

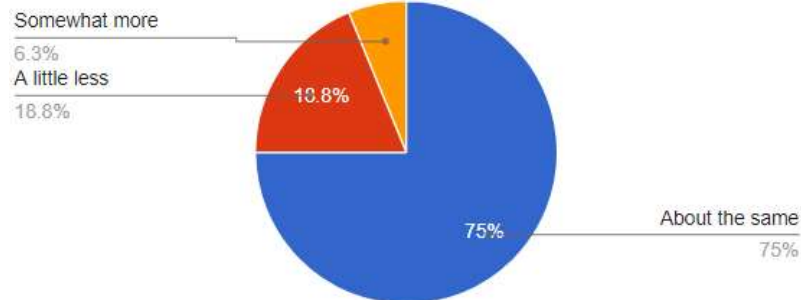
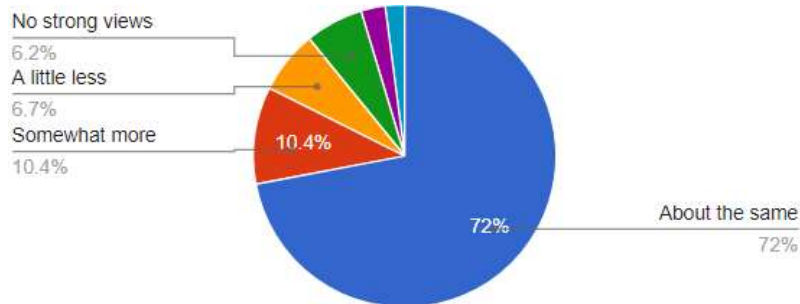
# Histon and Impington Parish Council - Financial Consultation 2017

## Results - September 18<sup>th</sup>

Topic - and the information provided in the questionnaire	Members of the public - 186 forms completed online, 7 paper Postcodes - incomplete - 1; wrong - 1; emails submitted for follow-up - 64	Councillors - 16 (out of 19)																						
<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>We want all our community to be able to move (walk/cycle/drive) around our village(s) safely and easily to access all our key amenities and facilities. We will prioritise improvements to pathways, road layouts, pedestrian crossings or additional facilities depending on safety and need. Most past years have seen one improvement project. Cost expected this year, including payments to the County Council for work at the Baptist Church junction, £26,000.</p>	<table border="1"> <caption>Public Responses - Highways</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Response</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>About the same</td> <td>39.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat more</td> <td>37.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A lot more</td> <td>10.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little less</td> <td>6.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No strong views</td> <td>4.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Response	Percentage	About the same	39.9%	Somewhat more	37.8%	A lot more	10.4%	A little less	6.7%	No strong views	4.1%	<table border="1"> <caption>Councillor Responses - Highways</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Response</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>About the same</td> <td>43.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat more</td> <td>43.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A lot more</td> <td>6.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little less</td> <td>6.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Response	Percentage	About the same	43.8%	Somewhat more	43.8%	A lot more	6.3%	A little less	6.3%
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<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>We maintain and improve the public open spaces in the villages. We will make these spaces more usable and encourage more use. We plan to improve the appearance of the High Street, and the area around the old Histon Station. We manage the cemetery and are responsible for many of the wooded areas – and we will be planting more trees. Our work is supported by several community voluntary groups which contributes considerable financial savings, and we will continue to support and encourage their work, particularly around sustainability. Even so we are to £63,500 this year.</p>	<table border="1"> <caption>Public Responses - Environment</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Response</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>About the same</td> <td>52.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat more</td> <td>32.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A lot more</td> <td>6.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little less</td> <td>6.2%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Response	Percentage	About the same	52.3%	Somewhat more	32.6%	A lot more	6.7%	A little less	6.2%	<table border="1"> <caption>Councillor Responses - Environment</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Response</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>About the same</td> <td>56.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat more</td> <td>31.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A lot more</td> <td>12.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little less</td> <td>12.5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Response	Percentage	About the same	56.3%	Somewhat more	31.3%	A lot more	12.5%	A little less	12.5%		
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**Planning & consultations**

