ABERDEEN CITY VOICE

5TH QUESTIONNAIRE

WELCOME

This is the 5th Questionnaire for Citizen's Panellists. It covers Safety, the Environment and Homes and we hope you find it interesting. The questions are, in the main, quite easy to understand, however in the section on Learning and Leisure we have incorporated questions from the Cultural Commission which are more complex. As with all our questionnaires, please do not feel you must answer all the questions, particularly if you feel you do not have sufficient experience of a service to provide a response. The Council and its partners are grateful for all the responses received, whether questionnaires are completed or partially completed, each response to each question counts.

SAFETY

(A) Speed Cameras

Since October 2002, the North East Safety Camera Partnership (NESCAMP) have been working with Grampian Police, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Moray Council, the Scottish Executive and local District Courts to reduce the number of persons killed and seriously injured on the roads within Grampian.

Information gathered by analysing accidents for the last 3 years was used to identify sites and routes which are particularly dangerous and speed reduction measures were carried out in these areas.

The Partnership uses mobile and fixed cameras, along with education and communication, to improve our roads for all users.

۱.	Please indicate your response to each of tr	ne following s	tatemer	its:-		
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
	Cameras are an easy way of making money out of motorists					
	Cameras are meant to encourage drivers to keep to the speed limits, not punish then	n				
	Fewer accidents are likely to happen on roads where cameras are operated					
	Cameras mean that dangerous drivers are now more likely to get caught					
	The use of safety cameras should be supported as a method of reducing casualties					
	The primary aim of safety cameras are to save lives					
	There are too many safety cameras in my local area					
2.	Do you (or anyone in your household) own	a car?				
	Yes					
	No					

For more information regarding this project and the location of our camera sites visit: WWW.NESCAMP.CO.UK

(B) Community Safety

1.	How would you rate your neighbourl	nood	as a place	e to live:-			
	A very good place to live						
	Fairly good place to live						
	Fairly poor place to live						
	Very poor place to live						
	No opinion						
2.	How common are the following issue	es in y	your neigh	nbourhood			
			Very Common	Fairly Common	Not very Common	Not at all Common	Don't Know
	Noisy Neighbours						
	Vandalism and graffiti						
	Groups of young people hanging around						
	People who have been drinking/usir drugs	ıg					
	Rubbish or litter lying about						

(C) Fire Safety Messages

1.	•	ou aware of any of the following he last 12 months? Please tick	•	essages which l	have been publicis	sed
	(a)	"Never cook after drinking alco	hol"			
	(b)	"Never leave cooking unattend	ed"			
	(c)	"Fireworks - be safe not sorry"				
	(d)	"Deliberate fires put lives at risl	ζ"			
	(e)	"Cigarettes - put it out, put it rig	ht out"			
2.		he fire safety message a local rage to the whole of Scotland or t	•	lents of Aberdee	n or was it a natio	onal
		Local Message				
		National Message				
		both Local & National Messag	je			
		Don't Know				
3.	stoppe	you made any change to you ed smoking, reduced the num mption)				
		Yes				
		No				
		Don't Know				

4.	If you answered yes to Q	uestion 3, it w	rould help us if	you listed any lifes	tyle changes	
(D)	Sacro - Aberdeen Comi	nunity Media	tion Service			
	Community mediation is community mediation ce Mediation Service has be well over 1,000 cases in boundaries and anti-soc people, who assist all parare normally referred via etc., however, people of Mediation is available to and confidential. The Secondary Community Safety Partners	ntres operate een in operati nvolving a wid ial behaviour. rties involved the Housing I can also refe all residents ervice is mana	throughout the con for nearly so the range of discount to a manage of the come to a manage of themselves of Aberdeen Conged by Sacro	e U.K., Sacro's Absix years and in this sputes, including note trained, independentually acceptable rampian Police, Holicet to our Sective of and funded by Absis 2015.	perdeen Communistime has handled is time has handled in the control of the contro	nity led ets, tial ses ns, nity
5.	Were you previously awa	ire of the Com	ımunity Mediat	ion Service?		
	Yes					
	No					

6.	Would you get in touch with your neighbour?	the Community Mediation Service if you had a dispute with
	Yes	
	No	
	Don't Know	

You can contact the Aberdeen Community Mediation Service at 110 Crown Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6HJ or telephone 01224 560570. The Service can be reached by e-mail at info@aberdeen.sacro.org.uk and the website address is www.sacro.org.uk.

