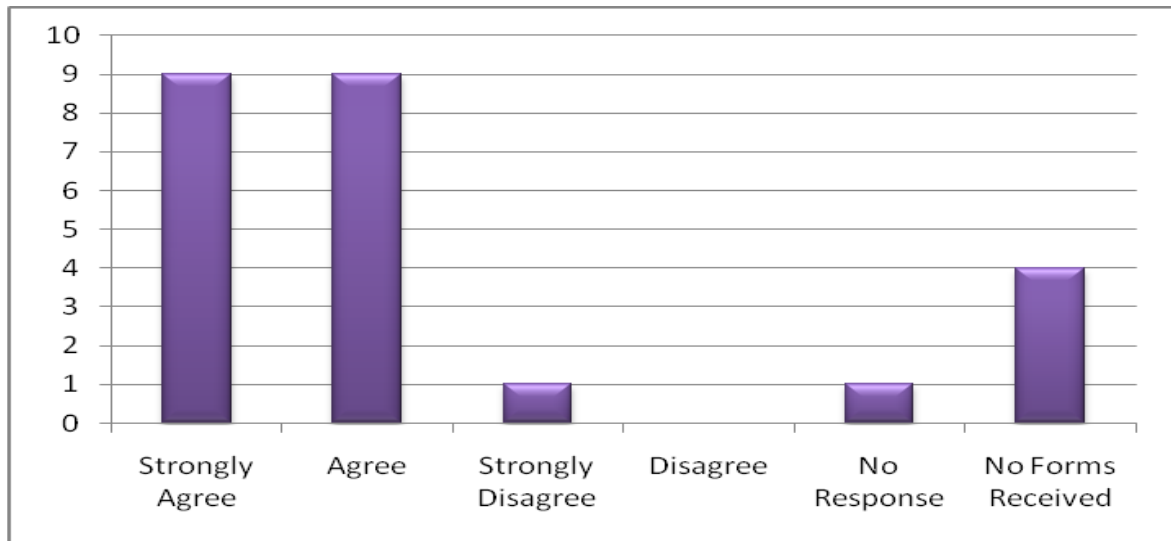
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- Well facilitated.
- Staff very helpful.
- Good discussions.
- Good opportunity for collective discussion and opinion.
- Different views brought up.
- Useful for people from different areas to put forward their view points.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



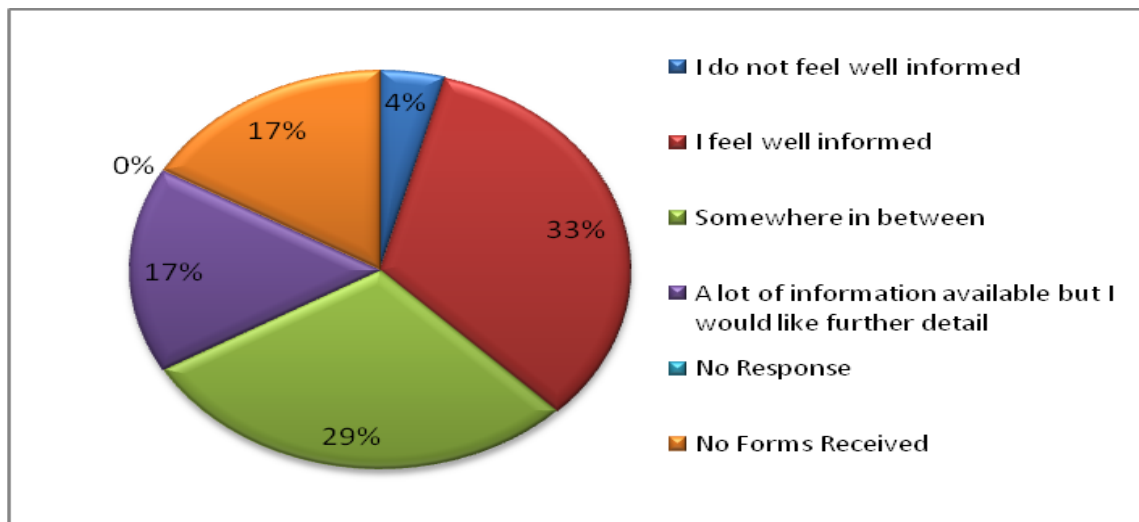
#### Comments Received

- Had to remember all the ideas from discussion and to make sure took some account of priorities from list exercise.
- A very useful exercise.
- Yes, but need more knowledge.
- Not enough time for exercise.
- More time needed.
- Very interactive and opportunity to learn more about services.
- Mind blowing.

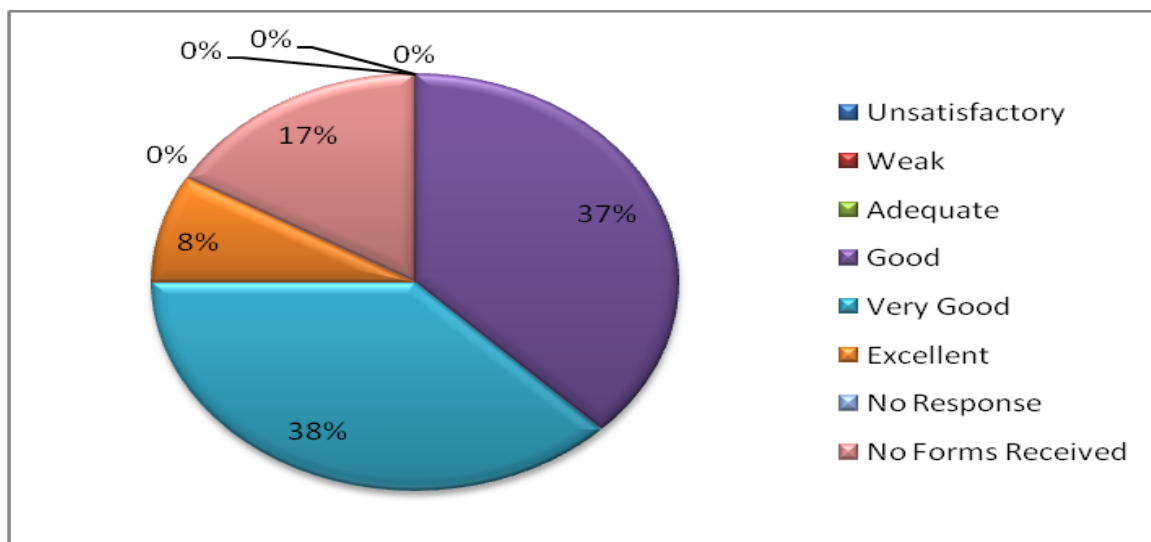
#### 5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?

- Full breakdown of costs.
- More details on each topic.
- More time to study amounts to each section.
- A little more time to view information boards which had more detailed breakdown of services.
- Need more clarification of all headings.
- Details of various funding headings.
- Further breakdown of budget headings – a lot of them are corporate council speak.
- In all these activities I think more time would have deepened the usefulness of the exercise.

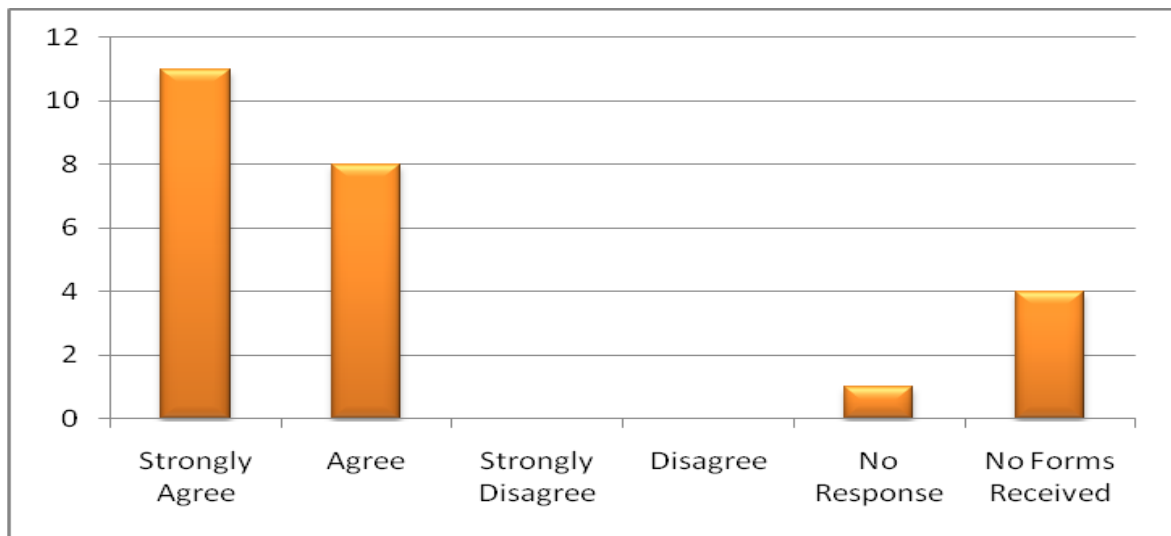
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**7. How would you score this meeting?**



## 8. Was the venue suitable?

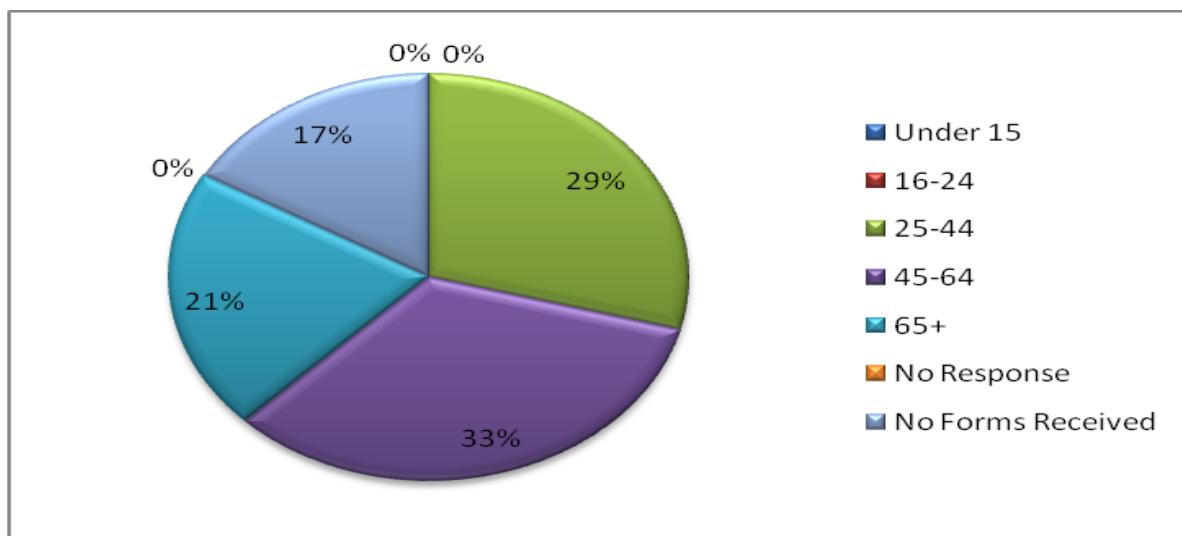


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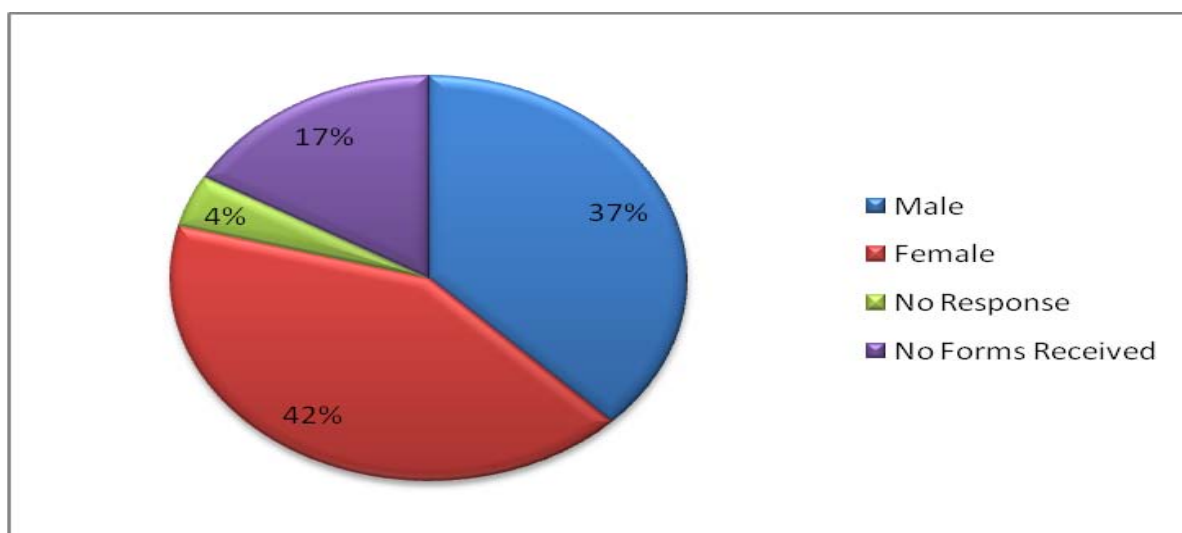
- Staff helpful and friendly.
- Why were there so few people here?
- More of these meetings would be good.
- Very well structured and beneficial workshop. Well presented and facilitated which kept flow of workshop going. Very good idea.
- Need longer to understand it all.
- Hope our comments are taken forward and acted upon.
- A useful exercise – worthwhile.
- It could have been publicised more.



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## Attendees Gender



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AB56 1	IV32 7DJ	AB56 1BZ	IVB32 7PW
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AB56 1L	AB56 4RF	AB56 4PB	AB56 1JP
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# **Elgin South ASG Community Workshop**

**T.A Centre  
21.11.2012**

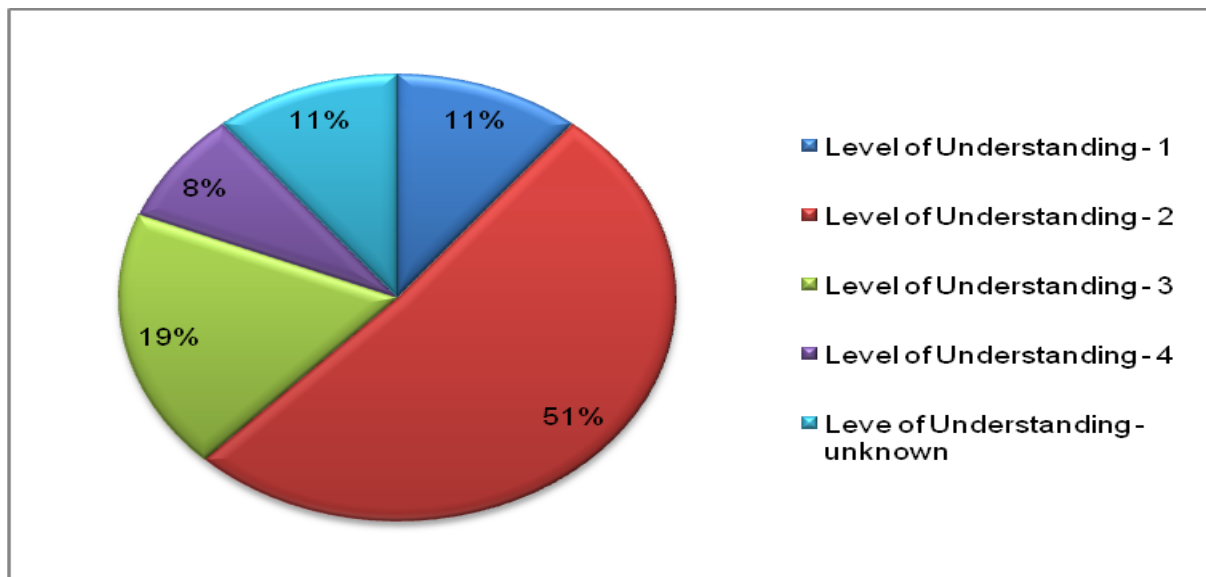
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**Elgin South 21.11.2012  
TA Centre**

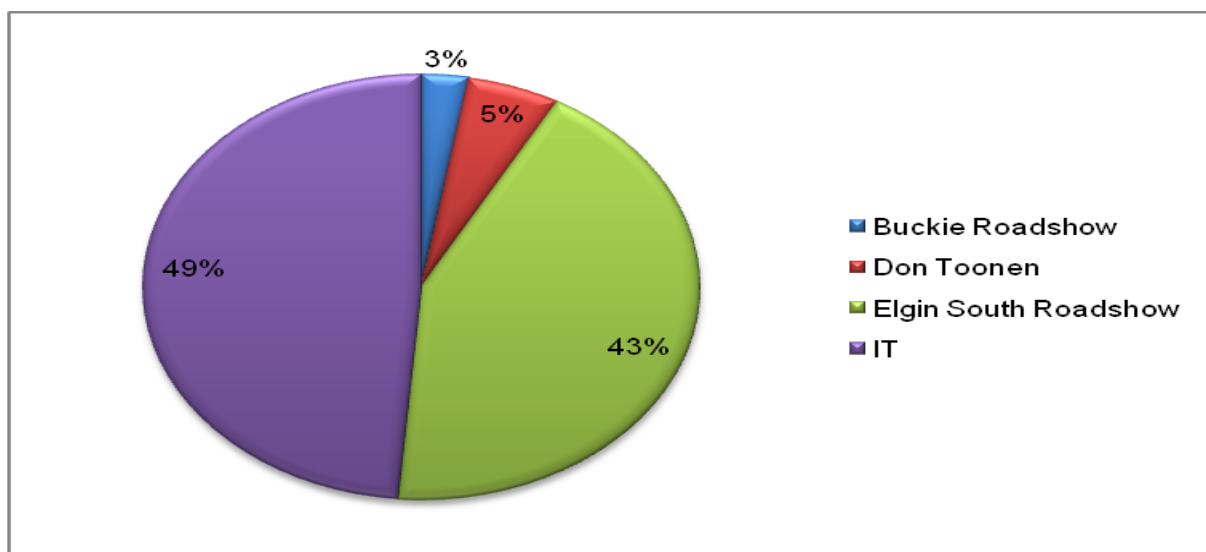
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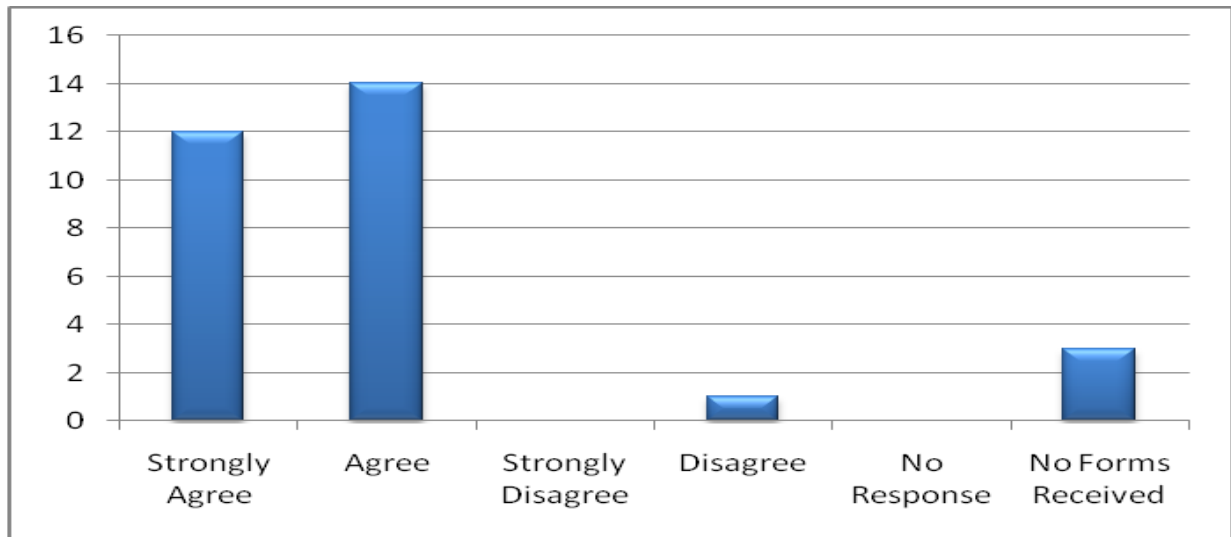
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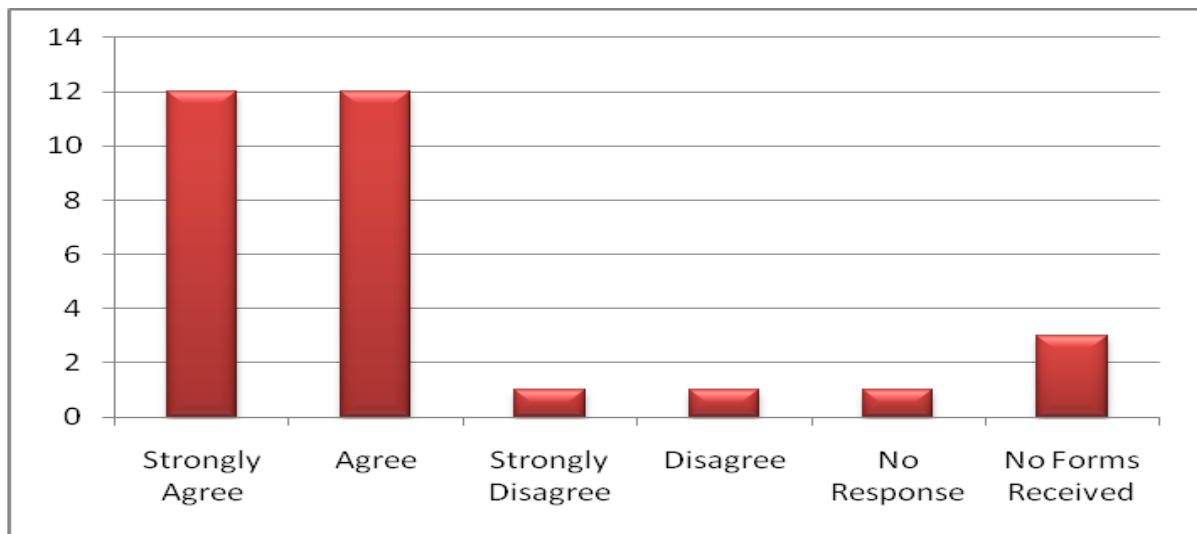
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**Comments Received**

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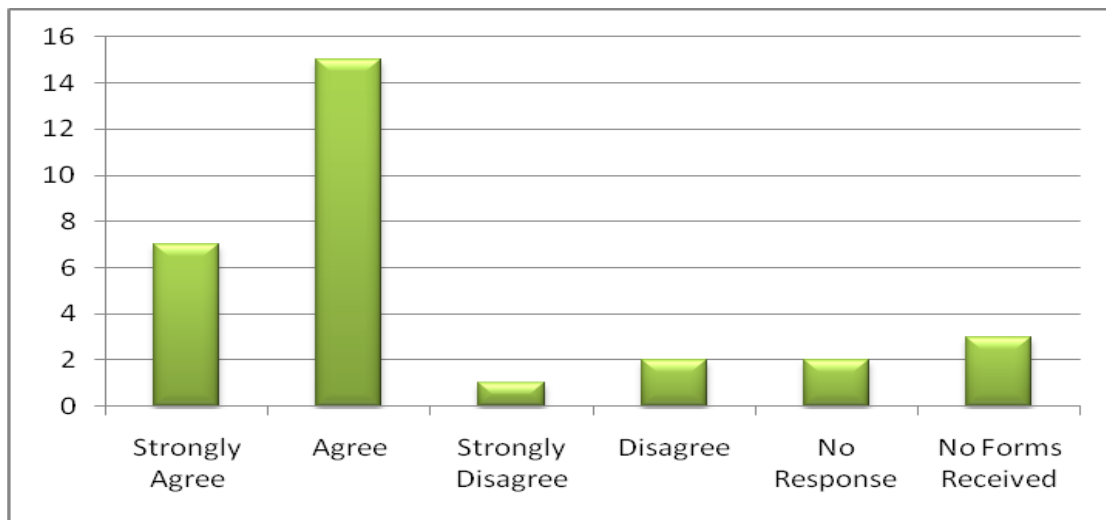
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- It gave an outlook as to what people felt about different services the council provide.
- Too quick, no time for second preference results – could be misleading.
- Not useful to me but perhaps to Elected Members. This was difficult to do without more detail of the impact on individual service areas.
- Focused the mind.
- Easy to do.
- Seeing the general consensus on what mattered.
- Good way to get a feel for it.
- Good format to get ‘gut feel’.