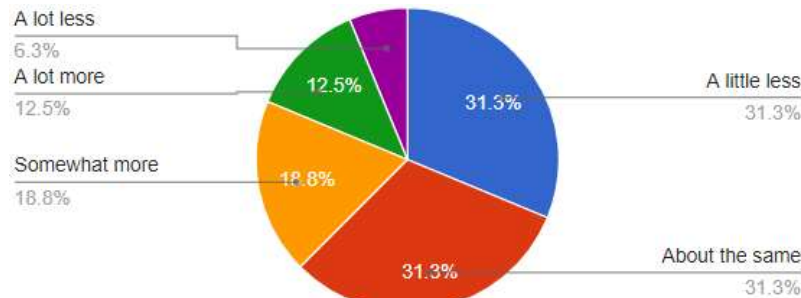
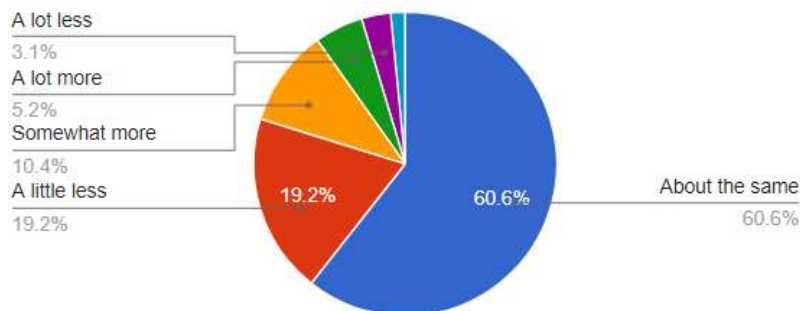
The Planning Committee, using local knowledge and inputs from residents, comments on all planning matters that affect the village. These include SCDC's overall plan for the District (the "Local Plan"), major proposed developments and individual planning applications. This is time consuming for Councillors and staff, but the cost is only £9,000 for this year. The Neighbourhood Plan (you'll have had the survey about this last year) preparation is being funded from reserves.



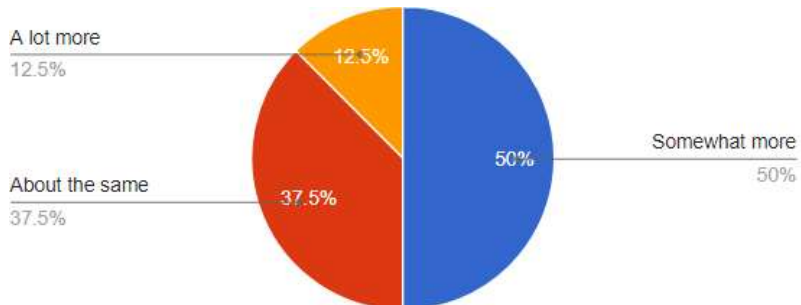
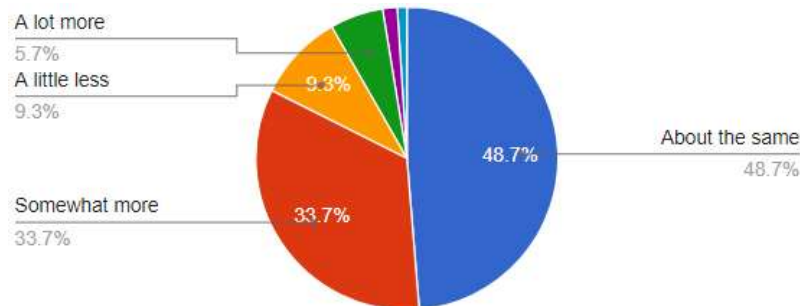
**Recreation & leisure**

The Recreation Committee provides play and sporting facilities of the highest quality for village residents and sports clubs to enjoy, and aims to continue to invest in the future to maintain the quality and improve whenever possible. The majority of the costs (£106,500 net of hire charges) are incurred on the Recreation Ground (primarily for organised sports). The Committee also maintains and develops the three children's play areas. Unlike other areas of the country, no money comes from the District Council for this.