ENVIRONMENT

(A) **Recycling Centres and Points** What type of house do you live in? 1. Detached Semi-detached Terraced Tenement Flat High Rise Flat Other (please specify)____ 2. There are currently a number of Recycling Centres and Points in Aberdeen City. Do you use these services? Yes No (please go to Q11) (Recycling centres are any of the four large waste sites across the City, recycling points are the 30 smaller collection points located at shopping centres, community centres and car parks across the City.) 3. Where are the Recycling Centres or Points that you most commonly use located _____ How often do you take materials to the Recycling Centres or Points? (please tick one box 4. only) Every day At least 3 times a week Weekly At least 2 or 3 times a month Monthly Other (please specify)______

5.	When is it most convenient for you to Points (please tick one box only)?	to take y	our materials to the Recycling Cent	tres and
	On the way to work		Whilst shopping	
	Whilst taking children to school		Whilst at community or sport centres	
	Other (please specify)			
6.	Do you prepare your recycled materia boxes that apply)?	als in any	of the following ways (please tick a	as many
	Crush cans		Empty containers	
	Rinse glass bottles and jars		Place paper into plastic bags	
	Remove all tops from plastic bottles		Remove labels from plastic bottles/containers/cans	′
	Rinse aluminium food containers		Rinse plastic bottles	
	Rinse cans		Squash plastic bottles flat	
	Tie shoes together		Wash textiles	
	Remove lids from glass bottles & jars	s 🗌	Keep household chemicals in original containers	
	Remove window from envelopes		Place textiles in a plastic bag	
	Flatten cardboard boxes		Cans placed into plastic bags	
	Place plastic bottles into plastic bags		Don't know	
	Other (please specify)			

7.	Why do you use your Recycling Coapply)?	entres a	nd Points (please tick as many boxe	es that
	Environmental reasons		Only way to recycle	
	Easy to use		Good service	
	Clean site		Saves energy	
	Reduces need for landfill		Reduces risk of global warming	
	Saves resources		Don't know	
	Other (please specify)			
8.	What are the benefits of using your Rethat apply)?	ecycling	Centres & Points (please tick as many	boxes
	Community reasons		Environmental reasons	
	Feel good factor		Handy / convenience	
	Saves resources		Reduces waste in residual waste bin	
	Reduces risk of global warming		Saves Energy	
	Reduces need for landfill		None	
	Don't know			
	Other (please specify)			

9.	Are there any problems you have en Points (please tick as many boxes that		ed when using your Recycling Centro	es and
	Too much trouble		Messy sites	
	Takes too much time to recycle		I have to travel too far	
	No transport to the sites		Don't know where facilities are	
	Don't want to wash items		Don't know how to use them	
	Unreliable service		Too expensive	
	Containers full / overflowing		Unclear signage / labelling	
	Don't know			
	Other (please specify)			
10.	What improvements (if any) could be tick as many boxes that apply)?	made to	your Recycling Centres and Points (please
	More reliable service		Recycling Points emptied more often	
	More local Recycling Points		More info on WHERE you can recycle	
	More info on WHAT you can recycle		Ability to recycle plastic	
	More info on the benefits of recycling		Cleaner recycling points	
	More materials collected by the Council		Increase general waste collections	
	Don't know			
	Other (please specify)			

11.	, ,		` •	ou said
	Too much trouble		Don't care about the environment	
	Recycling makes no difference		Not enough rooms to store recyclable materials at home	
	Have too far to travel	Not enough roo recyclable mate too far to travel	Not interested	
	Takes too much time		Don't know where the facilities are	
	No transport to facilities		Don't know how to recycle	
	Don't want to wash items		Too expensive	
	Unreliable service		No incentives	
	Not sure		Recycling will make no difference	
	No kerbside collection			
	Other (please specify)			
12.	What would encourage you to use the many boxes that apply)?	nese Re	ecycling Centres and Points (please	tick as
	More reliable service		Recycling Points emptied more often	
	More local Recycling Points		More info on WHERE you can recycle	
	More info on WHAT you can recycle		Ability to recycle plastic	
	More info on the benefits of recycling		Cleaner recycling points	
	Clearer labelling/signage		Don't know	
	Other (please specify)			