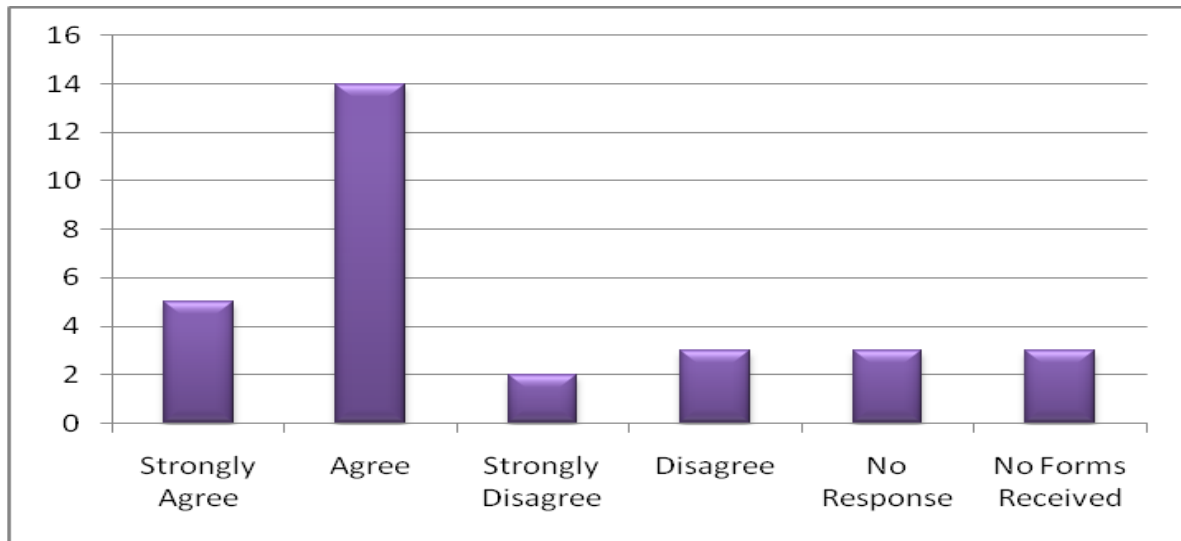
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- It gave you the opportunity to give your opinions on which services should be cut or saved.
- More information needed in terms of breakdown of the budgets.
- Wide range of interests / backgrounds led to interesting discussion.
- Useful for who.
- Over taken by some people with strong views.
- Best part as plenty of ideas, discussion and information shared
- Not enough time.
- Poor facilitation and note taking – too much of personal opinions rather than facilitation.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



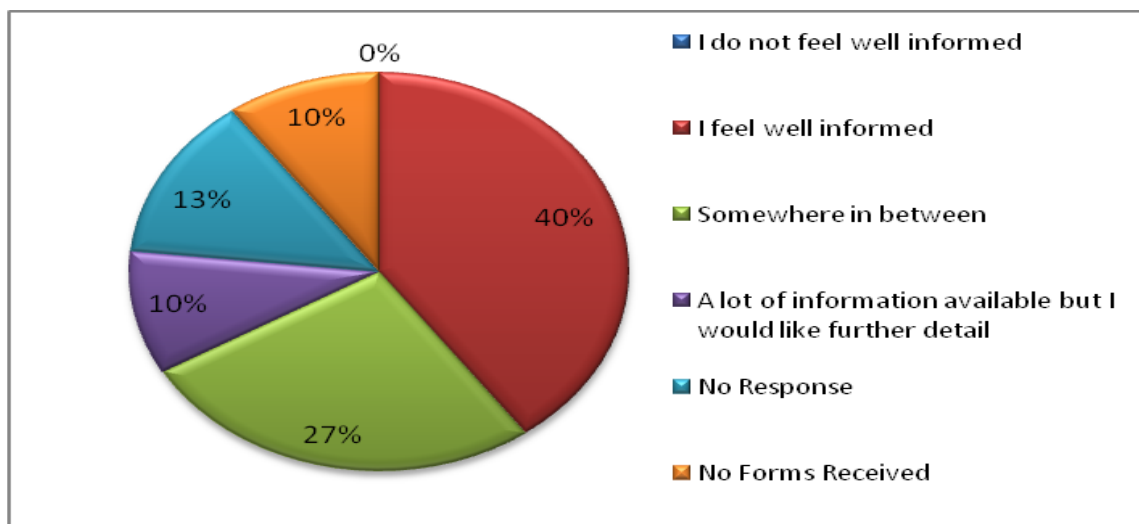
#### Comments Received

- Some people not prepared to recognise the necessity of cuts.
- Only in that it again led to wide ranging discussions.
- It makes the general public aware of the difficulties.
- I could here cut the budget by £30million but couldn't get agreement.
- Difficult to cut services without knowledge of the consequences.
- Very difficult to make decisions with proper understanding – how exactly is money spent?
- I did not have enough knowledge / information to make informed decisions, lifetime services must override leisure etc activities.
- More time should have been allocated.
- Difficult if you don't know what can't move.
- Some items needed explanation.
- Inadequate information on what to base decisions.

**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

- More time.
- More details on most areas.
- More detail in terms of revenue and income.
- More information on national constraints / priorities and the impact of national government decisions / policies on local autonomy.
- Too much to decide in a short space of time.
- Don't know.
- Going round each individual department with member of team who is responsible – identifying potential savings.
- Inadequate information on what to base decisions.
- Better definitions of headings.
- More easily accessible explanation of the services.

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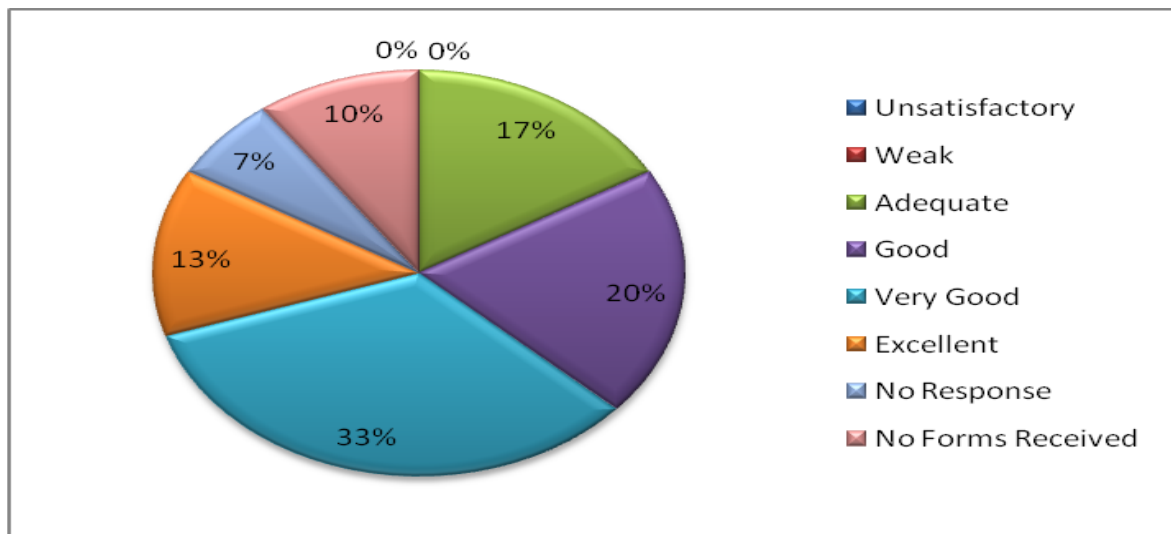


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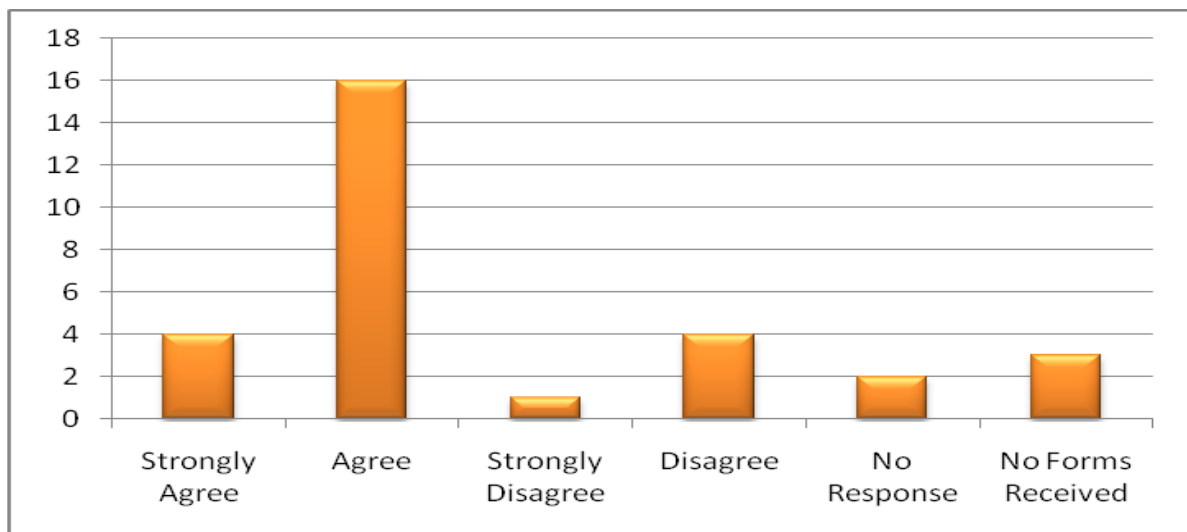
- I need more information.



## 7. How would you score this meeting?



## 8. Was the venue suitable?



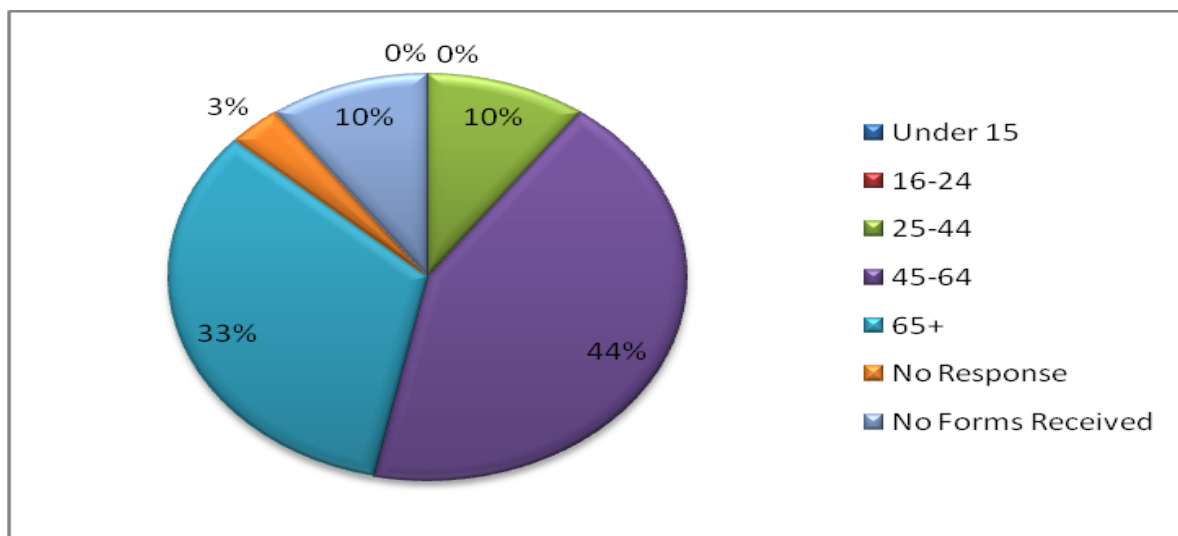
## Comments Received

- But a little cold.
- Thought a bit cold.
- Room was very cold.
- Very cold.
- Very cold, why not have this in council chambers?
- Just a bit cold.

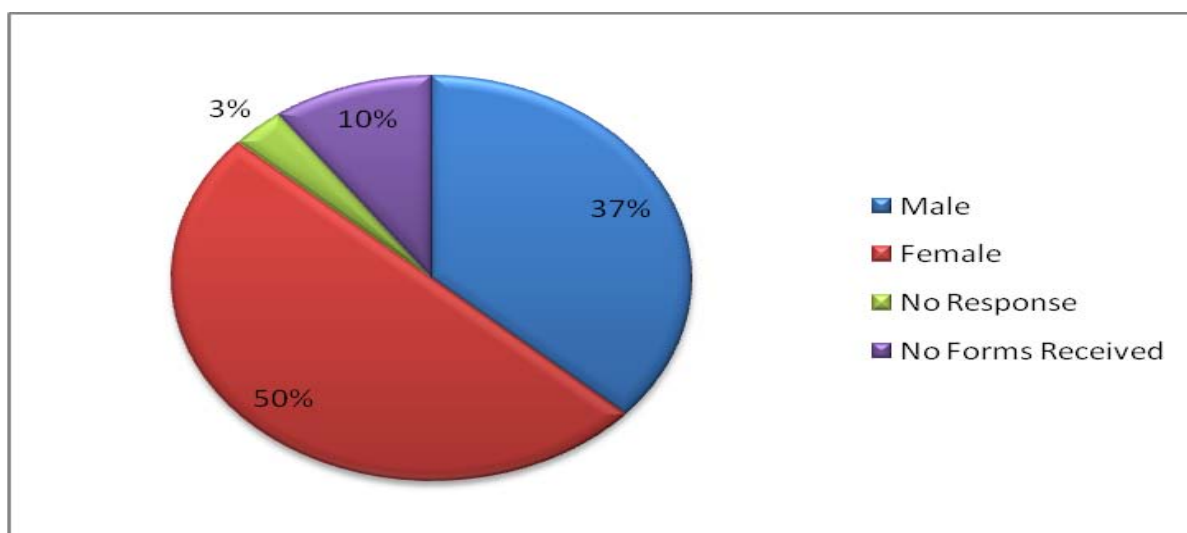
**9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.**

- Very cold venue.
- Fun and interesting way to discuss serious issues.
- Re-visit freeze on council tax.
- Could happen in council HQ to save money and appreciate better what happens there.
- The game was surreal – we just treated it like a monopoly game – not ‘dead serious’.
- Public relations exercise – nothing more.
- Very cold and noisy.
- Didn’t allow us the opportunity to look at income generation as well as cuts.

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IV32 7NP	IV30 6YA	AB38 9PH	IV30 7NU
IV30 6EJ	IV30 1NR	IV30 8TL	IV30 1QJ
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**Keith ASG  
Community Workshop**

**Longmore Hall  
27.11.2012**

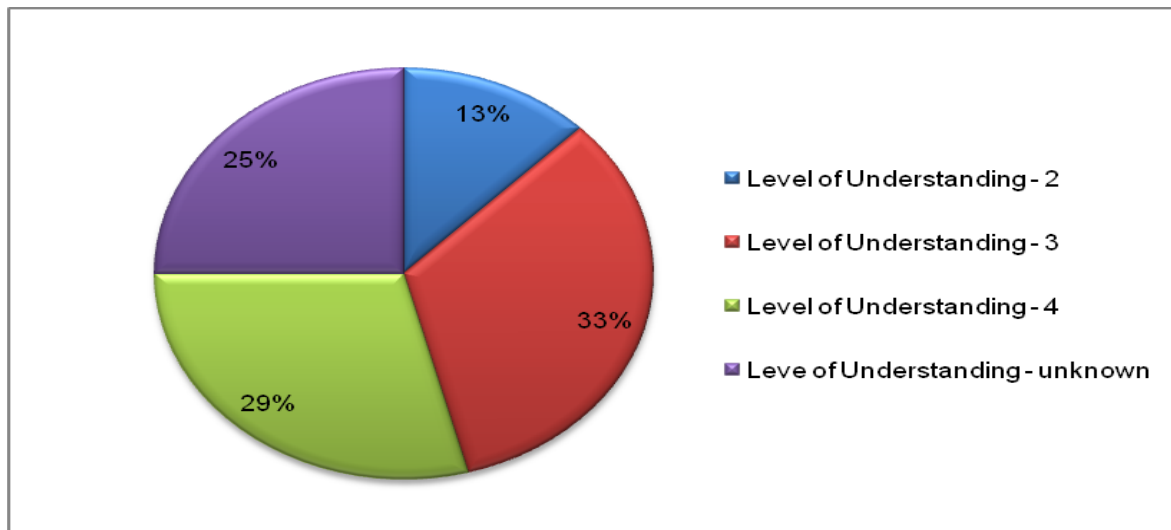
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**Keith 27.11.2012  
Longmore Hall**

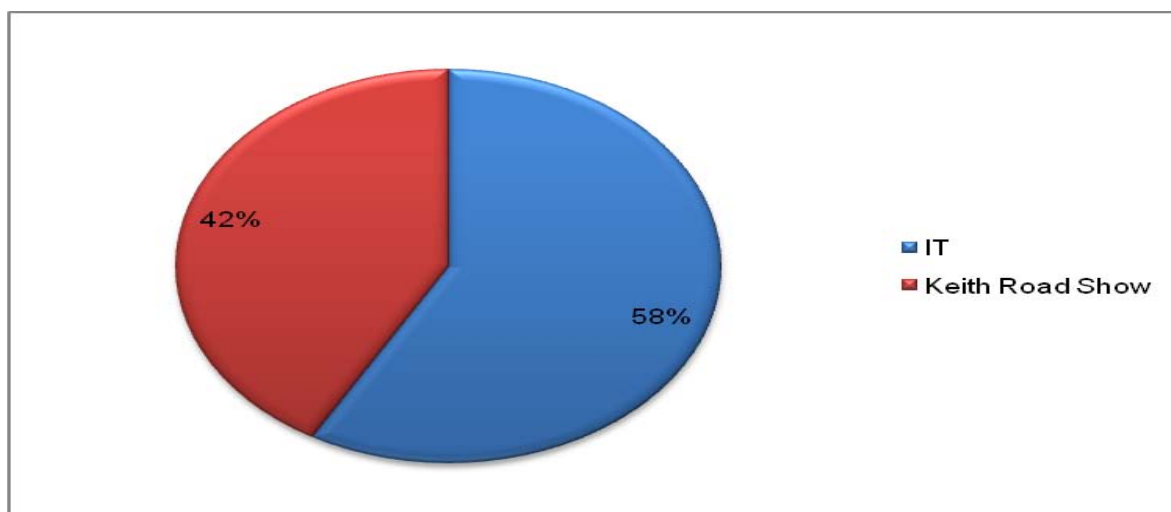
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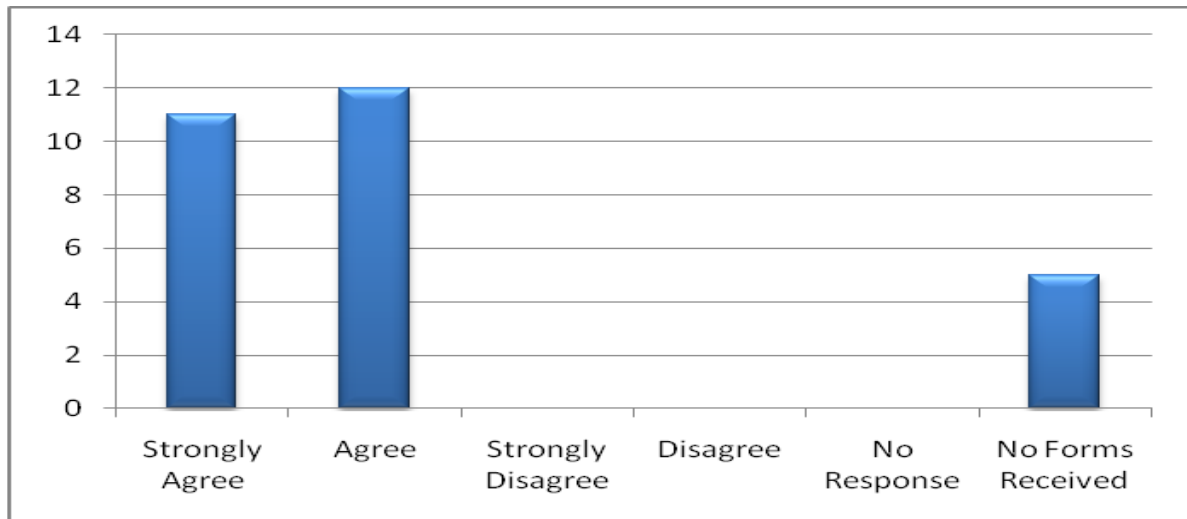
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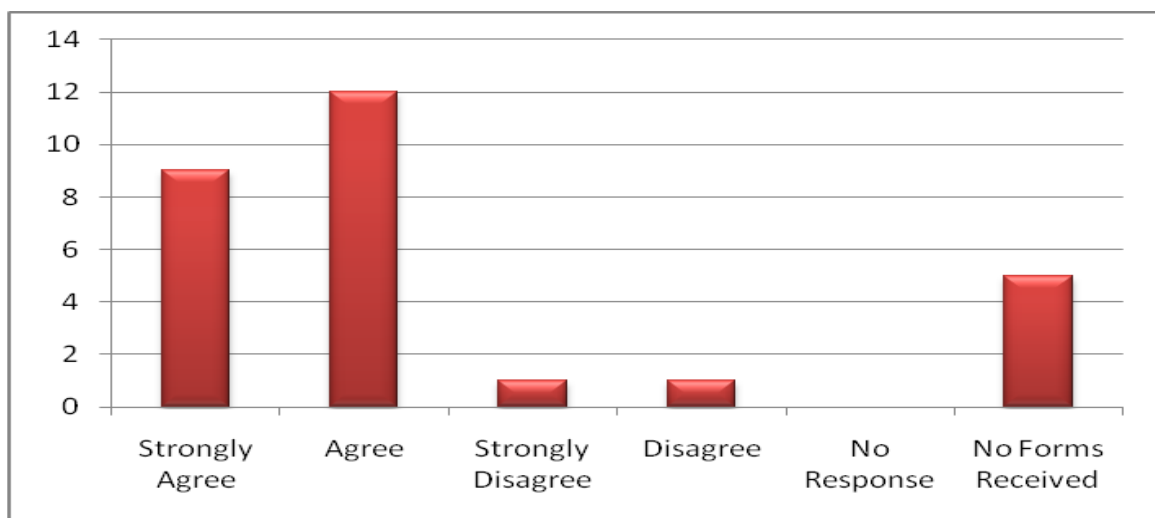
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**Comments Received**

- Good general overview.
- Thought provoking.
- All conducted with clarity and good humour.

