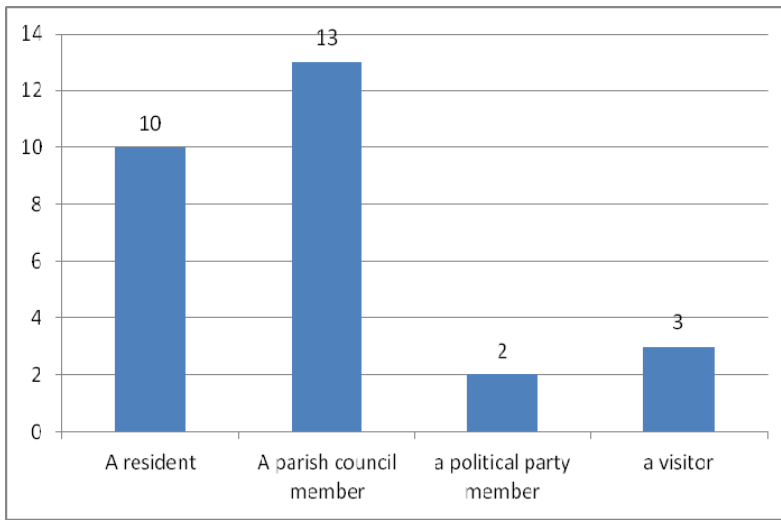


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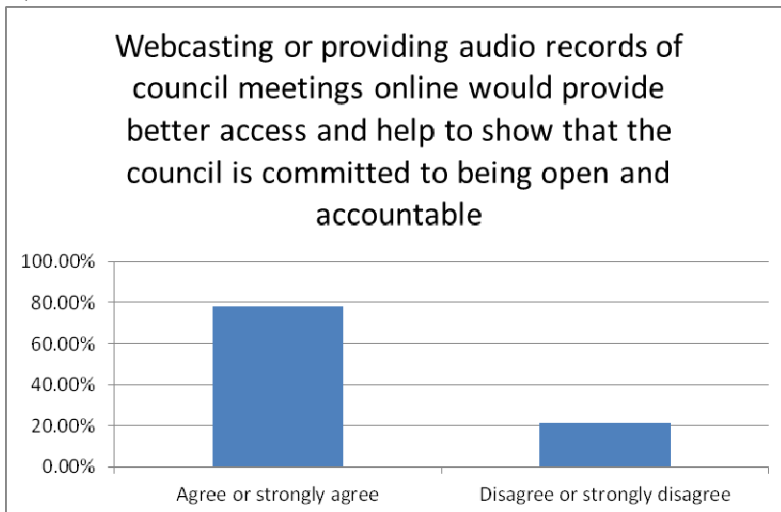
In total 28 responses were received, all of these from the online survey.

Respondents were asked to indicate whether they were a resident, a parish council member, a political party member or a visitor to the district.

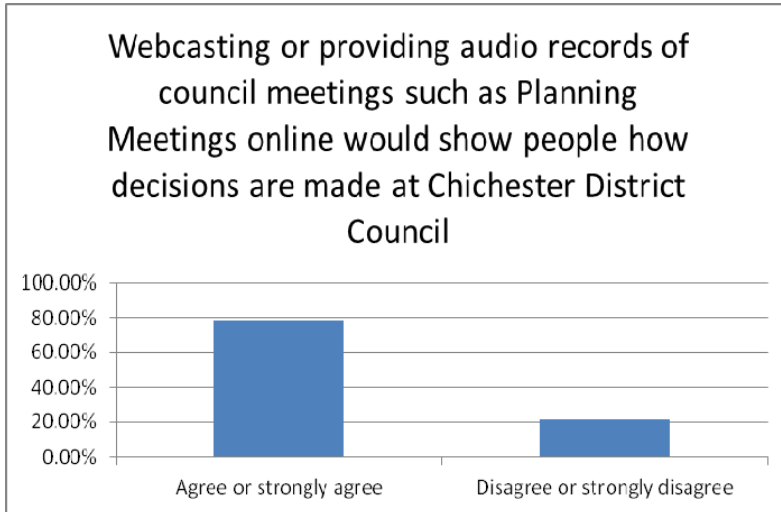


Respondents were asked to answer four questions and the responses to these are shown below.

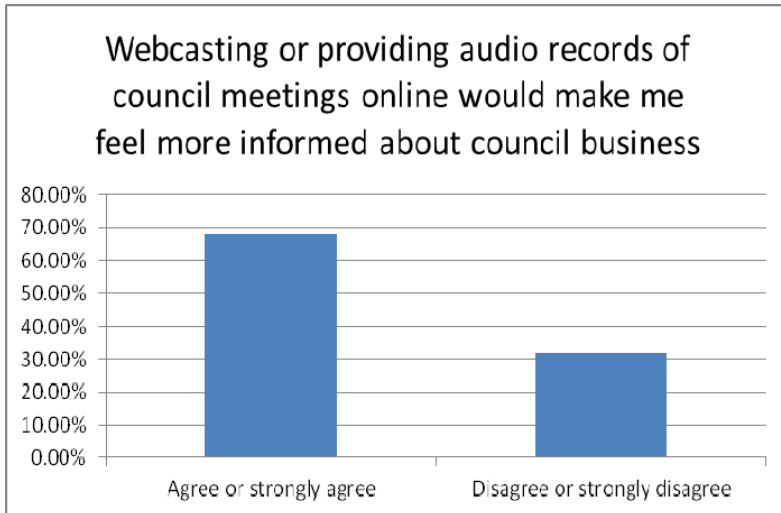
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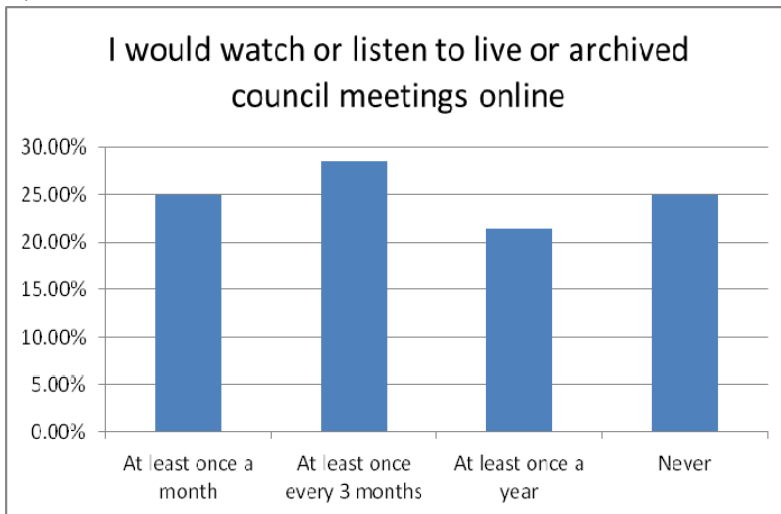
Question 2:



Question 3:



Question 4:



Comments:

See attached spreadsheet.

Form number	Profile	Webcasting or providing audio records of council meetings online would provide better access and help to show that the council is committed to being open and accountable	Webcasting or providing audio records of council meetings such as Planning Meetings online would show people how decisions are made at Chichester District Council	Webcasting or providing audio records of council meetings online would make me feel more informed about council business	I would watch or listen to live or archived council meetings online	Comments
1	a resident	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once a year	no further comments
2	a resident	Agree	Strongly agree	Agree	At least once every 3 months	Probably would not be engaged with the media if it is audio alone.
3	a resident	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once a year	I would not use this unless there was something I was particularly interested in on the Agenda. The Agenda needs to be more widely publicised if the intention is to attract resident to watch/listen to Council meetings. I would have some concern that I could not hear what people were saying - particularly difficult if there is active debate going on and if I could only hear the debate how would I know who had said what?
4	a resident	Agree	Agree	Disagree	At least once a year	Sounds like a waste of public money. If people are that interested they can either go to the meeting or request a copy of the minutes or just request some information under foi legislation.
5	a parish council member	Agree	Strongly agree	Agree	At least once a month	Easier access to Council decision making meetings would be very welcome
6	a parish council member	Strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Never	I think that the provision of audio recordings would be a total waste of time and money. I am strongly against CDC even wasting precious staff costs in considering such a proposal, let alone spending anybody's (=my) money. There are plenty of other things to spend time and effort on. If the public have any interest at all in a council's meeting, they will either attend or read the minutes as a record. Who wants to listen to hours of audio - like listening to paint dry?
7	a political party member	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once every 3 months	I doubt that many members of the public would take the time to watch or listen to Council meeting, but nevertheless this is an important step in making proceedings of the Council more available and transparent.
8	a parish council member	Agree	Disagree	Agree	At least once every 3 months	
9	a parish council member	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once a month	Be good to have a live webcast with the ability to see documents being discussed so discussions could be followed
10	a parish council member	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once a month	most people should be aware of what is going on in there district ,otherwise it can happen and its to late to respond
11	a parish council member	Agree	Strongly agree	Agree	At least once every 3 months	I support such an initiative as the average citizen has very little perspective of what is discussed and decided upon by District, County and Parish councils.
12	a parish council member	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once every 3 months	
13	a political party member	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Never	Absolutely pointless
14	a parish council member	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once a year	Webcasting or providing audio records of District Council meetings would make the Council more open and accountable although it wouldn't influence the results of meetings. I do not think that anyone would listen to such recordings live, or archived, unless they were personally affected although they might find the latter useful to refer to.

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15	a visitor	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once a month	Good idea - shows more openness and keen to involve residents that the Council serves - shame that more don't turn up to meetings though - typical apathy in the sector today I'm afraid Good luck with this
16	a visitor	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once a year	It could be useful in sharing Members views with Officers from other Councils who are about to embark on a similar pieces of policy work.
17	a resident	Disagree	Agree	Strongly disagree	Never	
18	a visitor	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Never	
19	a parish council member	Agree	Agree	Disagree	At least once every 3 months	
20	a resident	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once a year	Q4 is not sufficiently worded to give a true picture - some years one may view/listen to a number of meetings and some years not at all depending on issues. Parliamenttv is a good example of a useable service.
21	a parish council member	Agree	Agree	Agree	At least once every 3 months	Parish councillors are often unable to attend DC meetings because of work or other commitments, and while minutes convey the official record it is sometimes usual to be able to get the flavour of a debate. I'm not sure how often I would use the facility but it could be very helpful on issues which were of particular interest to the PC.
22	a parish council member	Strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Never	This a waste of money Sufficient information is available about council business on the CDC website
23	a resident	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Never	waste of money....get real, the economy is going down the tube...if you must spend money do it sensibly
24	a resident	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	At least once a month	
25	a resident	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once every 3 months	Using a youtube channel or podcasting interviews would be very interesting. WSCC use this, it's a good way for people who can't attend Council meetings to get an idea of what is happening in their local area. I also think that cabinet members could use social media and blogs to communicate to the public.
26	a parish council member	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	At least once a month	I believe in Freedom of choice. This enables me more access to the council. I know a person housebound, who would use this service.
27	a resident	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Never	
28	a parish council member	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	At least once a month	It would hopefully ensure Members read and researched subjects before speaking on matters before Committees, the public would soon gauge the effectiveness or otherwise of their elected representatives.