*Organised sports*



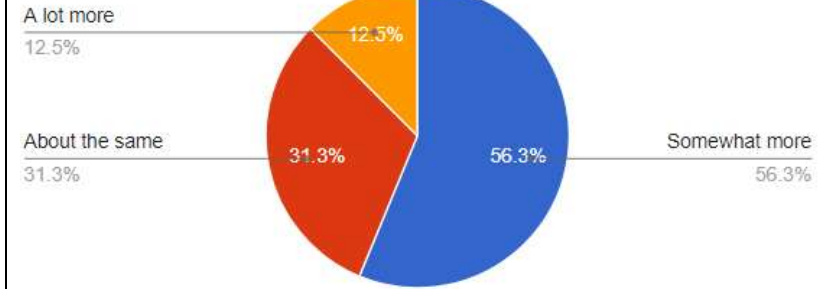
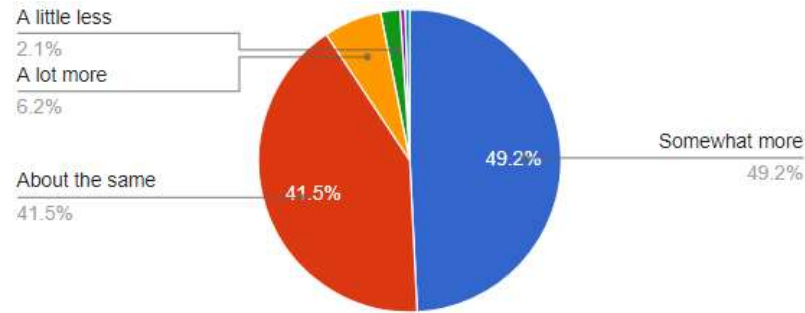
*Other activities, indoor and outdoor for relaxation & physical wellbeing*



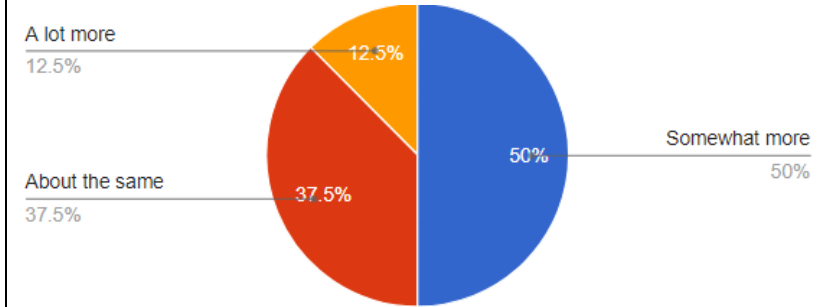
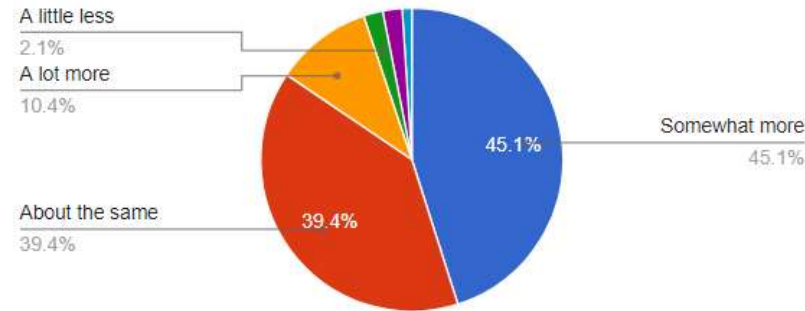
**Community funding**

The Parish Council can support community initiatives. The services from the County Council and the NHS are being reduced. Local solutions can be very effective - both in total cost and results. The Parish Council has committed money to the team supporting older people, and the new Mental Wellbeing Champion. Cost £15,500 this year