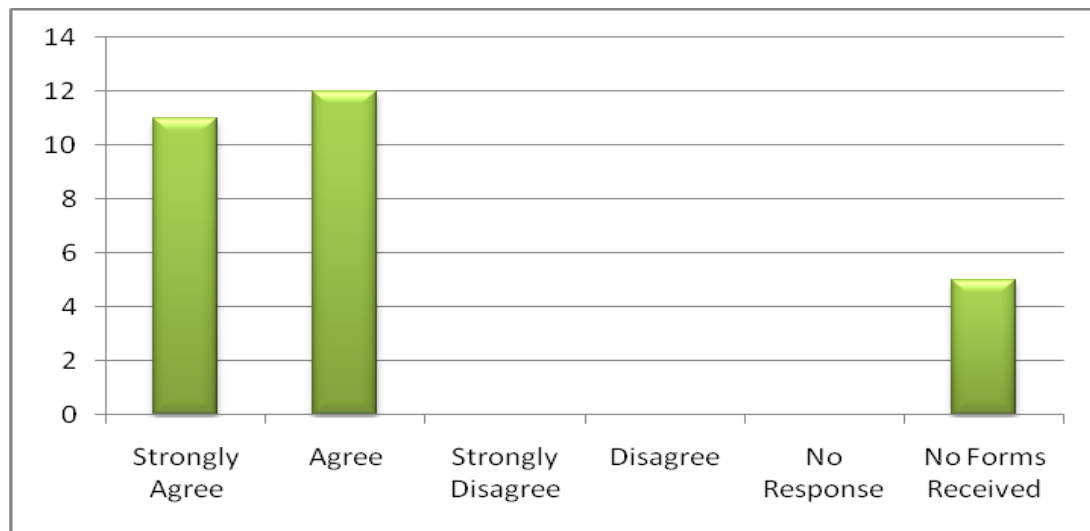
**2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?**



**Comments Received**

- Making informed decisions at the start.
- Challenging, participants need to embrace the big picture in preference to personal thoughts.
- Interesting to see people’s initial reactions.

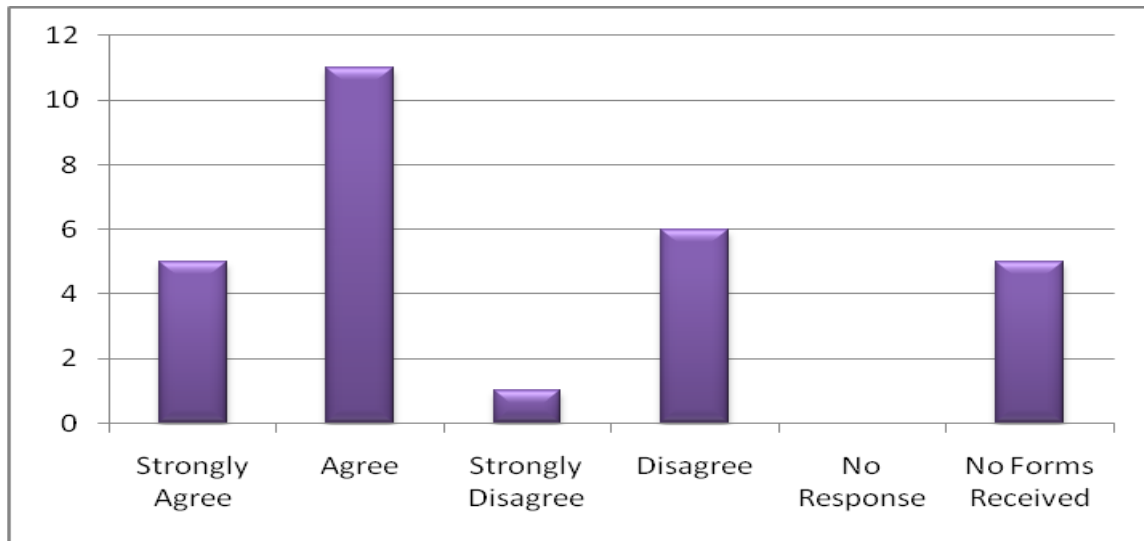
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- Allowed to converse and highlight areas of priority.
- Balance between activity 2 and 3 is not quite right – need more time on 3 as many of the discussions in 2 would be better in context of 3.
- Interesting to hear other view points and some background.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



#### Comments Received

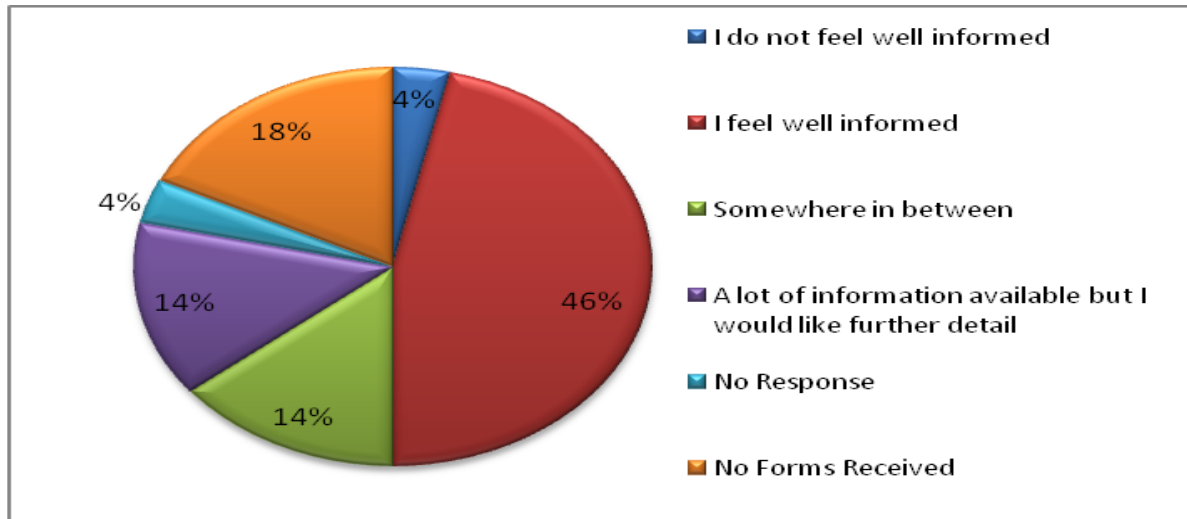
- Without all information to hand hard to make decisions.
- Net figures should be used not gross as distorts actual costs to council.
- Not enough information regarding the costs included in the exercise.
- Thought it was a bit superficial.
- Too hard to guess impact on services.
- Not the time to reform money allowance to each group.
- Shows how hard it is.

#### 5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?

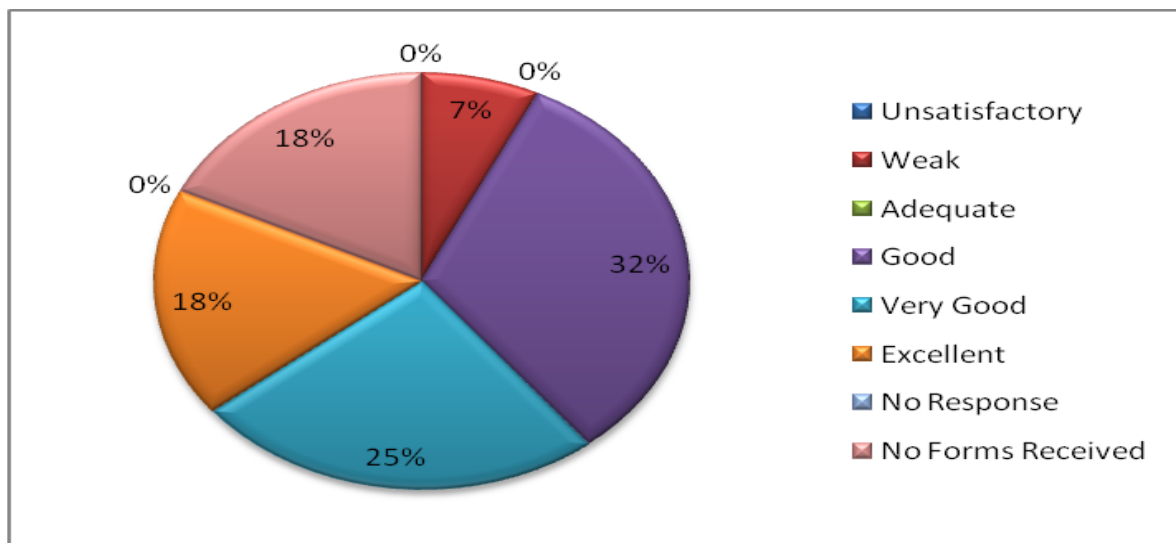
- Net values for savings rather than gross.
- Information given prior to meeting – we could have come prepared.
- Net figures rather than gross figures.
- It was very constructive.
- Not good when older people make decisions about closing schools.
- Information good.
- What exactly does every department do?



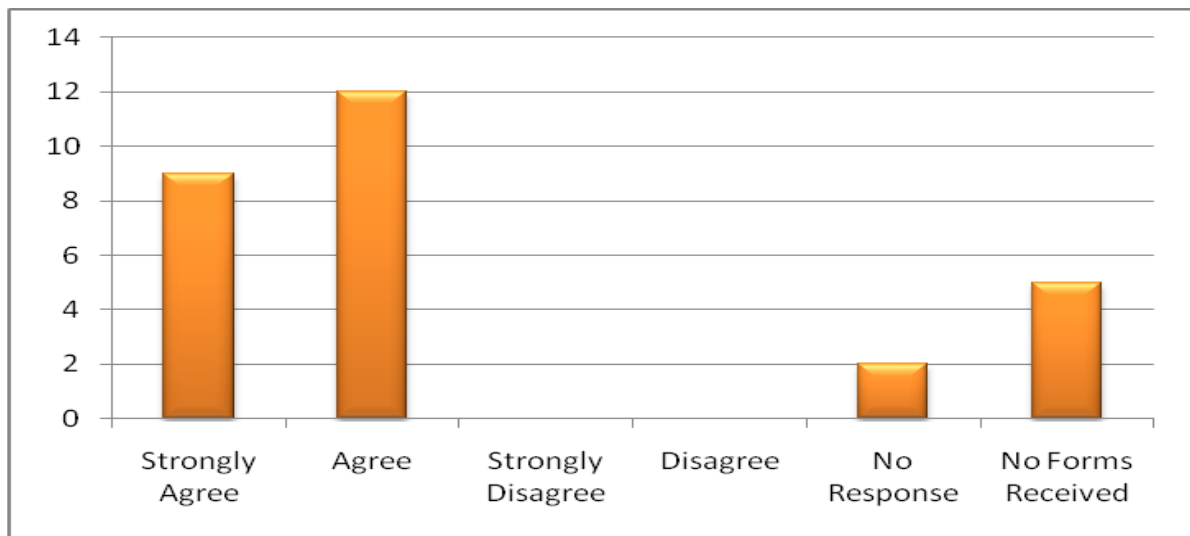
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**7. How would you score this meeting?**



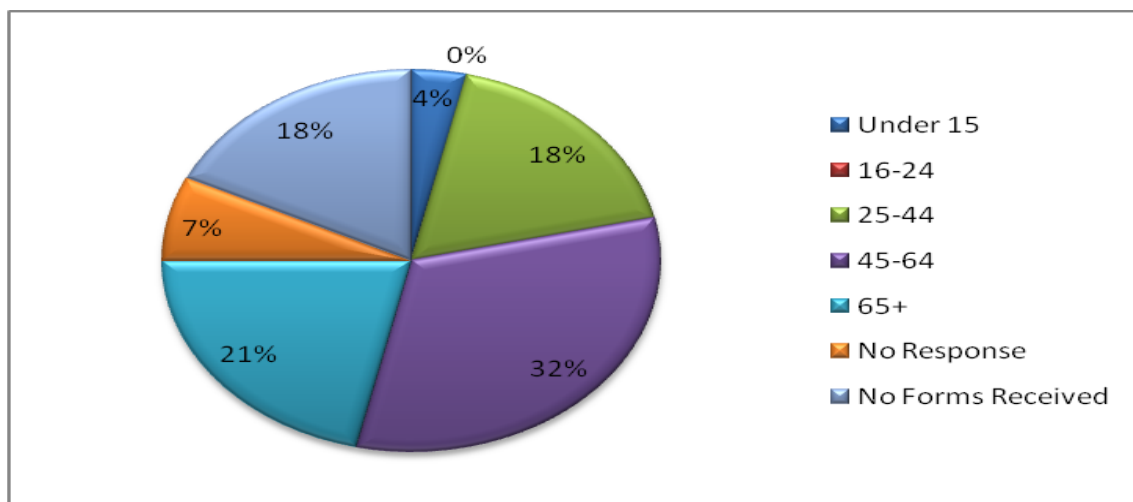
## 8. Was the venue suitable?



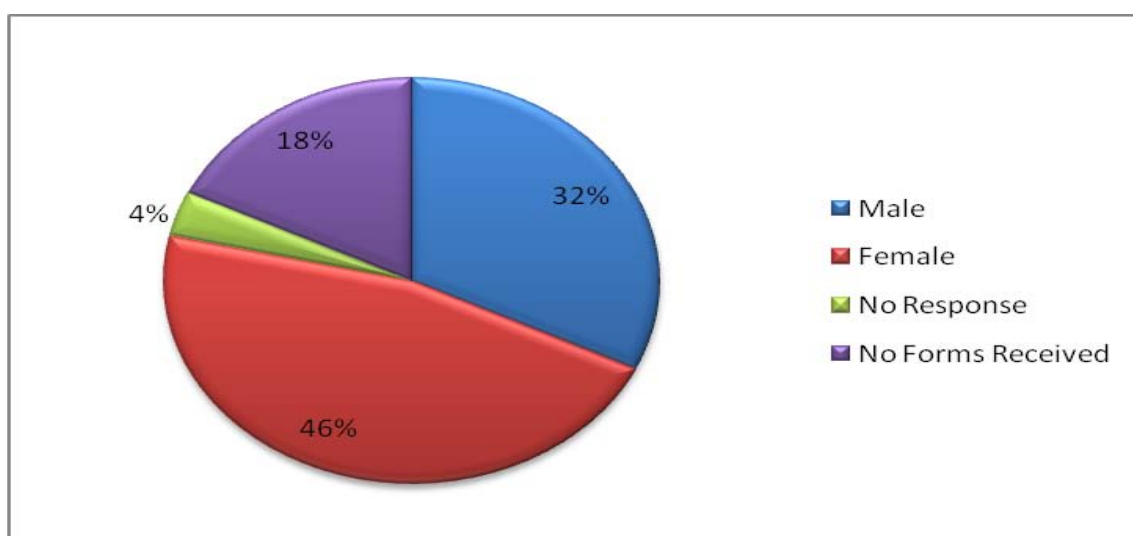
## 9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.

- People presenting consultation were poor and inadequate in presentations – it is not their place to joke or make judgements.
- Lots of time wasted in boards at beginning with red and green cards.
- Cold.
- Very provocative / thought provoking and useful.
- Cold and coffee would have been nice.

## Attendee Age Range



## Attendee Gender



Postcode			
AB55 5FX	AB55	AB55	AB55 5EA
AB55 6RP	AB55 5JG	AB55 5AU	AB55 5HH
AB55	AB55 6YJ	AB55 5HL	AB55 5HE
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**Milne's ASG  
Community Workshop**

**Lhanbryde Community Centre  
29.11.2012**

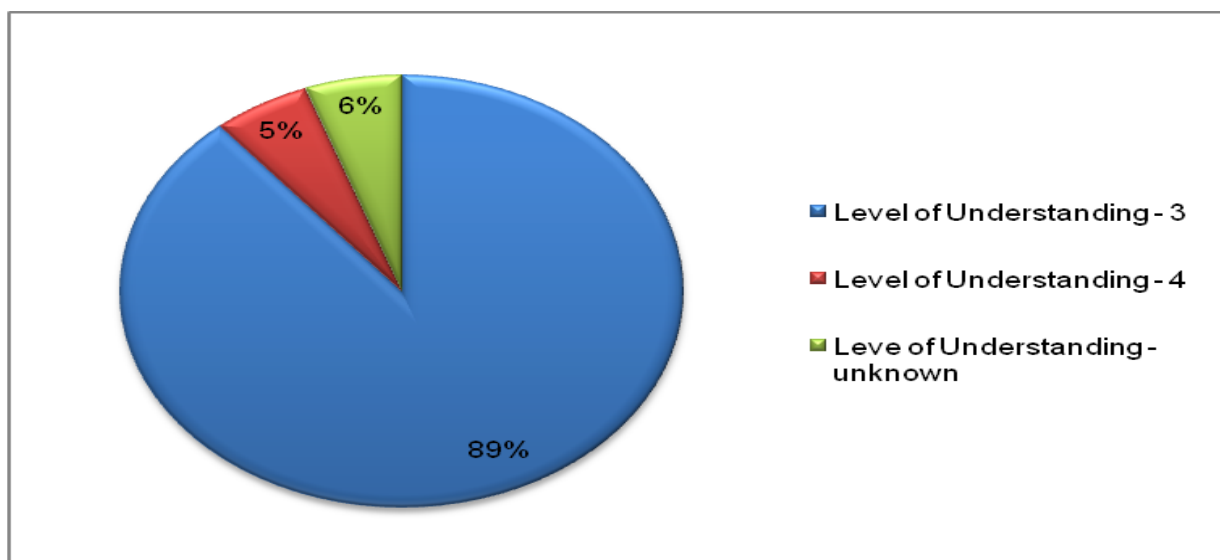
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**Milne's 29.11.2012  
Lhanbryde Community Challenge**

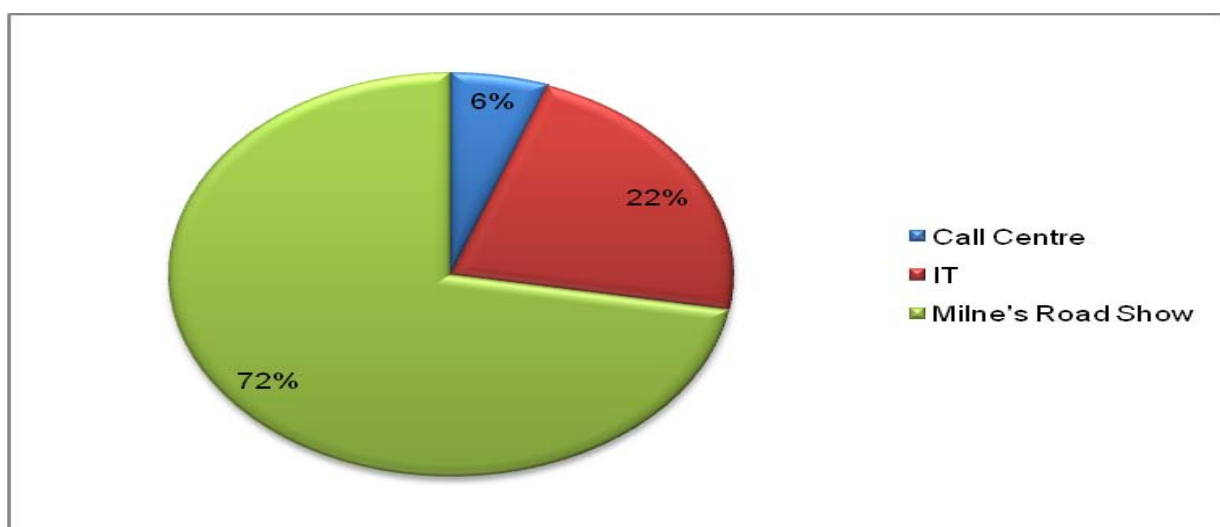
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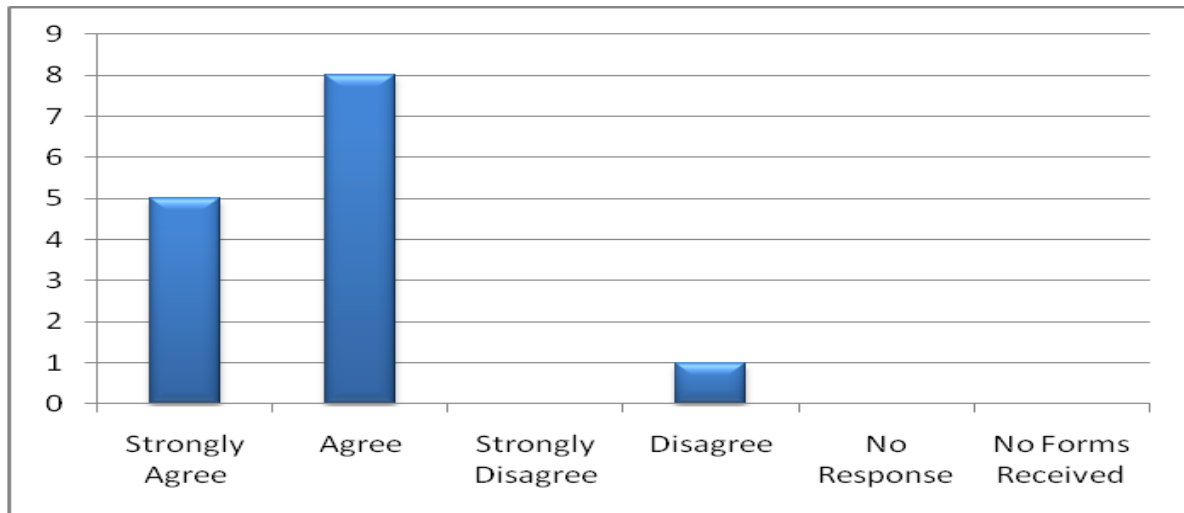
## **Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**



## **Origin of original booking**



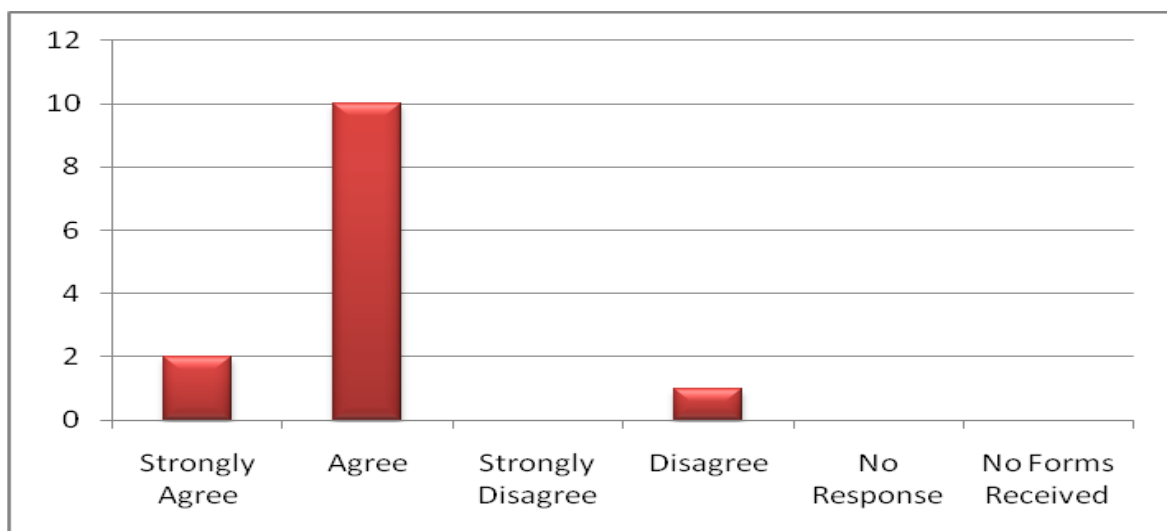
**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**



**Comments Received**

- Well worthwhile.
- Already explained at the start of the evening.