(B)	Marketing Campaign Awarenes	ss		
13.	Are you aware that a campaign waste?	is running to	encourage you to recycle you	ır household
	Yes			
	No			
	Don't know			
14.	Have you heard of a campaign please go to Section (C) Ecologic			nswered No
	Yes			
	No			
	Don't know			
15.	How did you find out about this ca	ampaign (plea	se tick as many boxes that apply	v)?
	A4 Posters		Adtrailer	
	Billboards		Bin labels or stickers	
	Bus Shelters		Bus sides	
	Contamination leaflets		Vebsite	
	Door to door survey		Display boards	
	Event		Educational presentations	
	Heard it from children		Leaflets	
	Postcards		Press Advertisement	
	Press Article		Radio Advertisement	
	Television Advertisement		Vehicle livery	
	Word of mouth		Waste Aware Bus	
	Waste Aware Guide		Phone line	
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16.	Did you receive a Waste Aware of please go to question 19)	Grampian Gu	ide through your door? (lf you answered No
	Yes			
	No			
	Don't know			
17.	If you kept the guide did you find i	t useful?		
	Yes			
	No			
	Don't know			
	If no, Why not (please spe	ecify)		_
18.	What pages have you found useful	ul within the g	uide?	
	Reduce		Reuse	
	Kerbside Recycling		Recycling Points	
	Recycling Centres		Bulky Uplift	
	General Waste		Additional Info	
	Don't know		Nothing	
	Other (please specify)			
19.	If you did not keep it – why didn't	you keep it?		
	No need for it			
	Nowhere to store			
	Info incorrect			
	Other (please specify			

(C)	Ecolo	ogical Footprint	Project					
1.		important are enveen 1 and 5 where						
		Very Important				Not at all Important	Don't know	
		1	2	3	4	5		
2.		that my lifestyle se circle betweer					at all damag	ing)
		Very Damaging				Not at all Damaging	Don't Know	
		1	2	3	4	5		
3.		n actions have yo e environment <i>(p.</i>					your concer	ns
	(a)	Take public tra	nsport to w	vork instead	of the car			
	(b)	Walked or use	d bicycle in	stead of the	car			
	(c)	Used energy s	aving light	bulbs at hor	ne			
	(d)	Action which some (e.g. switch off						
	(e)	Chosen organi	c produce					
	(f)	Other (please	specify					_
4.	Have	you heard of the	Ecological	Footprint?				
		Yes						
		No						
		Not sure						

5.	Do you know that the Co	uncil is running an Ecological Footprint project?
	Yes	
	No	

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils are taking part in a flagship environmental assessment – the Global Footprint project for the North East of Scotland. As a partnership between Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council and WWF Scotland, the project will use Ecological Footprint Analysis in both local authorities to estimate how much of nature's ecosystems we use compared with that is available.

For a region, the ecological footprint measures the bioproductive land and sea area that would be required to sustainably maintain currently consumption. The recently published report on Scotland's Footprint (www.scotlands-footprint.com) suggested that if everyone on the planet consumed the resources of the average Scot, almost 2 additional planets would be required in order to be sustainable. Both Councils will be looking for opportunities to reduce their Footprint.

LEARNING AND LEISURE

CULTURAL COMMISSION CONSULTATION

The Scottish Executive has established an independent **Cultural Commission** "to look seriously and maturely at our culture and decide the framework for its support in the future". The Cultural Commission's remit as outlined in the Cultural Policy Statement, April 2004 takes it inspiration and direction from the First Minister Jack McConnell's St. Andrew's Day speech in 2003. In order to establish Scotland as a "vibrant, cosmopolitan, competitive country and an internationally recognised creative hub", Scotland needs a new cultural vision and a radically different way of delivering and sustaining cultural services and activities. This implies significant change.

The Commission's task is to take the policy and to provide practical recommendations on how Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Executive implement it.