*Support for Older People*

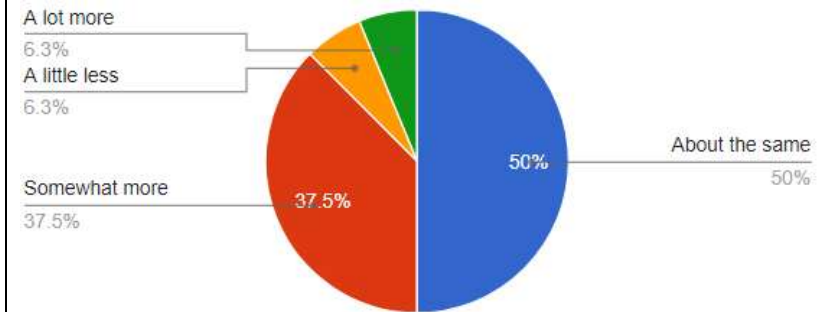
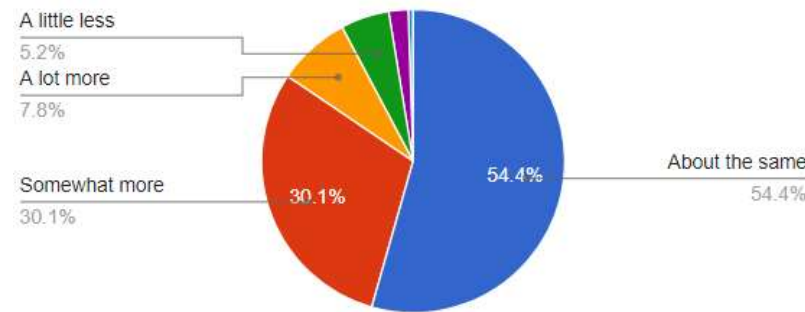


*Mental Health*



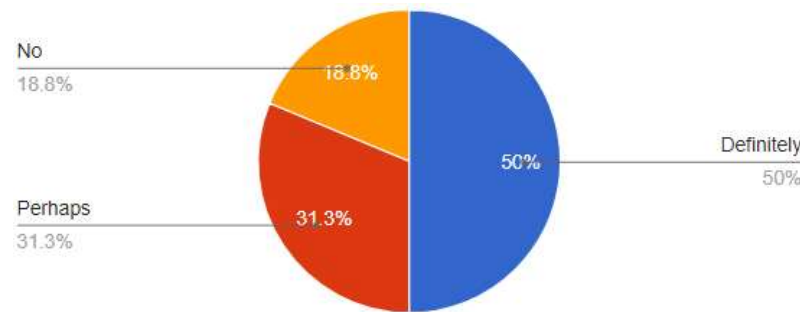
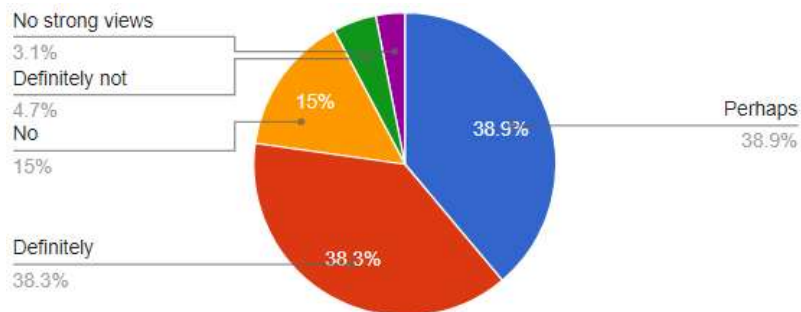
**Youth**

The Parish Council aim to maximise the potential of our young people. It does this through the provision of free recreation, education and personal development opportunities working with our local partners. Our young people, as future residents, are important to us and we encourage participation in community-based and inter-generational activities and events. Cost £22,000 this year.