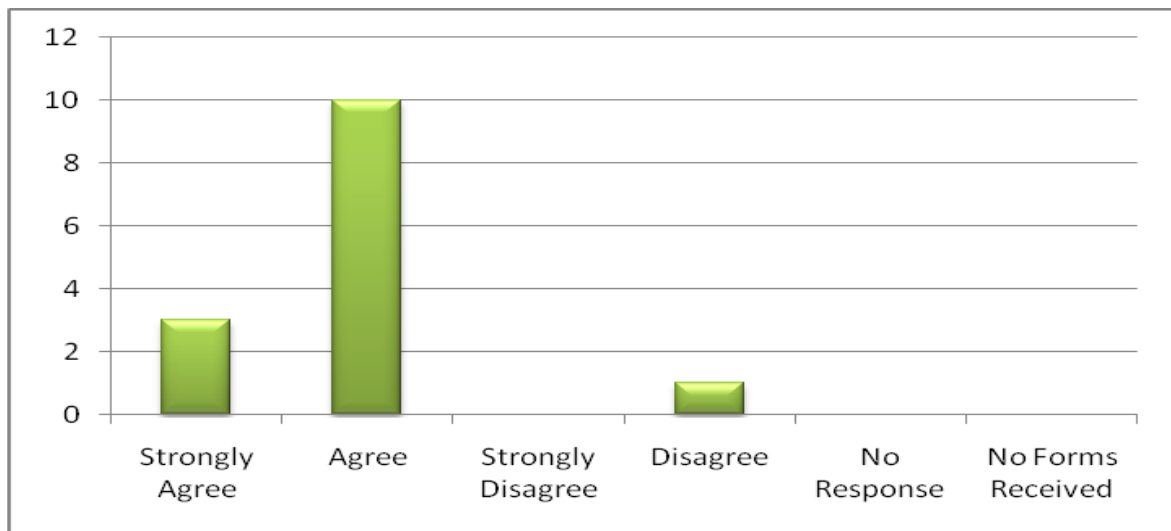
**2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?**



**Comments Received**

- Opportunity to choose after first decision ie high / low was good.

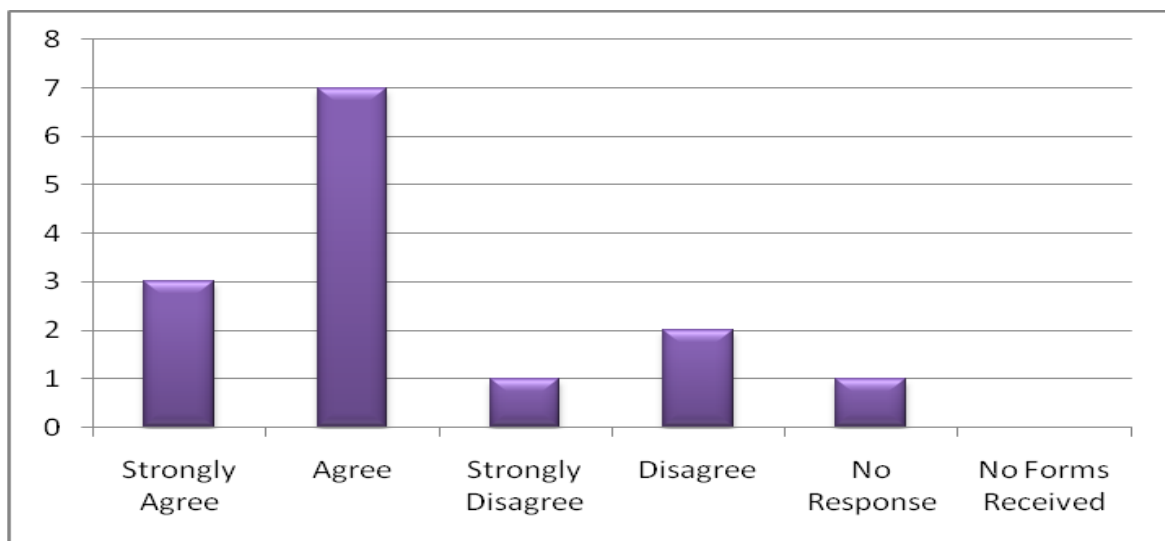
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- Interesting views and good to see that all comments, regardless of context were noted.
- Opportunity to hear other people's views.

### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



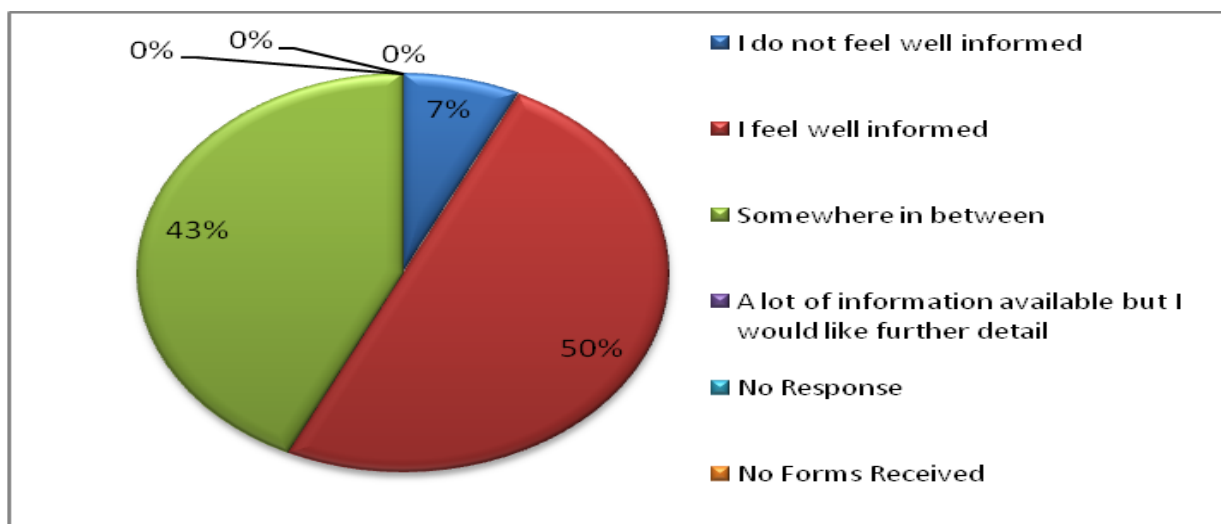
#### Comments Received

- Difficult because we don't all know something about each service eg I know nothing about social work.
- Interesting.

**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

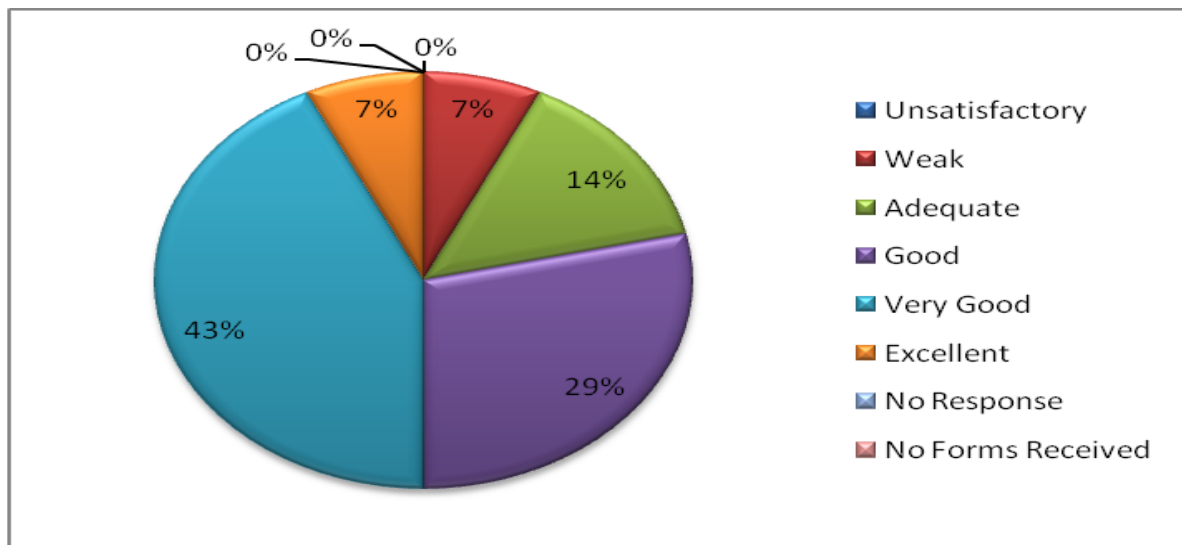
- It all there somewhere.
- Difficult to get more information in the time allowed.
- Very glad I came.
- Closer look at individual department budgets and staff structure.
- Any outcomes from designing better services which have presumable already identified some cost saving exercises.
- A better understanding of the departmental budgets before undertaking activity 1.
- Impact assessment of the decisions made would be useful.

**6. Please indicate your level of understanding regarding the Moray Council Spending Priorities after participating this evening.**

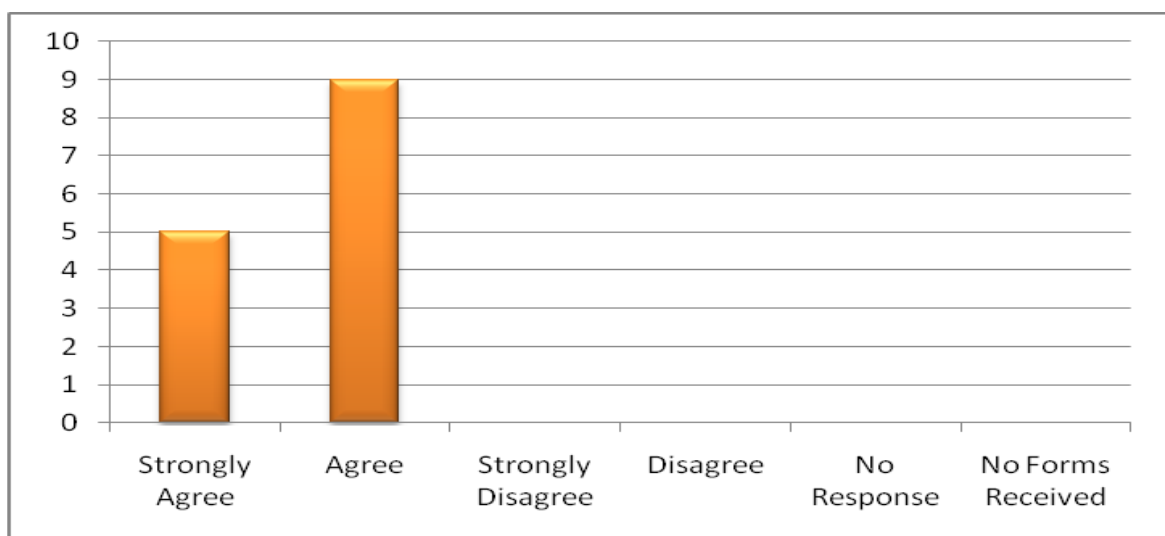




### 7. How would you score this meeting?



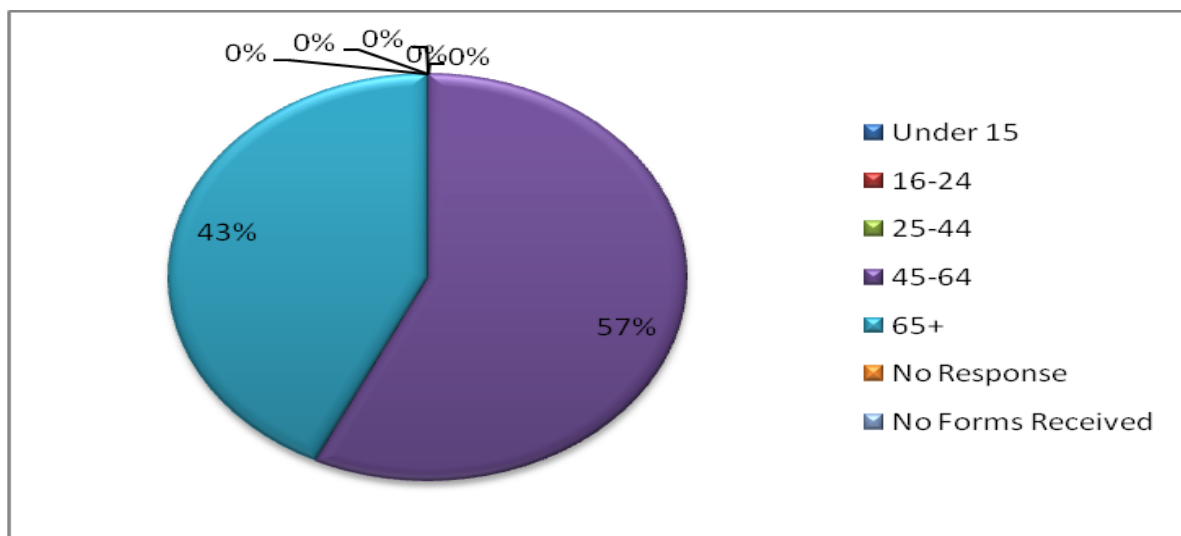
### 8. Was the venue suitable?



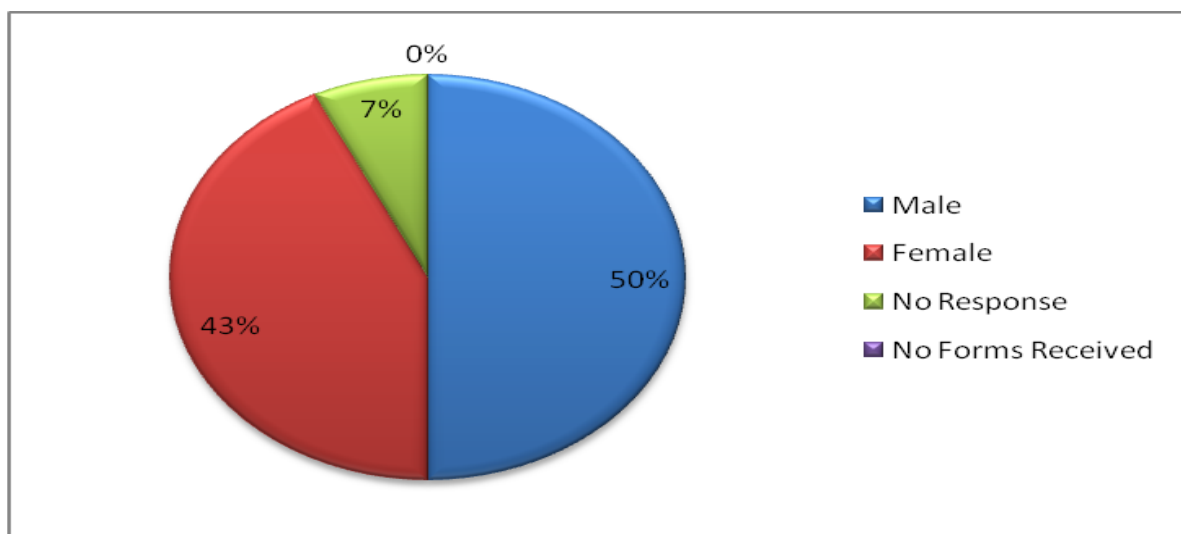
**9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.**

- Let's have another one when the council have looked at the results of the consultation.
- Council have an extremely difficult task removing essential services, the real answer is to allow councils to set their own council tax and government to reorganise the general taxation service to provide more money and to give councils an adequate grant.
- Very interesting meeting.

## Attendees Age Range



## Attendees Gender



Postcode			
IV30 8LL	IV32 7LX	IV30 8QH	
IV32 7	IV30 1RF	IV30 8LA	
IV32 7LP	IV30 8QJ	IV30 8LP	
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# **Elgin North ASG Community Workshop**

**Bishopmill Hall  
30.11.2012**

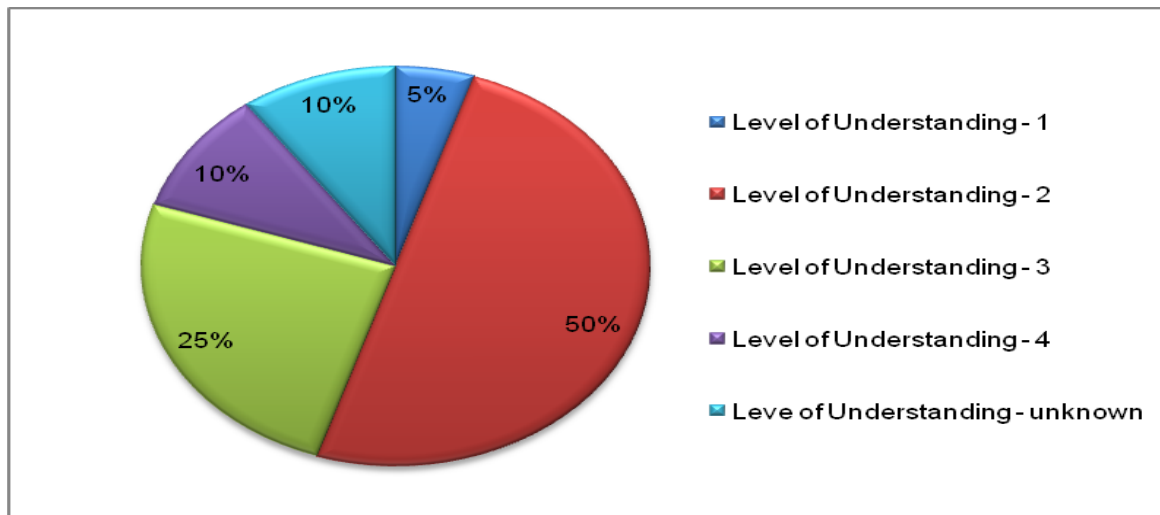
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**Elgin North 30.11.2012  
Bishopmill Hall**

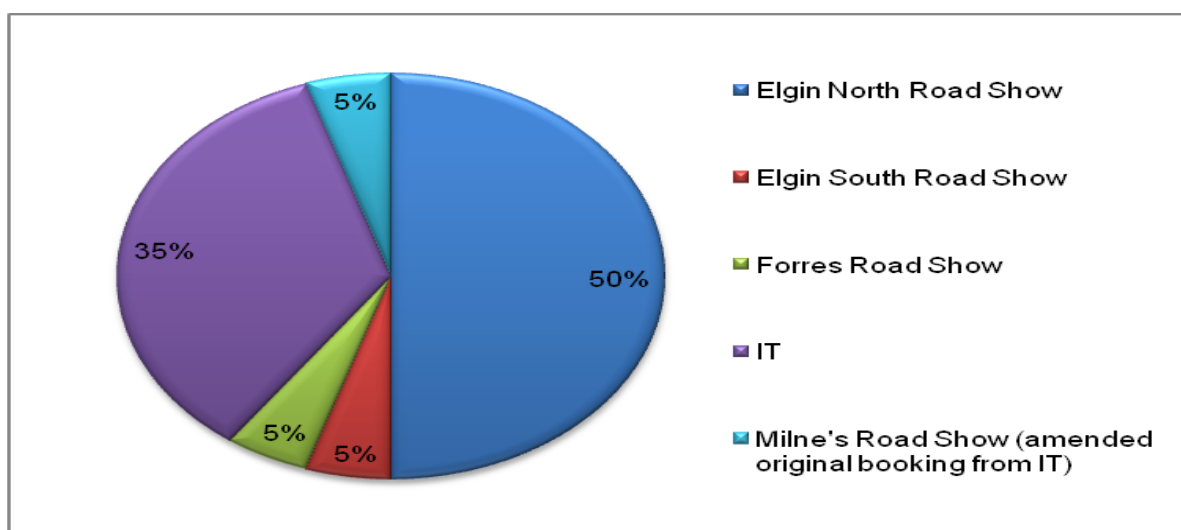
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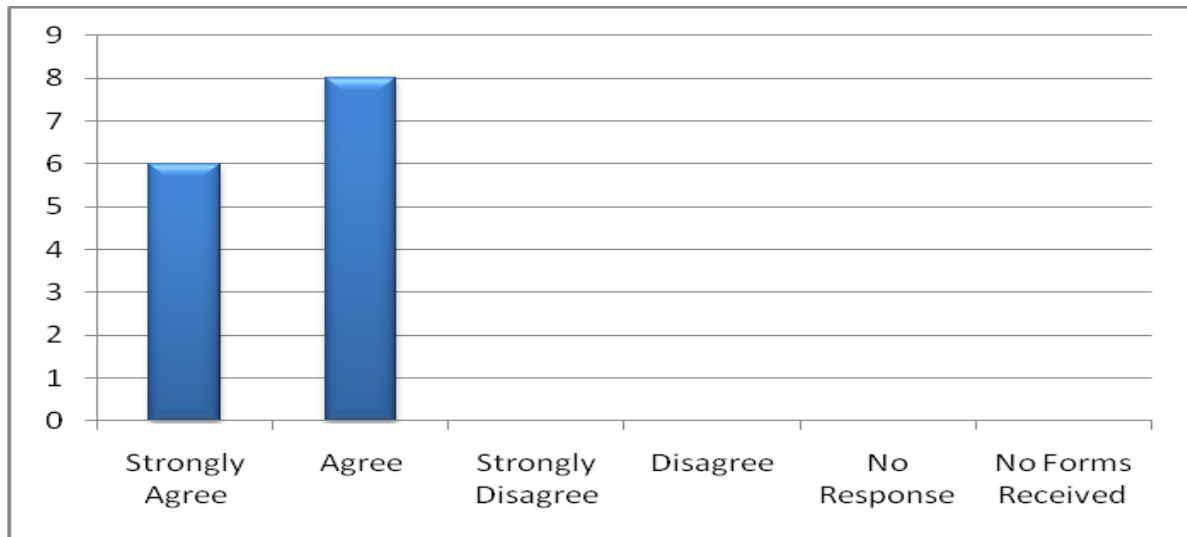
## **Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**



## **Origin of original booking**



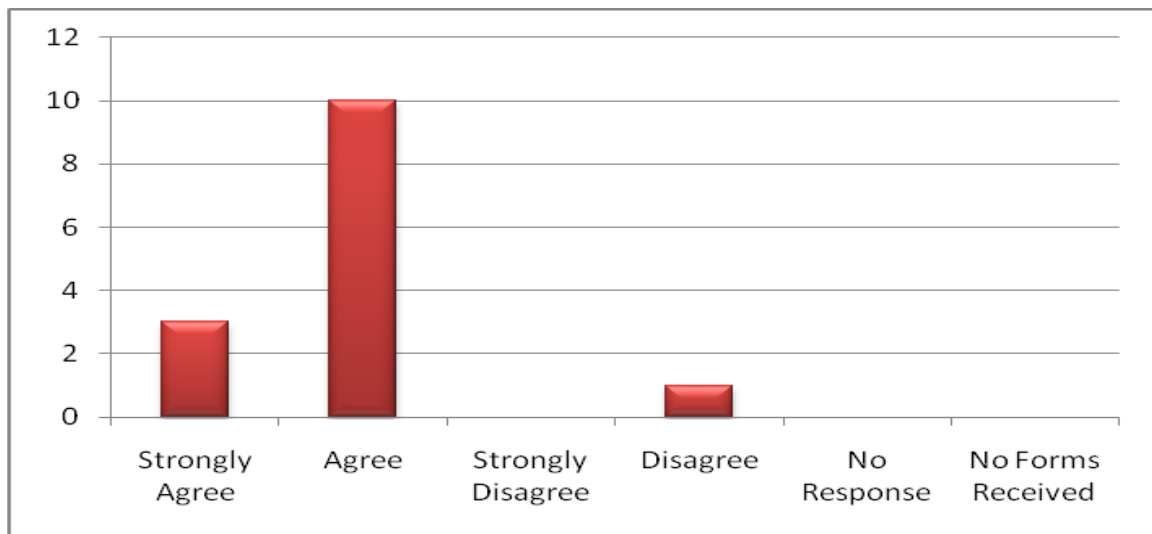
**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**



**Comments Received**

- More time was needed to discuss.
- Difficult to hear the instructions due to two Cllrs speaking.
- Good exercise put into a real context.