The Commission's remit is wide-ranging and includes the consideration of cultural rights and entitlements; the responsibilities of public sector agencies and local authorities; guidance for the private and voluntary sectors; and an assessment of the current institutional infrastructure, to name but a few elements.

(A) Barriers

The Cultural Commission is interested in exploring barriers to attendance and participation in cultural and arts activities, in understanding the public's view and perceptions, and in developing strategies to lower or remove these barriers.

Cultural and arts activities include:- going to the cinema; going to concerts; going to the theatre; visiting museums; visiting galleries; visiting historical buildings or ancient monuments; going to the library; visiting a festival; taking part in craft activities, or dancing, drawing or painting; playing a musical instrument; singing; acting; photography, film making and animation; writing stories or poems; and lots, lots more.

if the following things effect your decision rs (please tick as many boxes that apply)?	not to	take	part	in	cultu	ral a	anc
Lack of activities in my area							
Too expensive							
Not interested							
Lack of public transport							
Lack of time							
Lack of information							
Not for the likes of me							
I would be laughed at by my friends							
Can't because of family or work							
No one to go with							
Something else? (please specify)							

3.	Which of the following would make a difference and en cultural and arts activities (please tick as many boxes the	
	More choice in my area	
	Cheaper tickets	
	The chance to participate in or see something for free	
	Better public transport	
	Cheaper public transport	
	More information on what is happening in my area	
	Changing the opening hours or the times /showings	
	More friendly and helpful staff or teachers	
	Help with childcare	
	Something else? (please specify)	
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(B) Cultural Rights and Entitlements

The First Minister wants to work towards more equitable cultural provision for the people of Scotland regardless of where they live, how old they are, or how much money they have.

We are particularly interested in your response to:-

The concept of 'cultural rights for the Scottish citizen, and those of its creative community',

and are looking for your suggestions on what these rights could be and how they should be

delivered.
(Please note this is a complex area and if Panellists do not wish to complete this Section please leave it blank and move on to the Homes Section.)
What are the areas where we should have cultural rights? (These could include:- access opportunity; ownership; expression; education; knowledge; environment; respect; an equality)
How should these be worded?

3.	How should we put these into practice?
<u>HOMI</u>	<u>s</u>
	Aberdeen City Council owns and manages approximately 25,000 houses in the City which are let to our tenants at an average rent of £46.33 per week. Our properties include very sheltered and sheltered housing, amenity housing and flatted and cottage style housing. Anyone over 16 can apply for Council housing through Homechoice which operates a common housing register for all social housing landlords in the City. The Council provides a range of services to our applicants and tenants from a number of local offices and sub offices. Services provided include assistance for homeless people, allocation of houses, rent collection and rent management advice, repairs, estate management and support for vulnerable tenants.
1.	Have you used the Council housing service
	Yes
	No
	Don't know
	I have used the service on behalf of a relative or friend

If you have not used a Council house service please go straight to question 8.

Questions 2 to 7 to be answered by Council house service users only.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don i Know
2.	I am satisfied with the range of services available at my local office					
3.	Staff respond promptly and efficiently to my queries					
4.	Council housing services are delivered in a non discriminatory way					
5.	The process of applying for a Council house is straightforward					
6.	The Council deals effectively and sympathetically with tenants in arrears of rent					
7.	Staff respond promptly and efficiently if I make a complaint					
	Questions 8 to 21 can be answered by any Panel	lists who v	vish to o	ffer their v	iew.	
8.	Information about the Council Housing Service is easy to access					
9.	I know or would know who to contact for specific advice about Council Housing Services					
10.	My local Council housing office is conveniently located					
11.	The Council provides clear information on the performance of its Housing service					
12.	Council housing services represent good value for money					
13.	The Council lets its houses efficiently					
14.	The Council manages its houses efficiently					
15.	The Council provides appropriate support to tenants who require support					
16.	Rent levels for Council tenants are reasonable					
17.	Council Housing estates are generally well kept					

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
18.	The Council keeps its houses in a good state of repair					
19.	I am aware of the services the Council provides for homeless people					
20.	Information and advice for homeless or those who may become homeless is easy to access					
21.	The Council deals effectively with homelessness in the City					
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Tha	ink you for your help.					