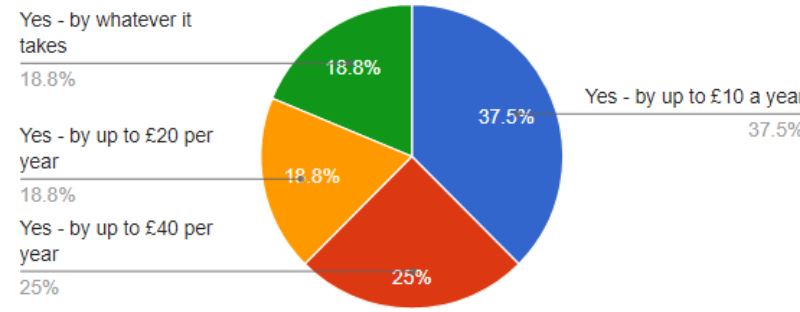
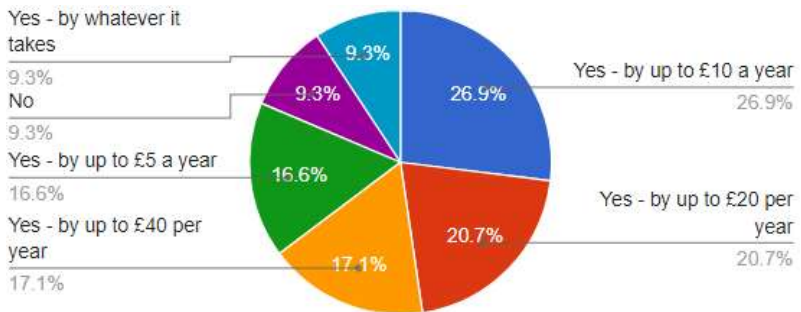
**Safety and security**

The Parish Council is mindful of the need to ensure that Histon & Impington remain safe and secure. Would you be willing to fund extra Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) support for the community? Funding half a PCSO would cost around £22,500



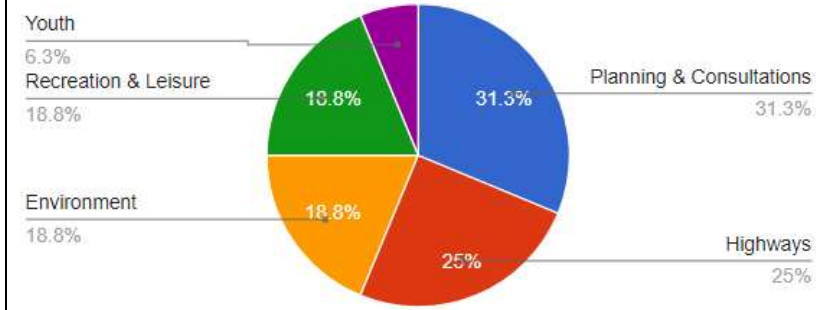
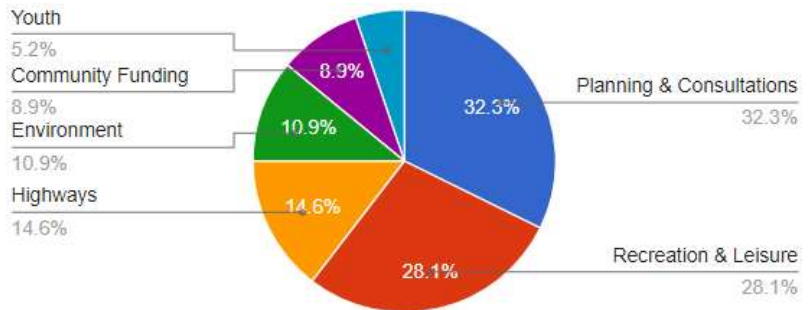
**Would you be prepared to see the Parish Council part of Council Tax rise to meet local service needs**

As a Parish Council we set our portion of your Council Tax. This year, that is nearly £100 for a Band D home out of a total of £1676. The increase in County Council, District Council, Fire and Police tax for 2017 was £33.17. If we were to spend an extra £10,000 p.a. this would be £3 p.a. extra for a Band D home (with the lowest Band A paying £2 and Band H £6 the highest).. We note that Cottenham residents are paying £50 per year (Band D) extra to fund a new village hall. Figures below are per Band D household per year. Band A would be 2/3 of this; Band H twice.