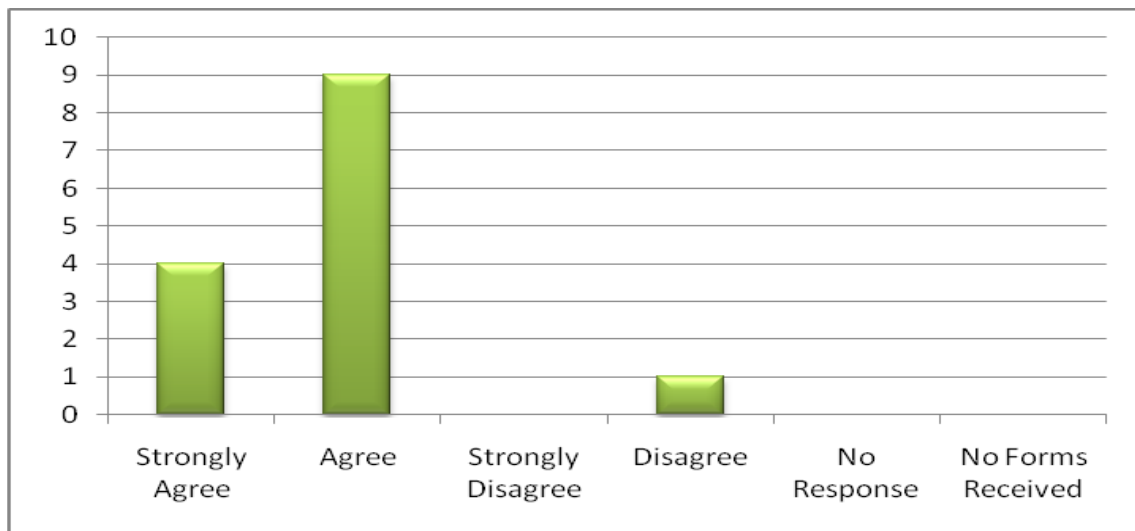
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- Unrealistic outcome.
- You realise that most services are Highest / High priority.
- Good group discussion.
- It gave an idea of what people were thinking – strong social conscience was apparent.
- Allowed us to see how others were looking.

### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?

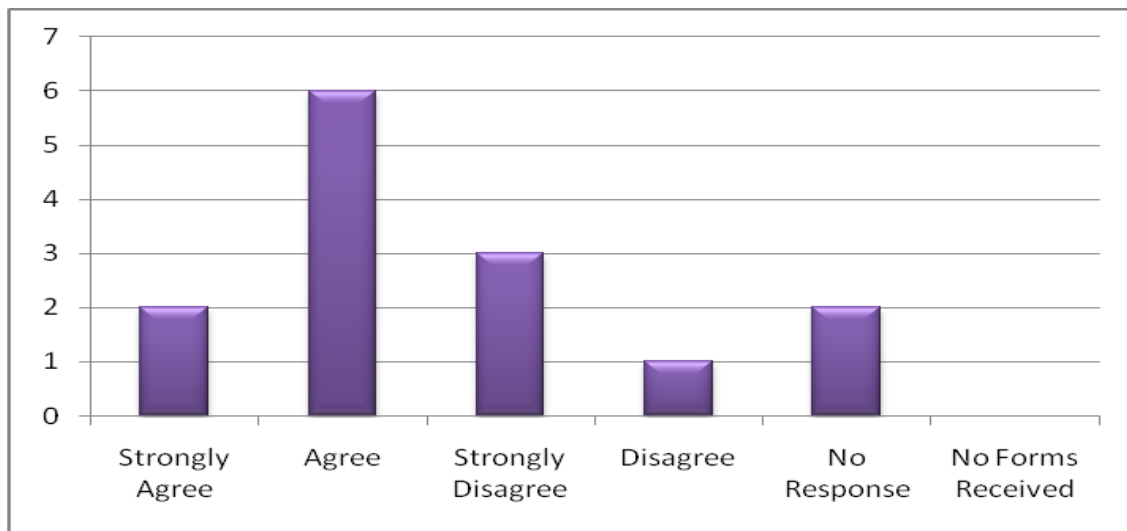


#### Comments Received

- Seemed to be a lack of understanding how from some people of what we needed to achieve.
- Time constraints meant that issues couldn't be fully discussed. Also some not quite getting point was to try to make savings and where.
- I saw no benefit in discussing things that are in the past – difficult for the facilitator. However it was a good exercise.
- Inadequate information.
- Allowed debate on issues.



#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



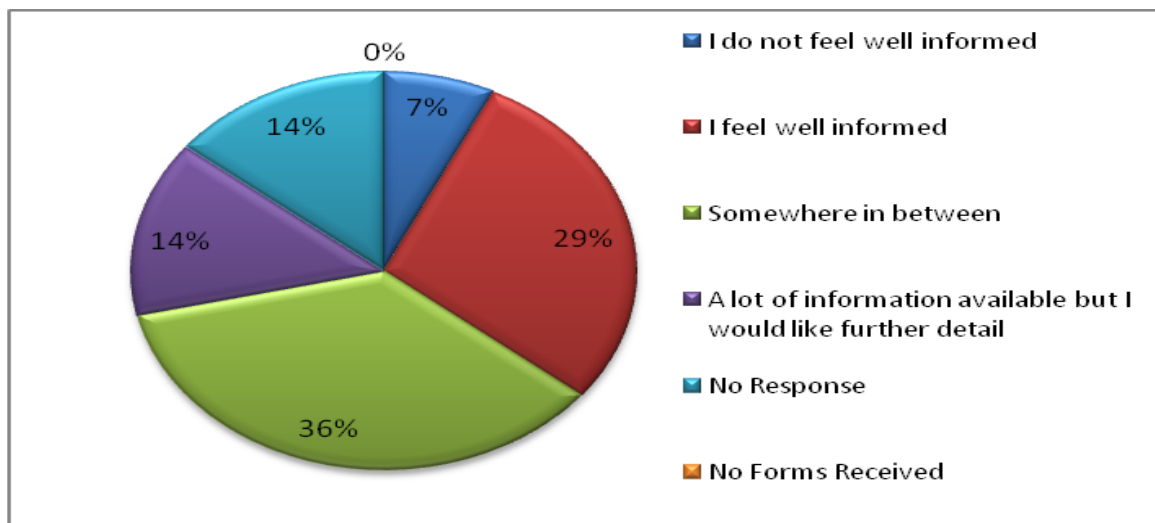
#### Comments Received

- As a fun exercise, much more difficult in reality.
- Good but need to mix up order of services as by end not enough time and people were losing reality.
- Perhaps not taken as seriously as it should but demonstrated the almost impossible task of saving money across the services.
- Impossible task for lay person.
- Reservations.
- Did not attend this.
- It is very easy to remove money from services without having the full information about them.
- Inadequate information.
- Give you a chance to look at different spends.

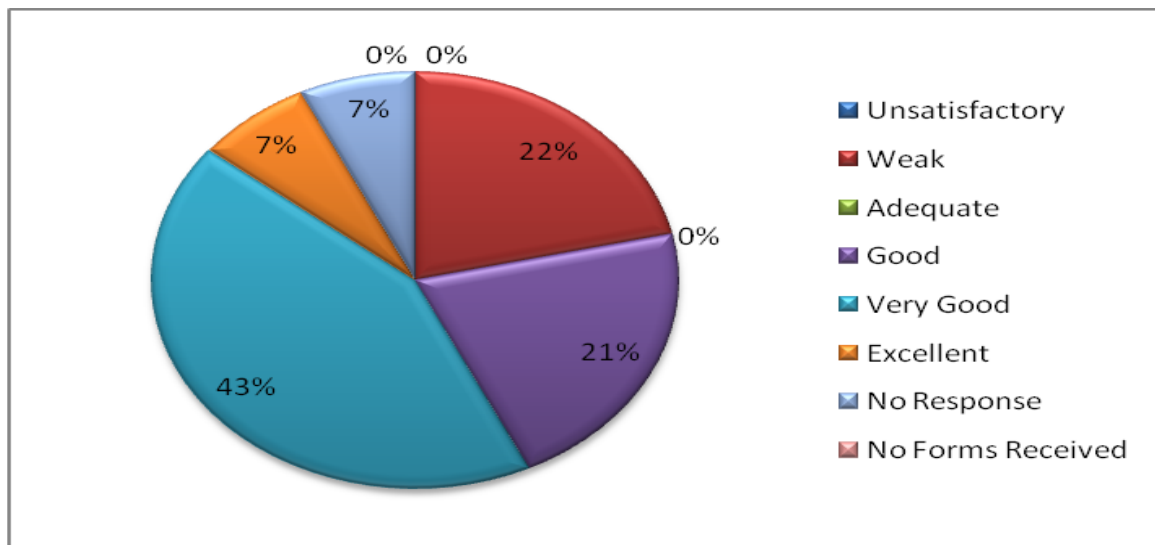
**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

- To know more about each individual departments. I don't feel I know enough about the councils workings.
- More information for council staff.
- Clear definition of areas.
- How much could be saved by closing different numbers of rural schools eg a much deeper knowledge is required.
- More detailed information in individual budgets.
- More of a break down on real lots ie losing £100,00 would mean ..... in each area.

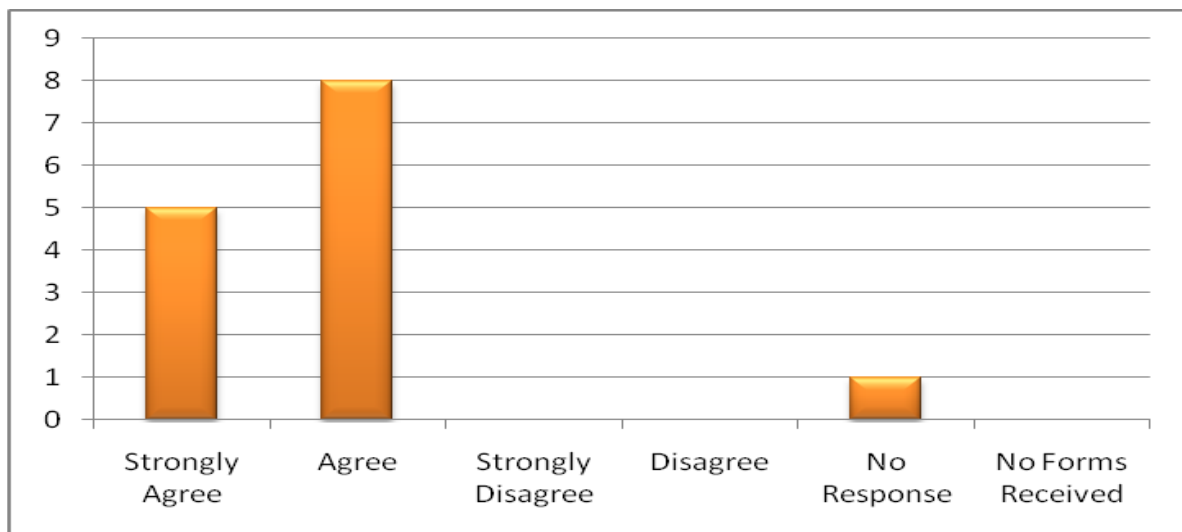
**6. Please indicate your level of understanding regarding the Moray Council Spending Priorities after participating this evening.**



## 7. How would you score this meeting?



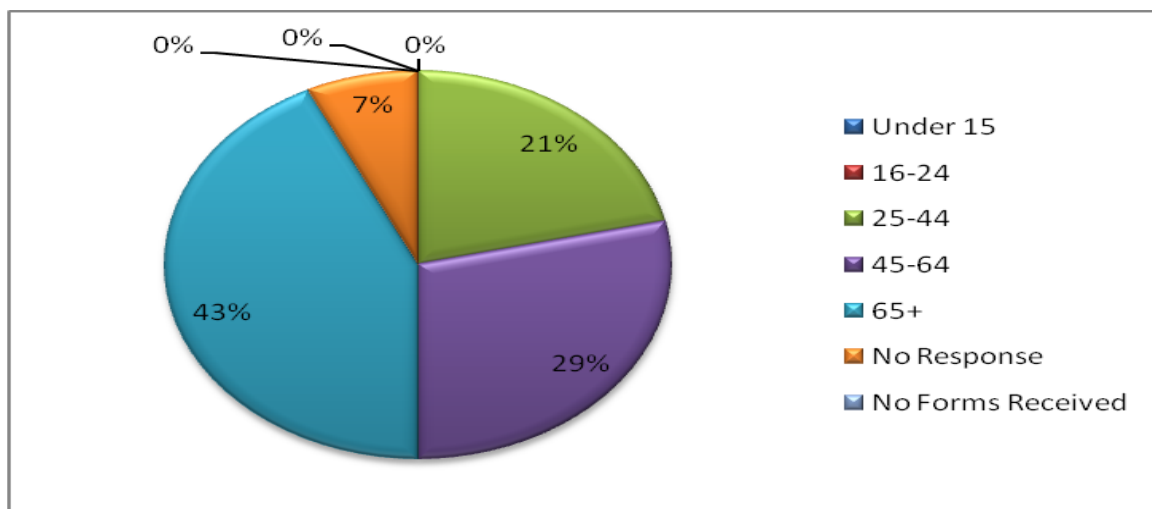
## 8. Was the venue suitable?



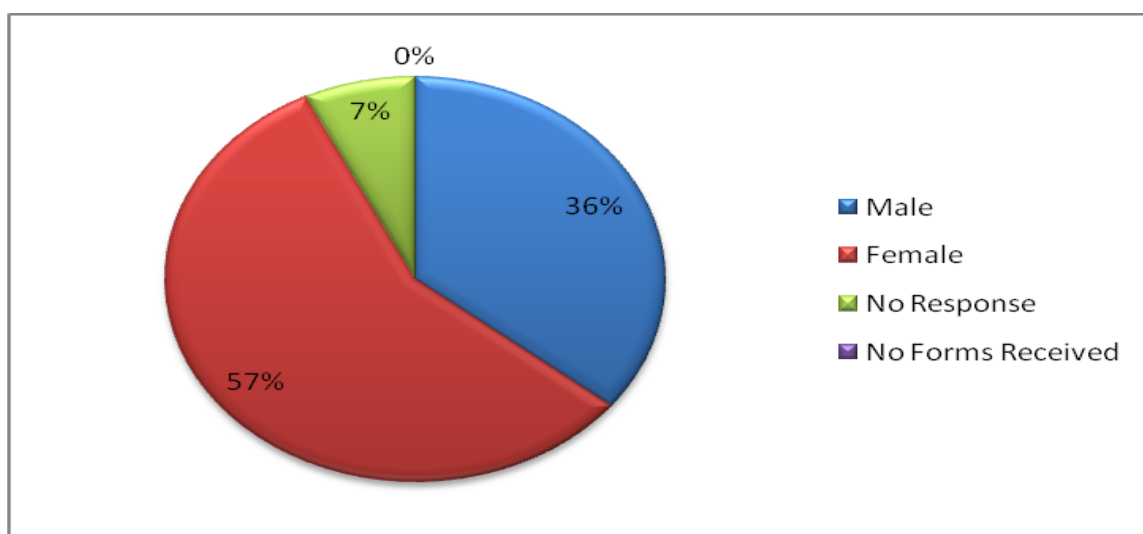
**9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.**

- Too many items to discuss and don't have the finer details.
- It was poorly attended but the whole exercise was not well advertised and it was unclear beforehand how they would work. Friday doesn't appear to me to be a very suitable night.

## Attendees Age Range



## Attendees Gender



Postcode			
IV30 5XF	IV30 4LY	IV30 4EX	
IV30 4NS	IV30	IV30 6Gp	
IV30 8UP	IV30 4JN		
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# **Speyside ASG Community Workshop**

**Fisherman's Hall  
04.12.2012**

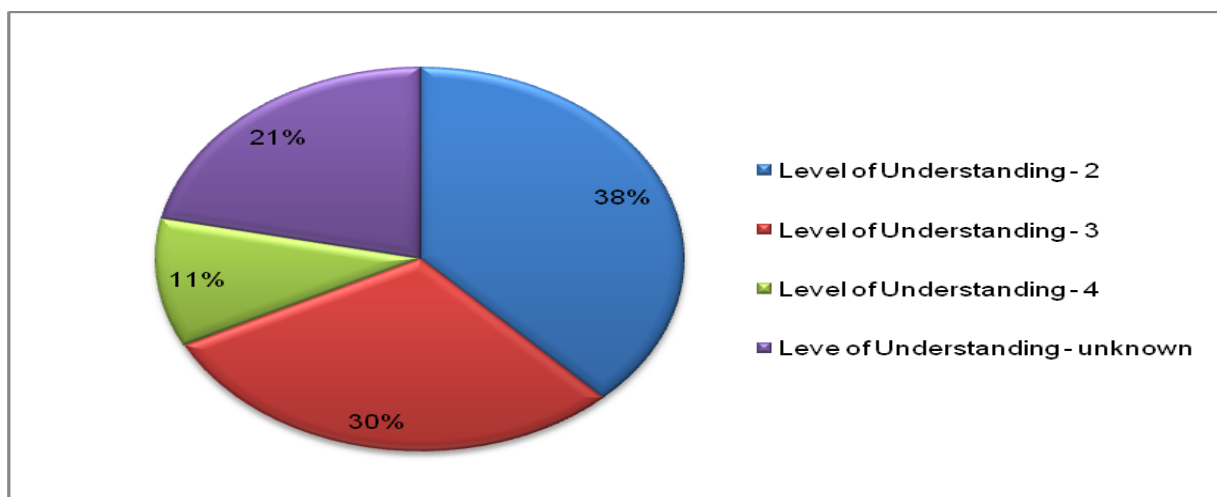
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**Speyside 04.12.2012  
Fleming Hall**

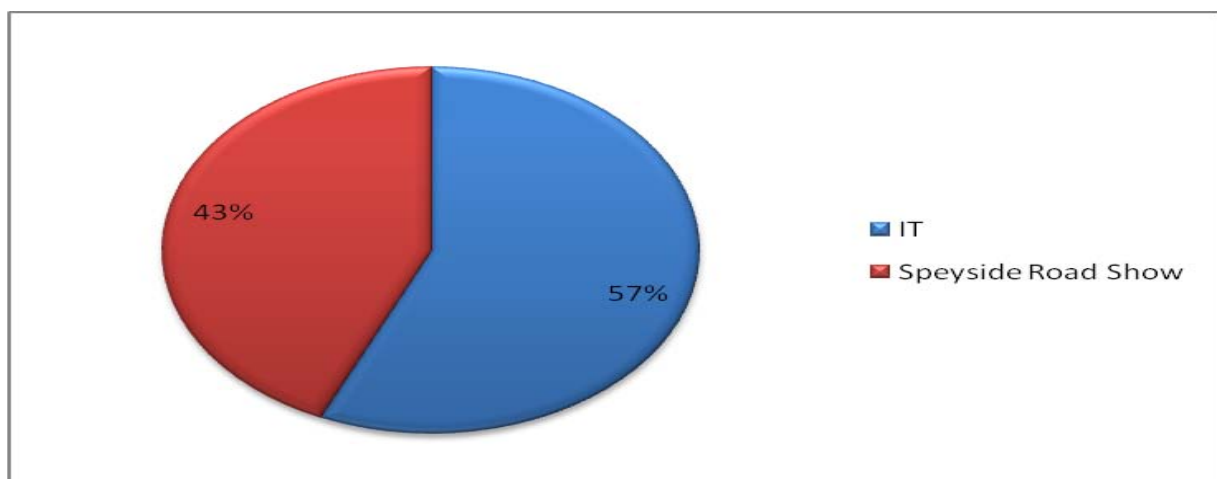
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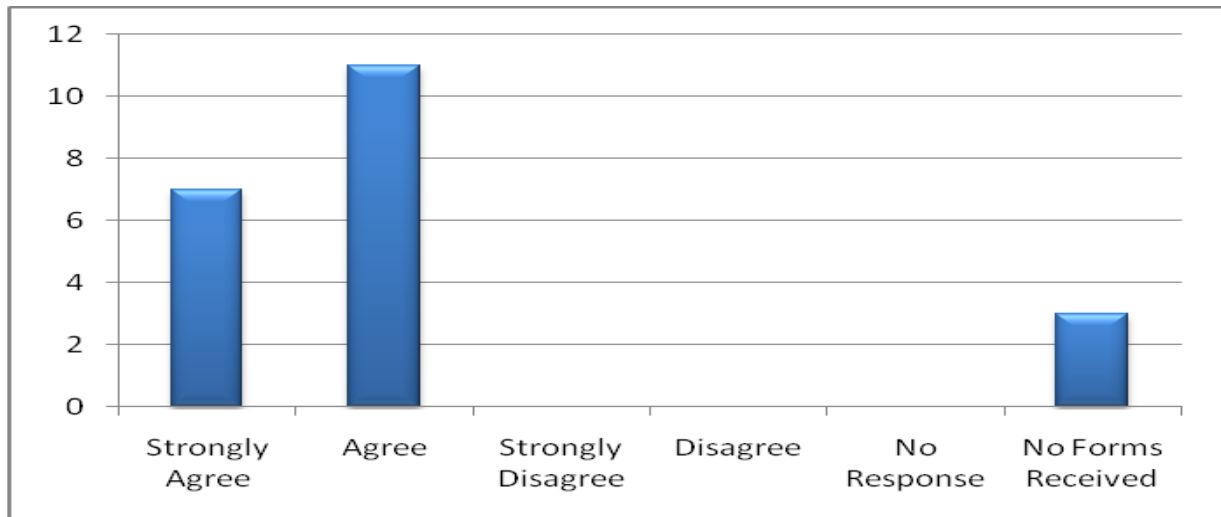
**Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**



**Origin of original booking**



**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**

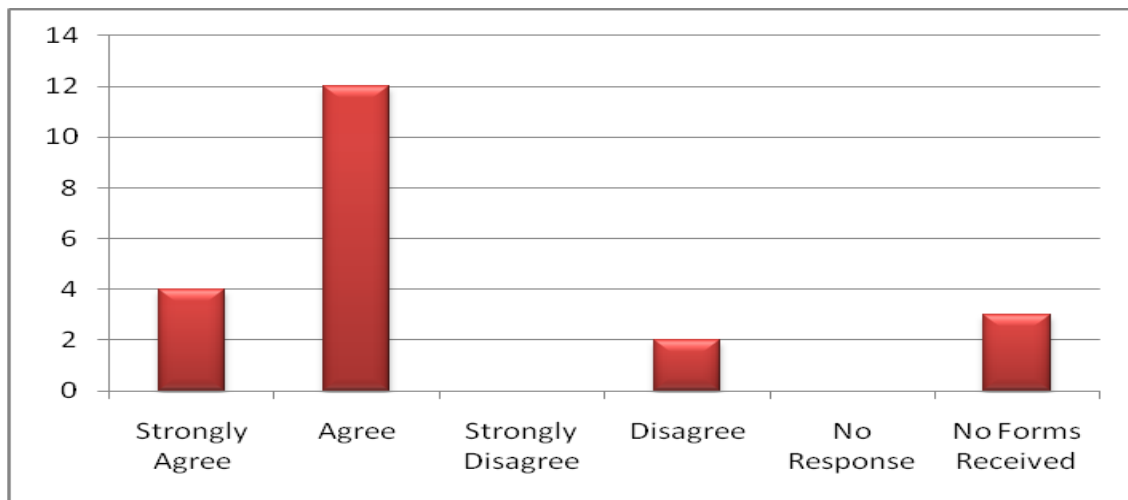


**Comments Received**

- It was well organised.
- But a fearsome task.
- Felt more like an exercise in letting us know whatever happens its been hard work.
- Yes and no, bit more information would have helped.



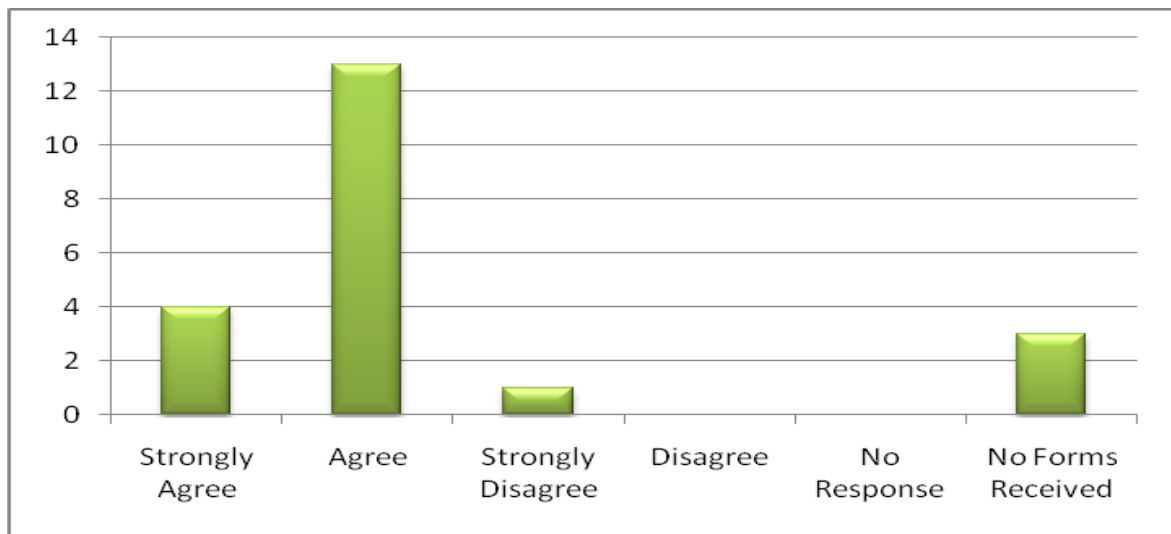
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- Good participation and facilitation.
- The headings need to be changed ie luxury (low) desirable (medium) essential (high) and vital (highest).
- Good activity as ice breakers – very emotive answers – you could have a good at guessing the outcome prior to the activity.
- Too blunt a tool.
- Not enough information to mean anything – no scope for drilling down to details.
- Okay but this was not reflective what was a clear majority and what was a marginal choice.

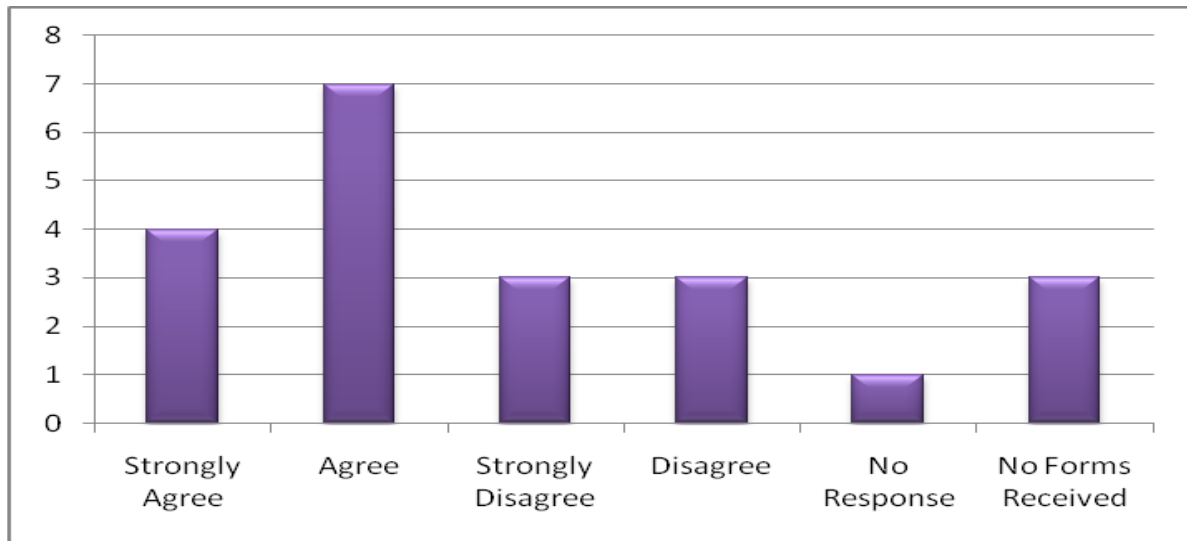
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- Good participation and facilitation.
- If there is a strong personality at the table that could impact on the theory of the discussion.
- Useful but pointless – interest groups use it to forward their case.
- Good for generating ideas, having questions answered.
- Lack of information made it difficult to prioritise areas of importance.
- Well chaired and useful.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



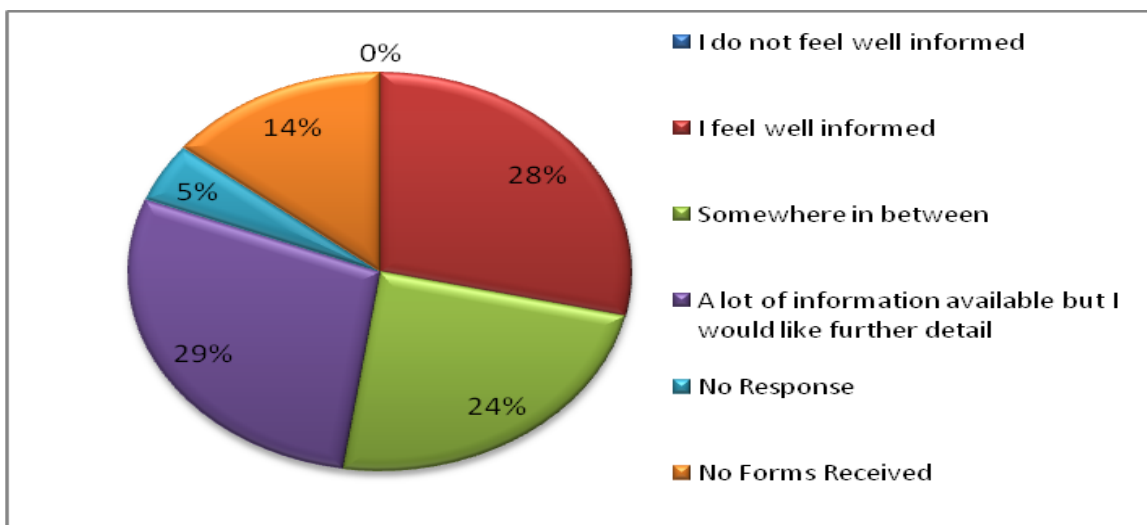
#### Comments Received

- A little unrealistic – but usually good.
- More critical information ie strategic spending information – difficult to see without income against the criteria.
- Not enough information.
- Not really.
- This exercise allowed you to look more across the council rather than targeting specific areas.
- It made the process a bit of a sham.
- Found it difficult in that we did not have the detail of the total individual figure we were asked to find savings.
- Was difficult to take money from certain groups as not sure where money being spent.
- Difficult to decide what to prioritise.
- A complete waste of time.

**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

- A few examples of nuts and bolts decisions the council has to make at the coal face would have been helpful.
- More critical information ie strategic spending information – difficult to see without income against the criteria.
- More subject headings when down further.
- More detailed knowledge of certain budgets and time.
- Where money being spent in full.
- A greater breakdown of departments.
- Information on breakdown.

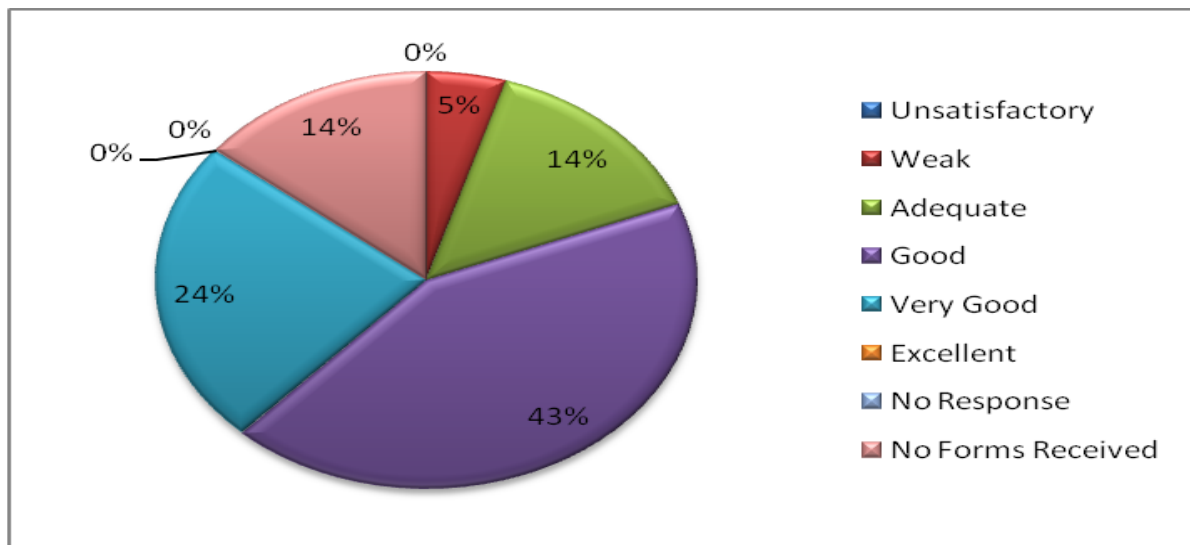
**6. Please indicate your level of understanding regarding the Moray Council Spending Priorities after participating this evening.**



**Comments Received**

- I don't think we learnt about Moray Council's priority at all.

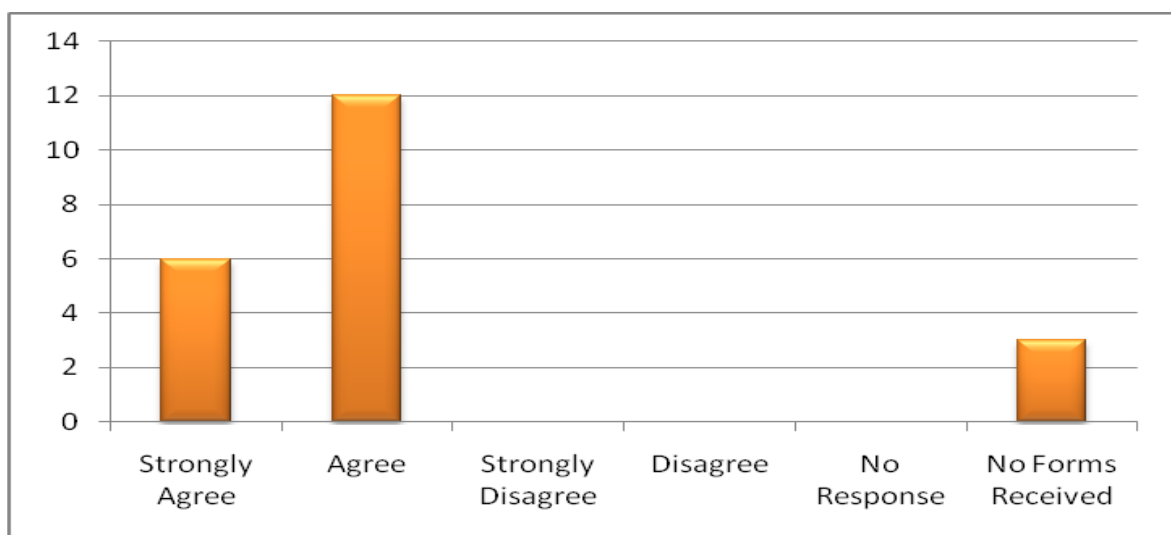
## 7. How would you score this meeting?



## Comments Received

- The facilitators / scribes and general organisation were excellent.

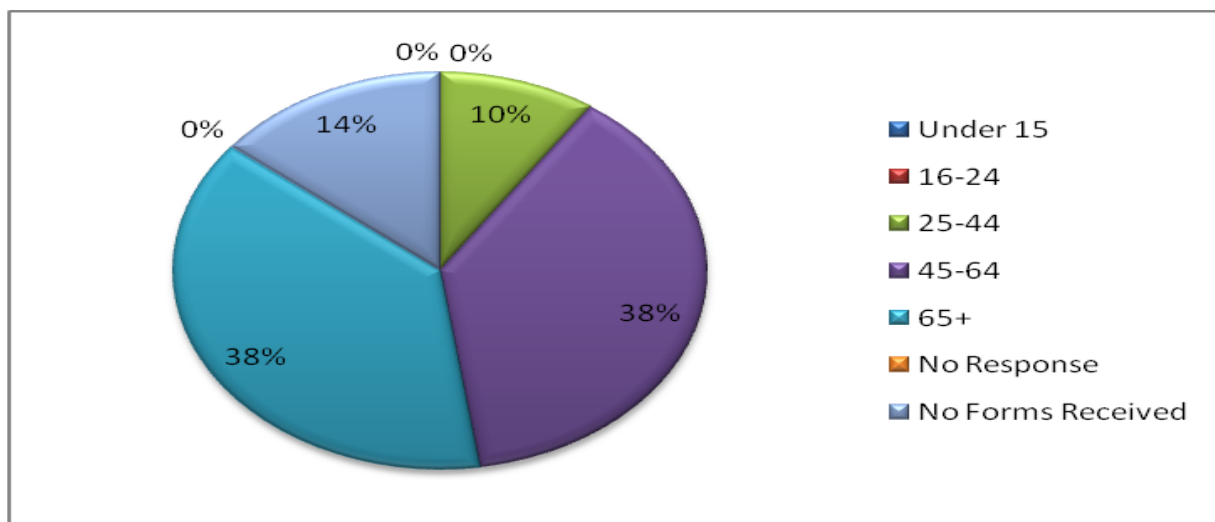
## 8. Was the venue suitable?



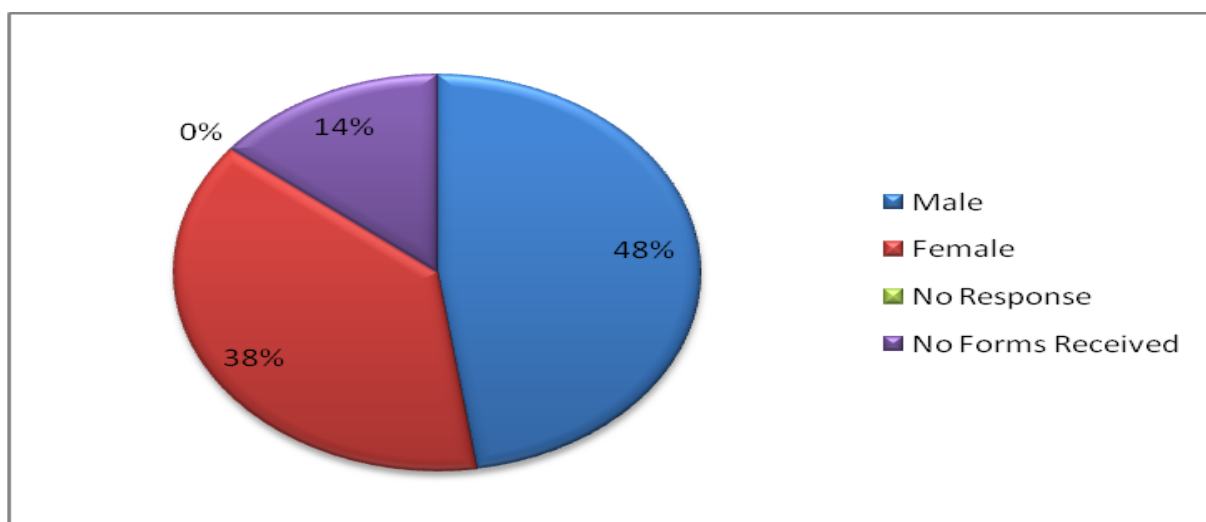
**9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.**

- I think that this is a very informative and creative way of engaging with the public, I don't think that anyone can say that the council did not give everyone the opportunity to have input.
- Well organised.
- Good organisation – the facilitators made the event – well done.
- Almost impossible to make realistic decisions on savings without knowing details of working practices of each area.
- Rather pointless – we have very little information.
- It was obviously a very centralised view of spending.
- Appeared to be some council people listening to comments.
- Very enlightening – glad I'm not on the council.