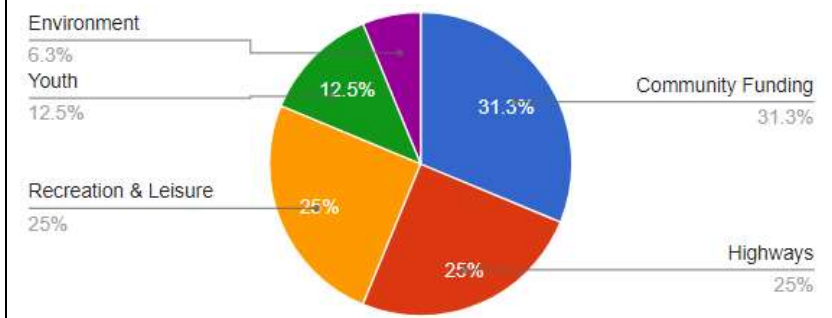
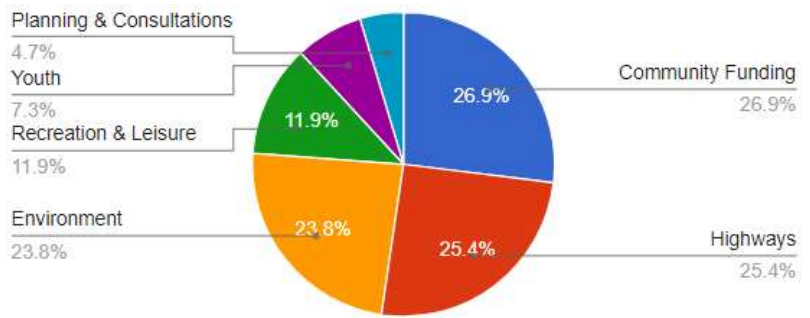
**If we really have to save money, which of these areas would be the first that we should cut?**

We do examine the budgets each year for potential savings. However, there might be activities which you consider to be lowest priority so can be reduced. Where should we look.

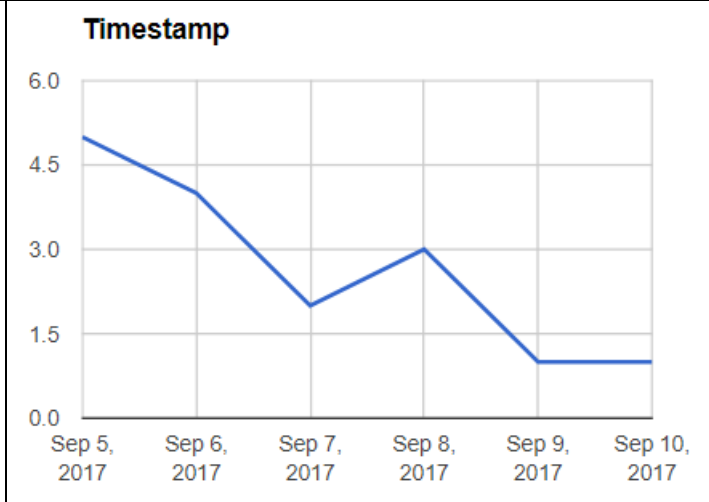
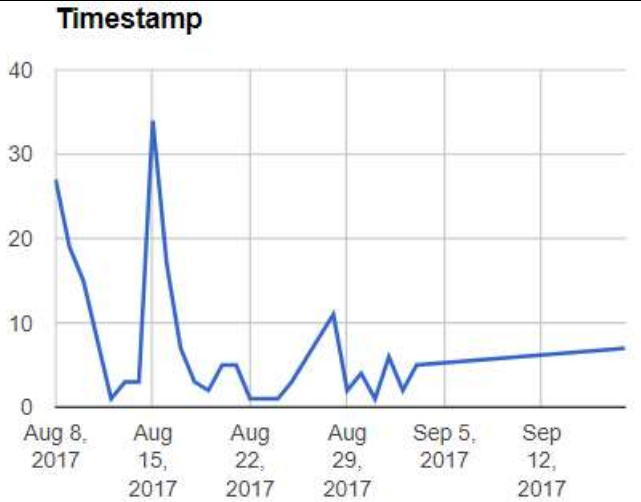


**If we could only spend a little more, what would be your priority?**

You will have indicated above those areas that you would be content with extra expenditure. But if we can only increase one, which one would you choose.



As it says - when people completed the consultation.





In terms of Council Tax increase, the numbers are:

<b>Size of increase</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Council</b>
No	18	0
Up to £5	32	0
Up to £10	52	6
Up to £20	40	3
Up to £40	33	4
Whatever it takes	18	3

On the community figure, if we assume “No” and “Whatever it takes” votes cancel each other out, the average of the remaining votes is £17.83