## Attendee Age Range



## Attendee Gender



Postcode			
AB38 9QX	AB37	AB38 7RB	
AB38 9TG	AB37 9BA	AB38 9LT	
AB38 7BA	AB38	AB38	
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**Laich ASG  
Community Workshop**

**Lossiemouth Town Hall  
06.12.2012**



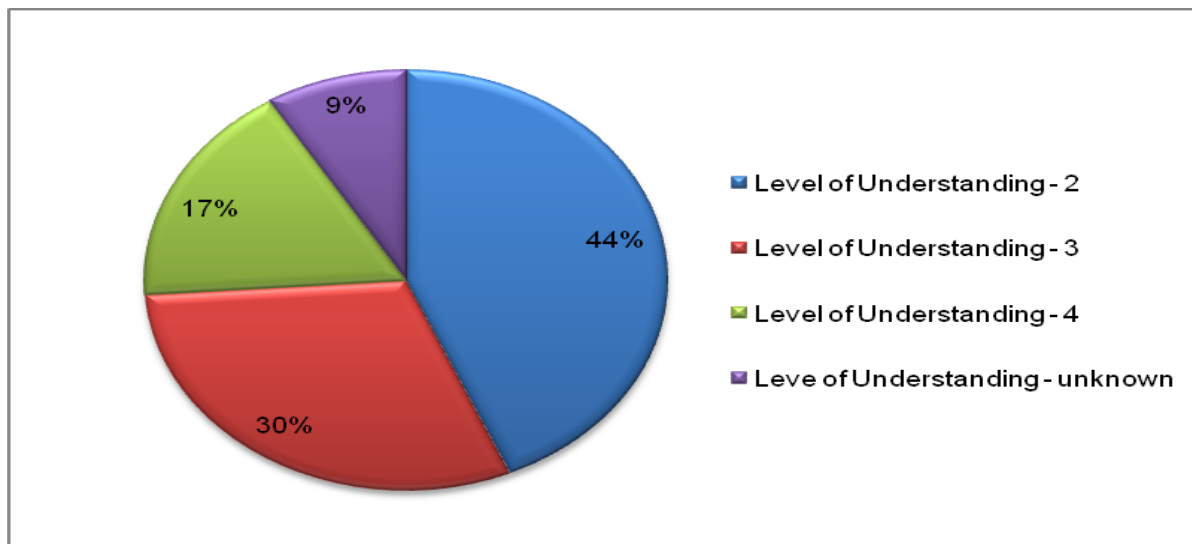
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**Laich ASG 06.12.2012  
Lossiemouth Town Hall**

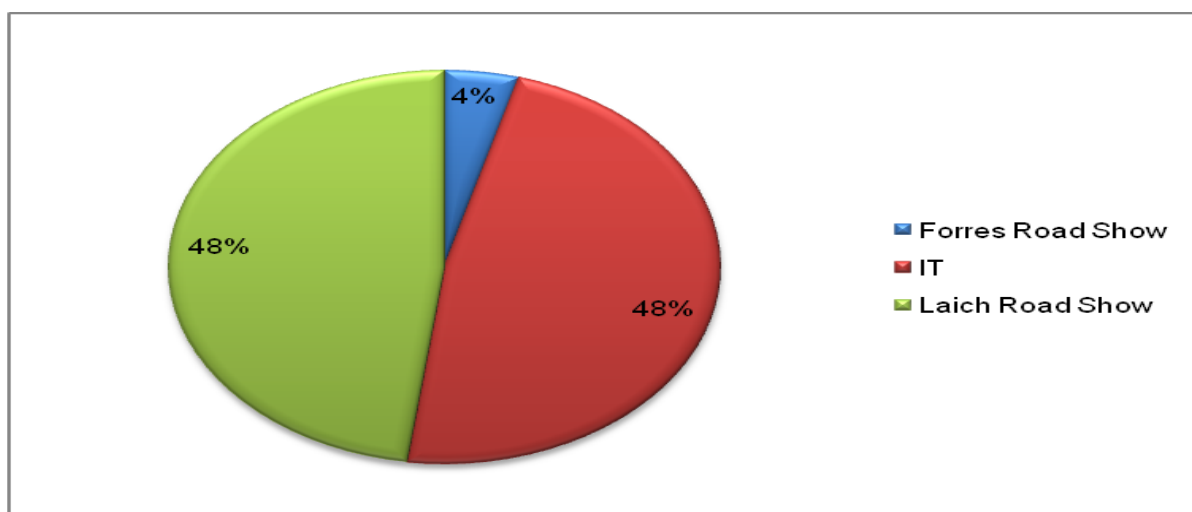
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<b>Number of Attendees</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Number of Evaluation Forms Completed</b>	<b>15</b>
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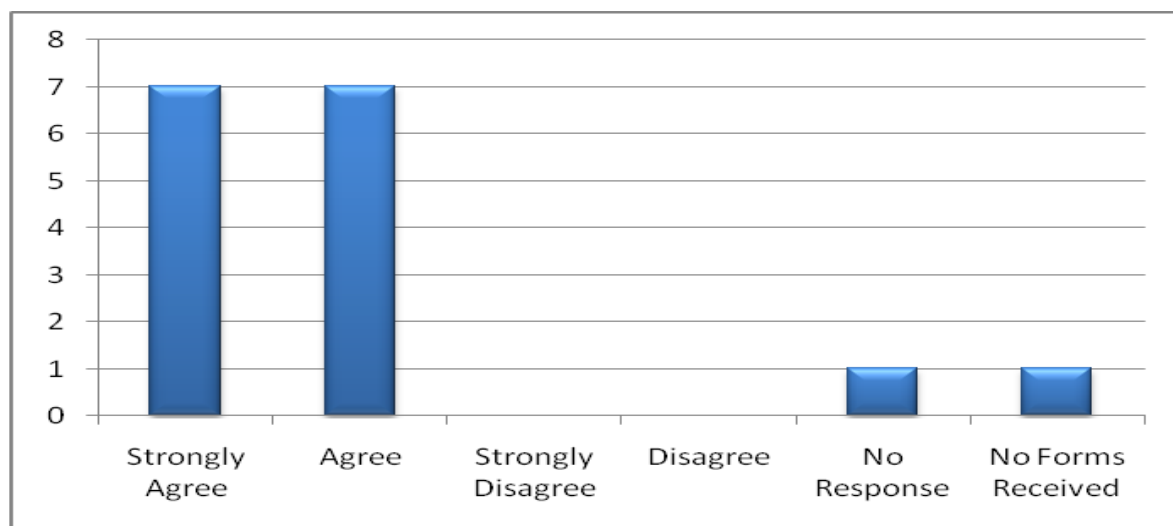
## **Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**



## **Origin of original booking**



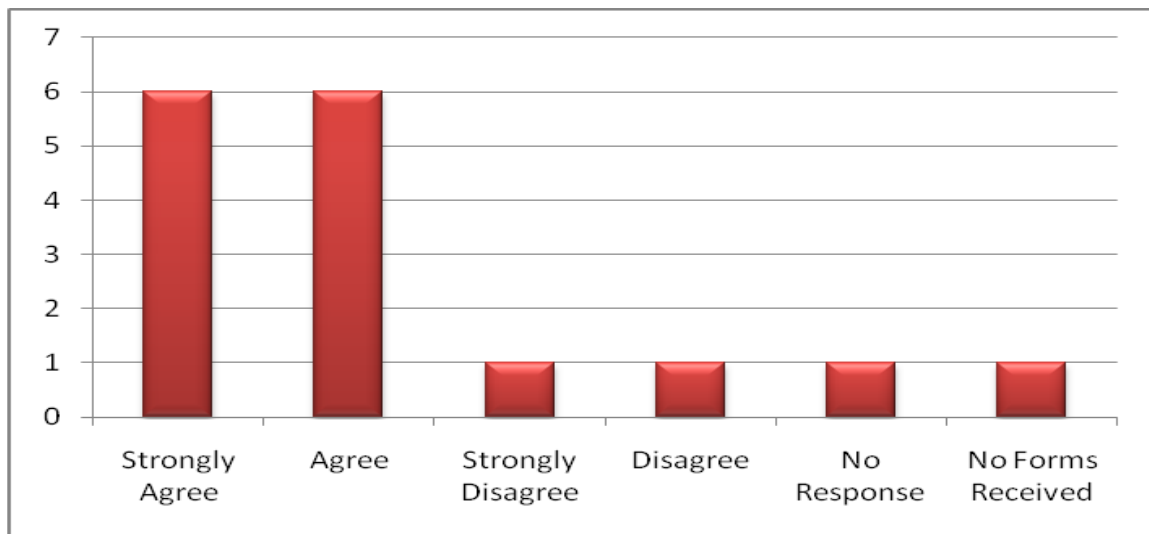
**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**



**Comments Received**

- The purpose was clear, the consequences of budget cuts less clear.

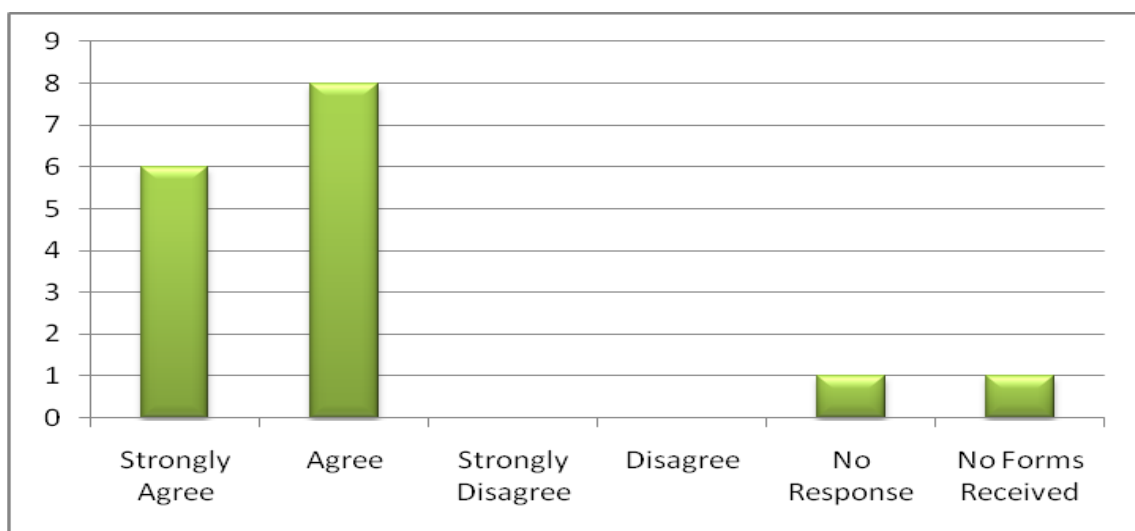
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- Good visual overview of priorities, though didn't translate into savings.
- Partially, ranking priorities is only of limited use as it takes no account of individual budget size, scope for efficiencies etc.
- Perhaps too rapid a process.

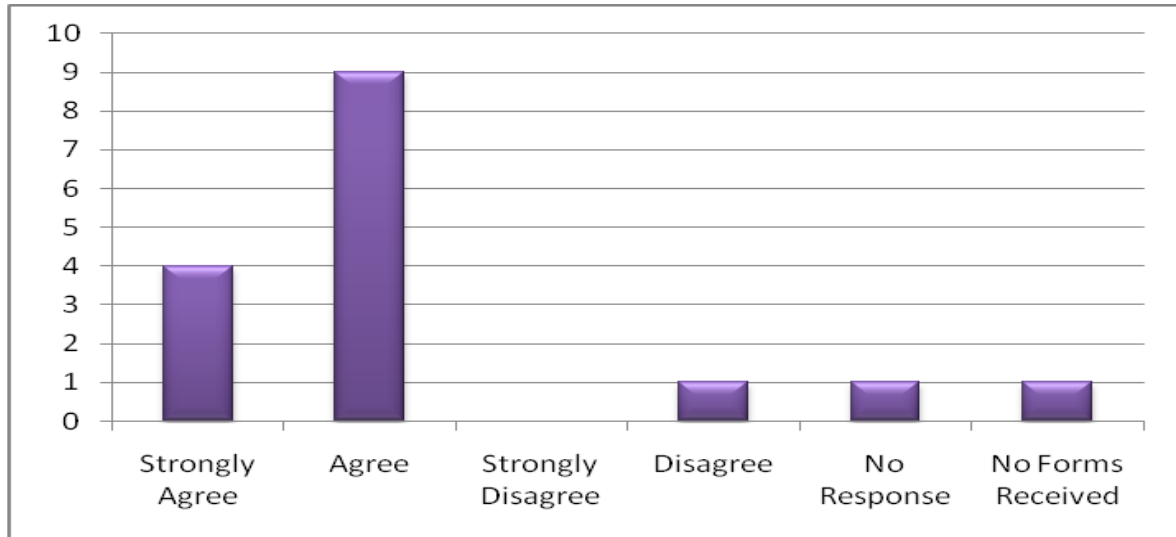
## 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



### Comments Received

- Everyone contributed.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



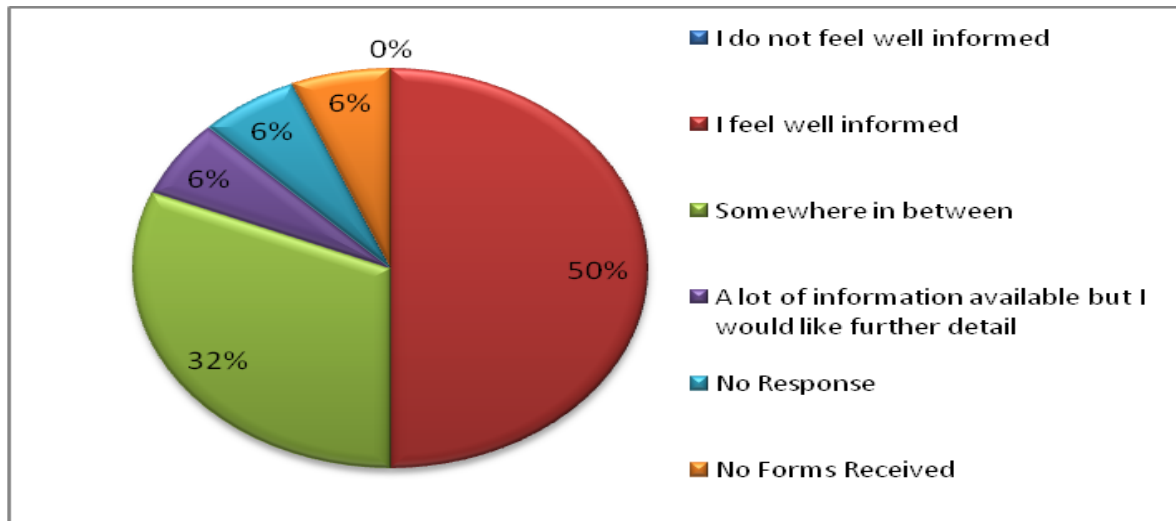
#### Comments Received

- Difficult exercise.
- Made it real.
- Have no idea on values that you would attach to savings.

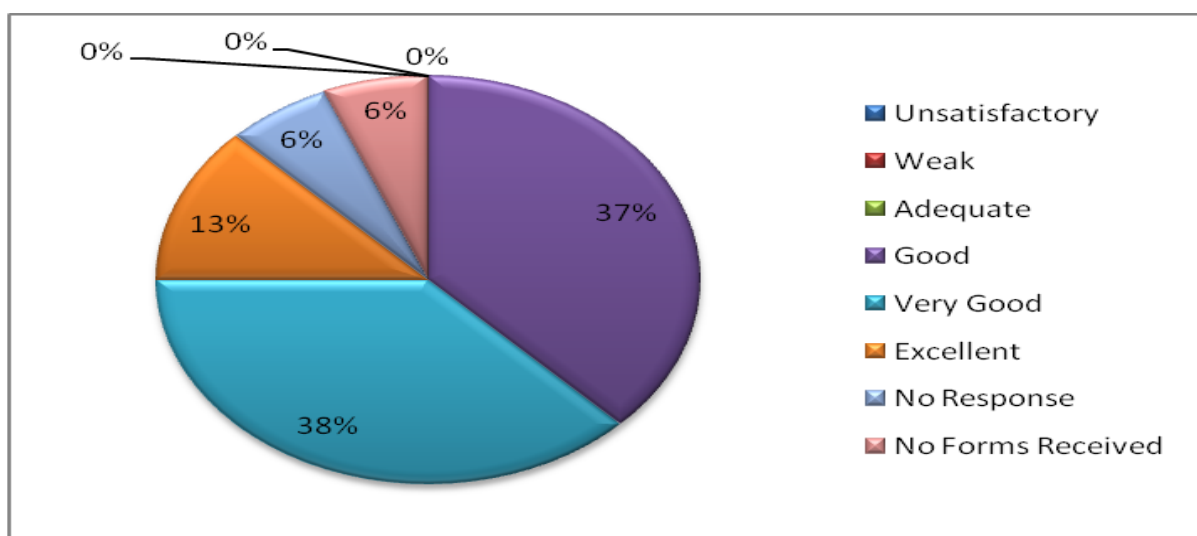
#### 5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?

- An indication of what work has been done to identify consequences of budget cuts in any particular sections / department.
- Too conflicted to benefit.
- Breakdown of spending what is covered.
- Maybe straightforward opportunity to say what you want to keep eg DofE, Support Services and Lossiemouth Pool.
- Some pre information regarding the content of each heading would have been most useful.
- More detail about spending eg school rolls, numbers of people involved.

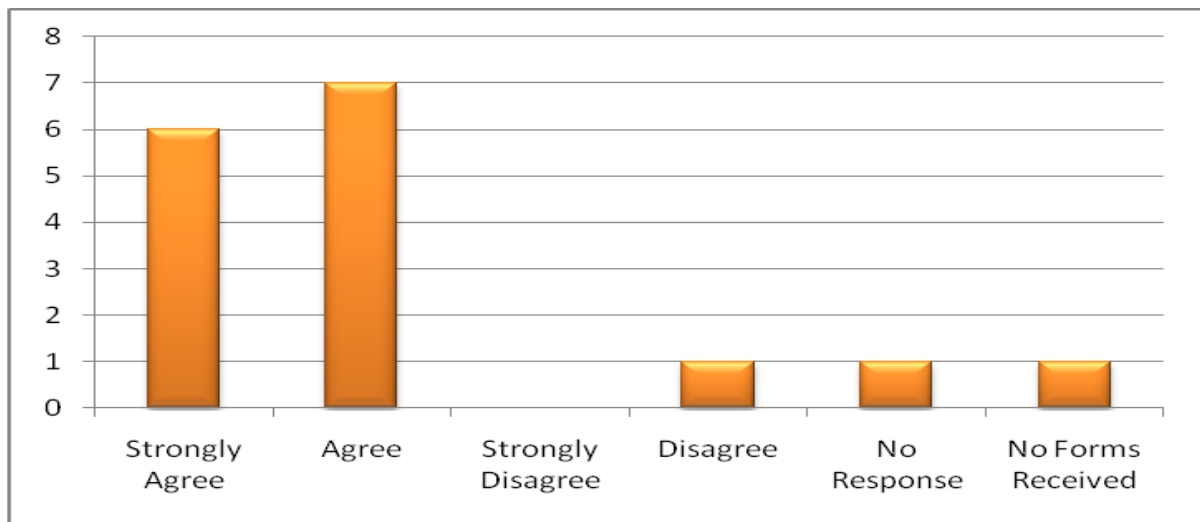
**6. Please indicate your level of understanding regarding the Moray Council Spending Priorities after participating this evening.**



**7. How would you score this meeting?**



## 8. Was the venue suitable?



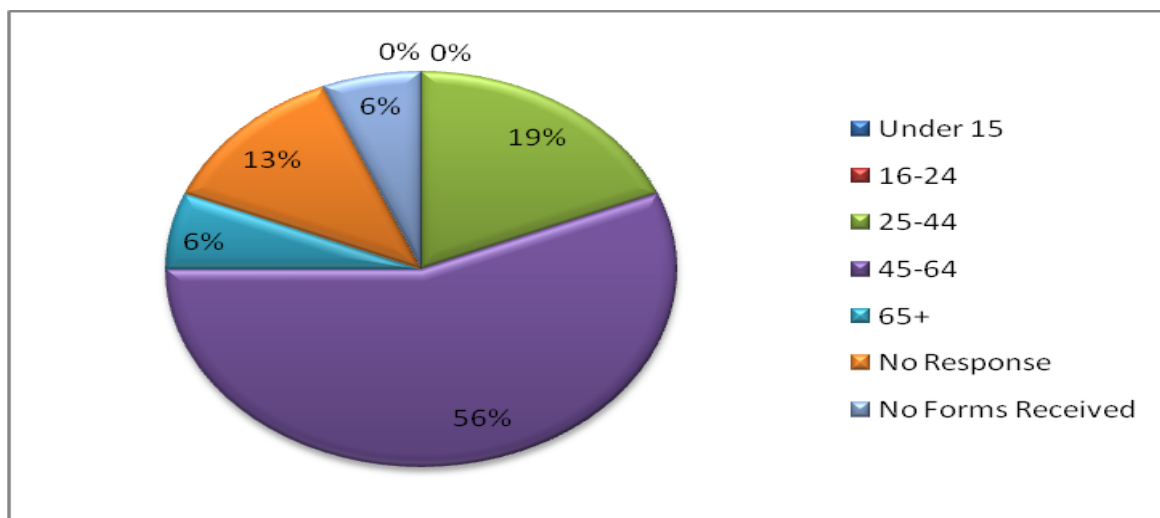
### Comments received

- A bit cold.

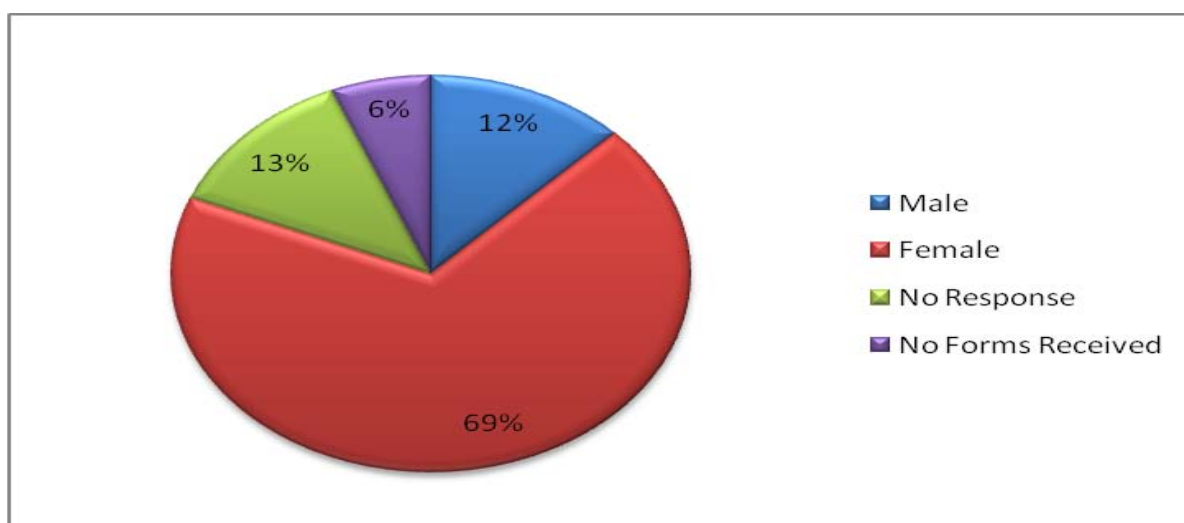
## 9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.

- Where are the majority of Moray?

## Attendee Age Range



## Attendee Gender



Postcode			
IV30 5QS	IV31 6LH	IV31	
IV30 5SE	IV30 5HA	IV31 6Qp	
IV31 6RJ	IV30 FLG	IV30 5XB	
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# **Secondary Schools Workshop**

**Elgin Academy  
13.12.2012**



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**Secondary Schools 13.12.12  
Elgin Academy**

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<b>Number of Original Bookings</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Number of Attendees</b>	<b>59</b>

<b>Number of Evaluation Forms Completed</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Number of Evaluation Forms Not Completed</b>	<b>3</b>

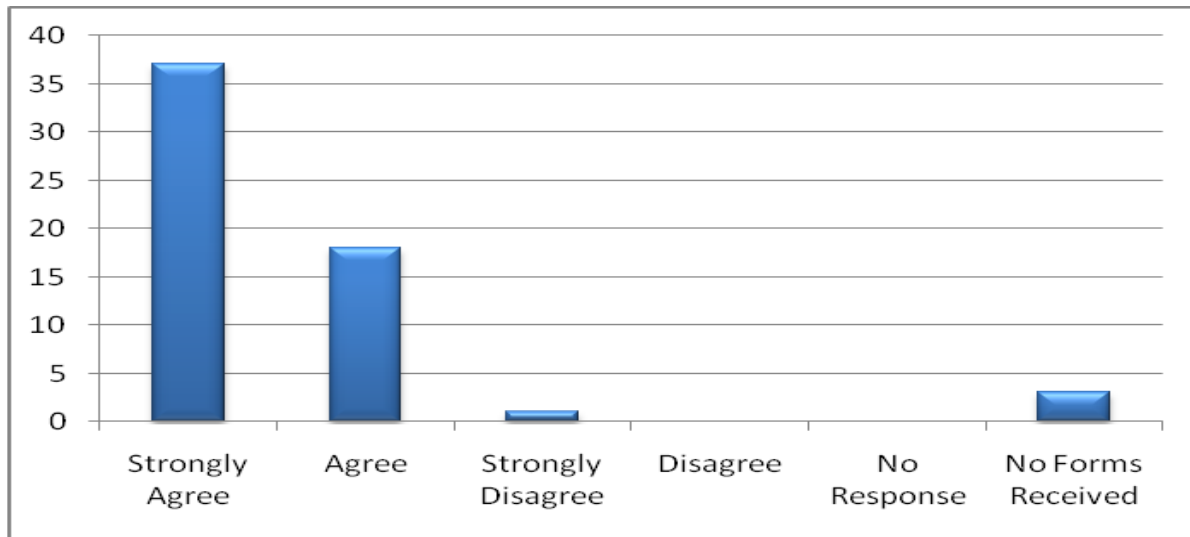
**Level of Understanding prior to Workshop of those originally booked**

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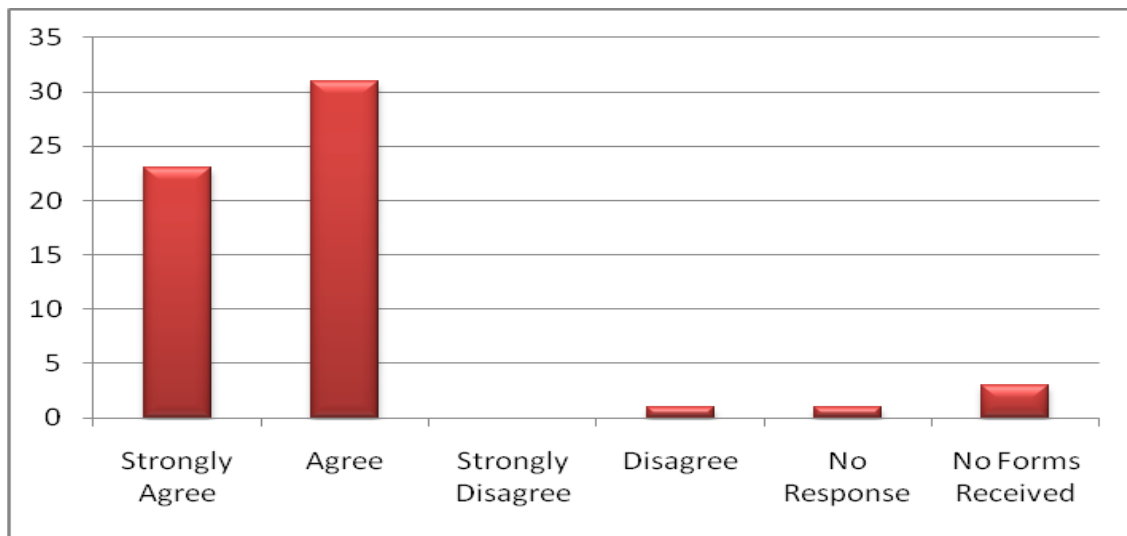
**1. Do you feel that the purpose of the Consultation Workshop was made clear to you?**



**Comments Received**

- When first entering I was unsure of the purpose but found the speakers extremely direct and helpful.
- It was great to see how everyone thinks about the importance of stuff that is really important to us.
- Well explained.
- Not sure what to expect but was explained during.
- To find out more about budget.
- It helped to have an insight.
- All of the instructions of what to do were very clear.
- We were informed of the aim clearly.
- All instructions and purpose of instructions was made very clear.
- It was very well organised and I understood everything.
- It has allowed me to realise the actual problem faced by the council in cutting funds.
- Its made my understanding of what the council spend their money on more clearly and that it is not a choice to cut down on spending, it's a must.
- It gave a clear understanding what the money gets spent on.
- It let us know everything about the workshop.

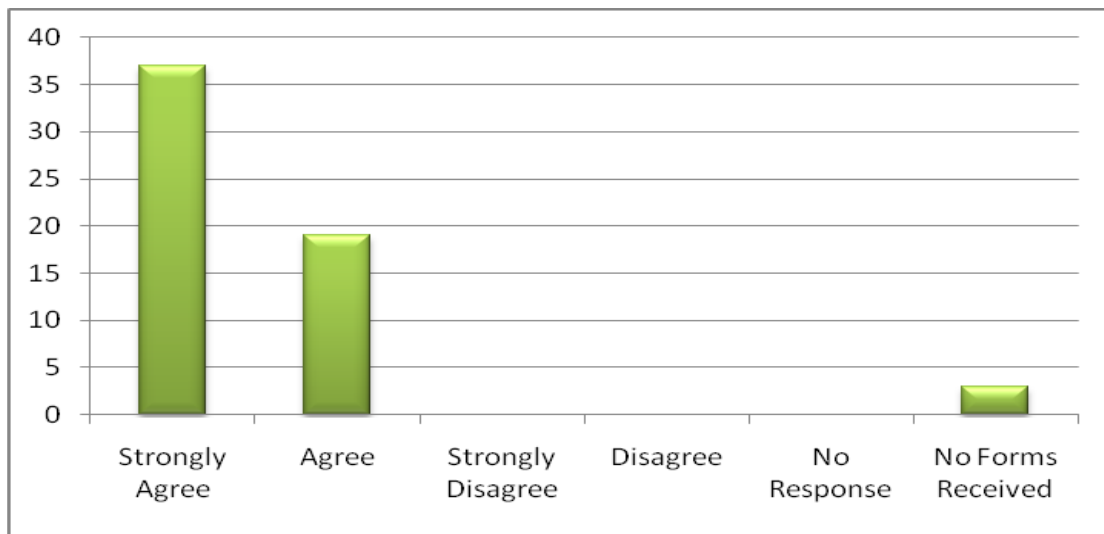
## 2. Did you find the format of Activity 1, “Ask the Audience” useful?



### Comments Received

- My views are different from others.
- Was enjoyable, got us comfortable.
- It was good and got us thinking.
- Helped show the extent of the task.
- Plainly see what areas everyone felt were important and redundant.
- Majority viewpoint although many thoughts split.
- Did not know facts and figures to make a decision.
- Was a little 'slap dash' as it was just a slight guesstimate.
- Good fun and interesting.
- I found it useful because it pointed out to me the different levels of importance the services are.
- It was interesting to see other people's views that were our age.
- I found it useful to see how everyone agreed on a large part about what was important.
- Allowed everyone to vote, see majority views.
- It didn't personally give a good show of money.
- It let me see what an overall people agree and disagree on.
- It was interesting to see opinions of other schools.
- Highlighted what other people my age think about different issues.
- It let us see the services and how important / or not they were.

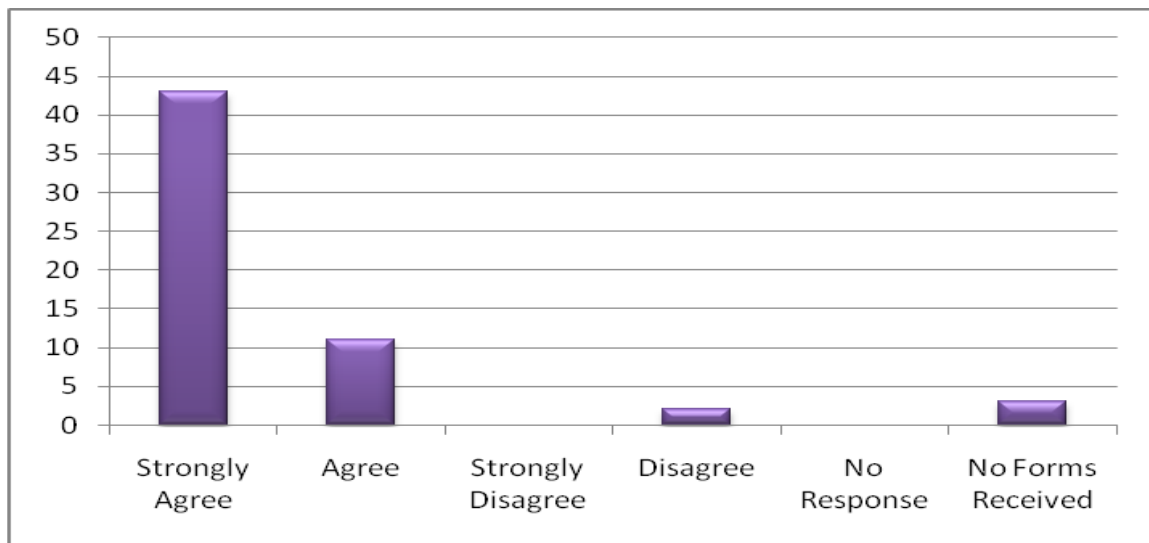
### 3. Did you find the format of Activity 2, “Group discussions” useful?



#### Comments Received

- We got to give our views.
- It was useful but some opinions were overshadowed.
- It was nice to get opinions and find out where everything goes.
- Helped express everyone's views.
- Helped us understand the needs for certain services.
- Good for background knowledge, but didn't do too much.
- Understand more on what's being spent on.
- Facts and figures help.
- Very good, the council members are very handy / informative.
- Was interesting to hear everyone's opinions.
- It helped me think about the different services and what they do.
- It was very interesting to find out about the different services. I feel I know a lot more about the services.
- Very interesting to get an insight into different departments.
- Helped everyone to put views across.
- It was hard to discuss how to cut when it needs to be take off the small things and we couldn't discuss the little details.
- The best activity.
- Allowed an overall and accurate.
- Again more opinions shared.
- It allowed us to find out more about the services.

#### 4. Did you find the format of Activity 3, “Moray Money” useful?



#### Comments Received

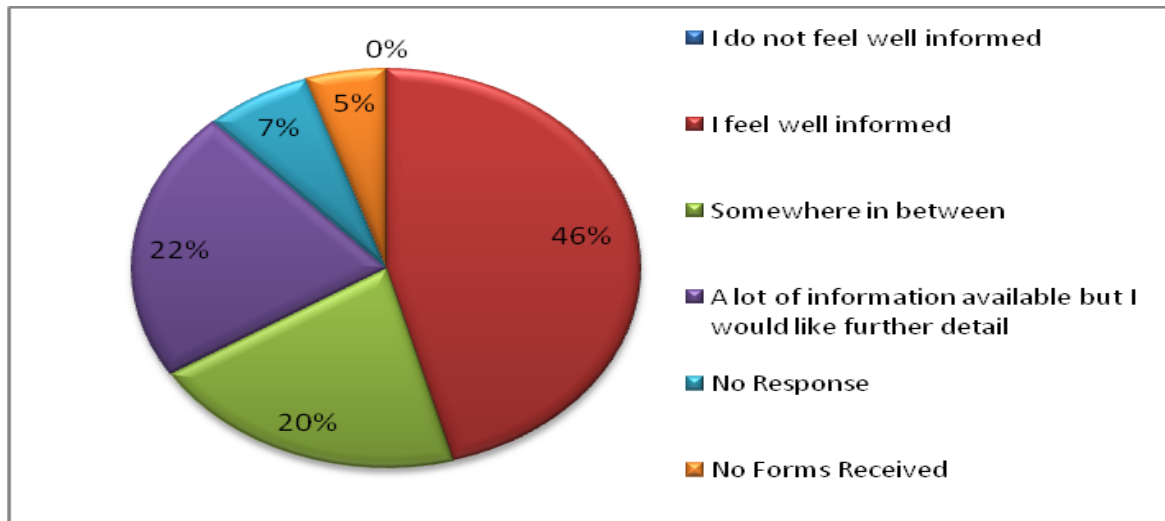
- I think people our age don't know much about money.
- Find out how difficult it is to save.
- Very fun, felt like a council member.
- It was useful to be put in the position where you have to start selecting more important services.
- It was good to visualise the cuts needing to be made.
- Showed the extent that the council have as a problem.
- It helped us understand how the money is divided in Moray and allowed us to convey our own opinions over budgets.
- Could see how hard it is to make cuts.
- Understand its more difficult to make decisions on budget cuts.
- Helped understand budget cuts in certain areas.
- It was good fun.
- Should be useful to the council.
- I found it useful because it made me think and the money spent on the services.
- It was fun and educational.
- It was very fun.
- Great idea, learnt a lot.
- Allowed people to see how difficult it is to make cuts.
- Superb.
- I don't believe that the competitive element was very helpful as it stopped people from thinking about the consequences also there was not enough time to do it properly.
- Was a good idea for a task, fun but realistic as you would have to think of the consequences even though it isn't realistic.

- Allowed a real life feel and accurate image of the issues and funds.
- It allowed you to see how much money is actually being spent and how much needs to be cut.
- It gave us the opportunity to remove money from services that we don't find as useful.

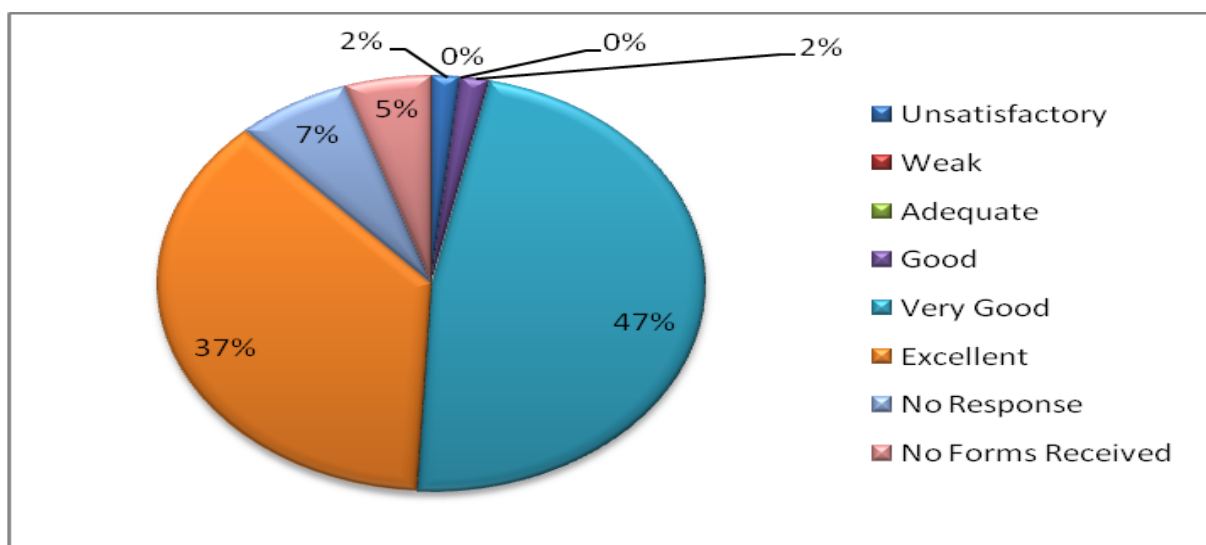
**5. What further information would have been useful to help you or your organisation to respond constructively to the meeting?**

- Maybe more information of the purpose of each scheme.
- To know what was going on.
- More information beforehand.
- I think all we had was enough.
- It was interesting to see what is actually needing to be saved and how difficult it is to do so.
- What the actual plans are.
- Facts before workshop.
- Follow up on the decisions that were made.
- What we would have to really think about.
- It would be useful to know what the council wanted to cut.
- Told what was being proposed to be cut by the council.
- N/A – it was really well done and laid out.
- More information about the council money and government money.
- Information sheets on each of the main topics.

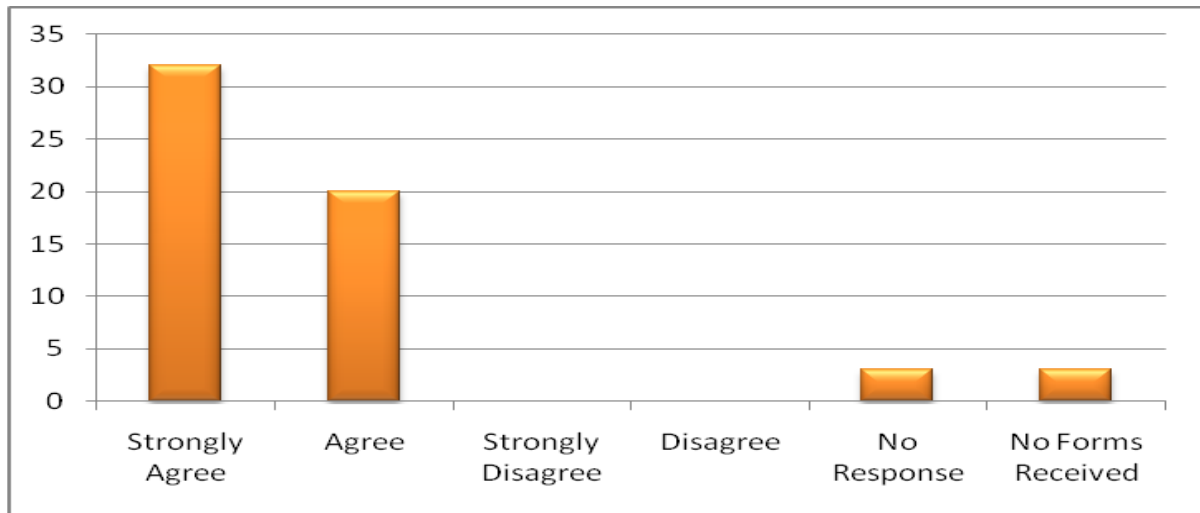
**6. Please indicate your level of understanding regarding the Moray Council Spending Priorities after participating this evening.**



**7. How would you score this meeting?**



## 8. Was the venue suitable?



### Comments Received

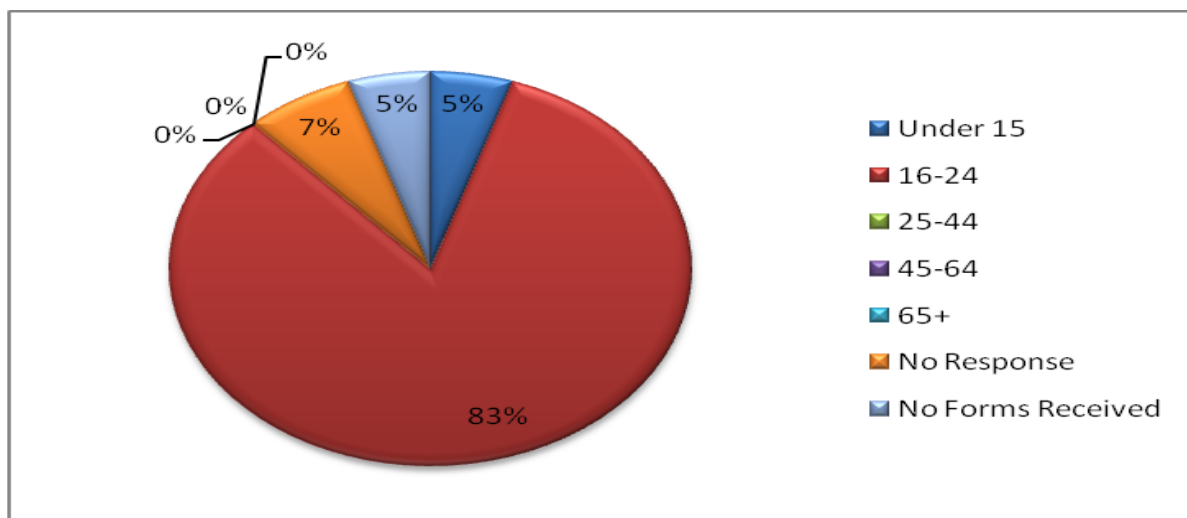
- Well laid out, just a bit cold.

## 9. Please add any additional comments on this workshop.

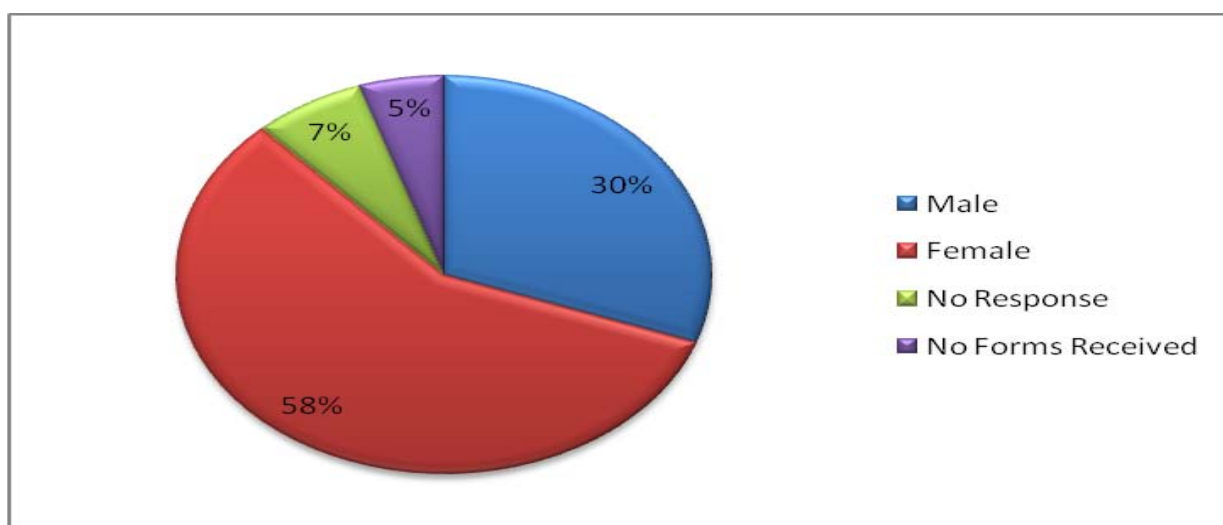
- Gave me a greater understanding of where the money is being spent.
- Everyone is helpful and clear.
- It was good and entertaining.
- It made me really think about all the different troubles that are arising.
- It was very fun and educational; it was great to get my point / views across.
- It was very interesting and great to get my view and others across.
- I would have appreciated more time.
- Was good, glad our age is getting the opportunity for their say.
- The public should have a say in where the £30million is taken out.
- Really helpful and effective.
- It should be practiced more.

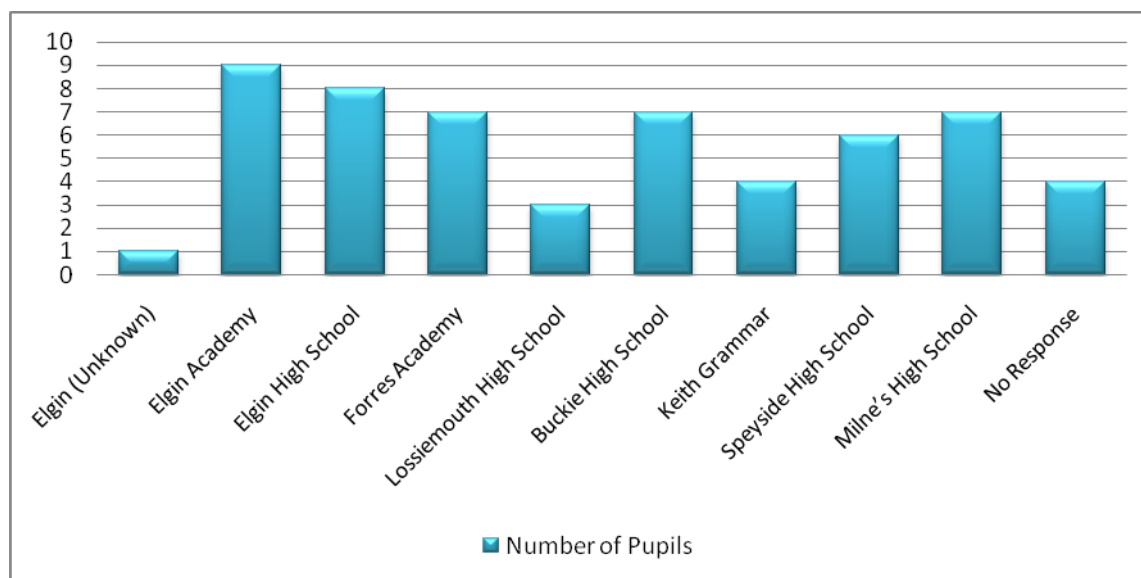


### Attendee Age Range



### Attendee Gender





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