

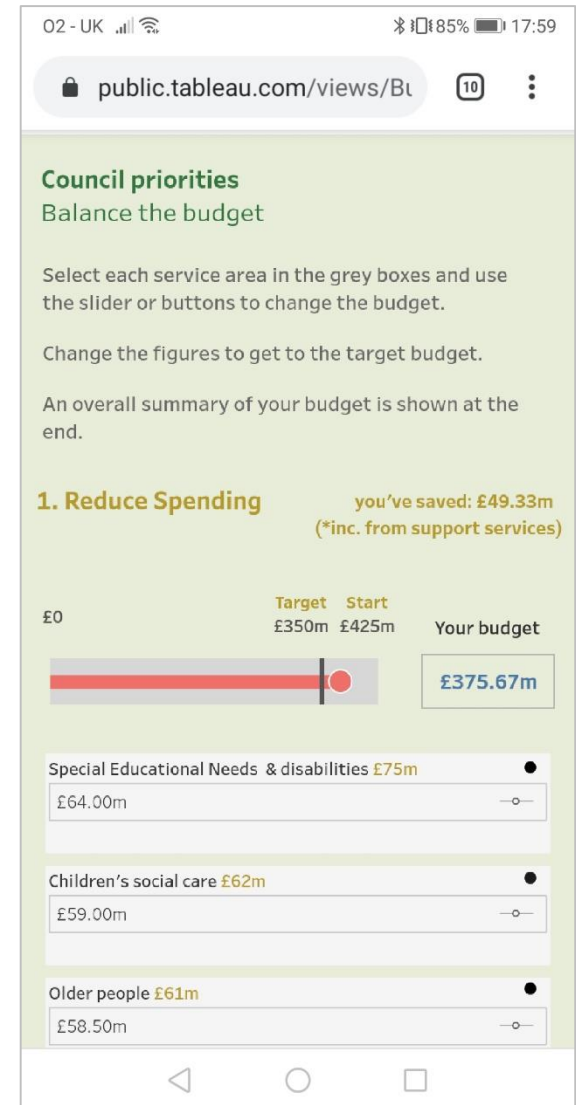
# Leicestershire's Priorities Consultation Headline Results

Scrutiny Commission  
30<sup>th</sup> October



# Consultation Methodology

- **Survey**
  - Online
  - Leicestershire Matters
- Interactive **budget tool** →
- Discussion **workshops** with residents
- **Stakeholder** events, online forum and questionnaire
- Extensive **communications** and awareness raising, including officer attendance at public events



# Survey Results

# Survey

- Consultation Window: 12 June to 10 September

- Total responses = 4,371

- Online = 2,026

- Leicestershire Matters = 2,345

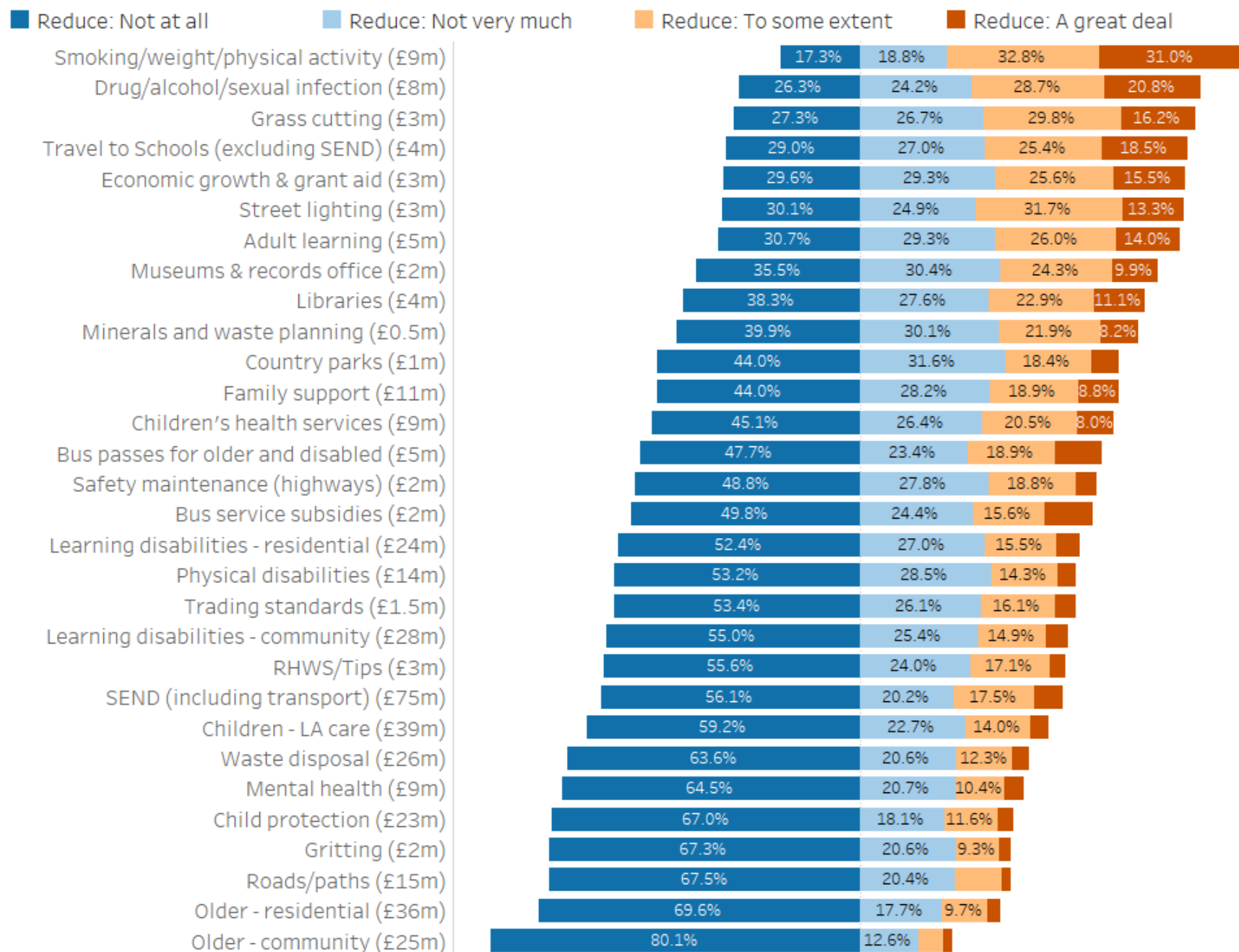
Staff =	432
Stakeholders =	15

- Broadly representative of the population

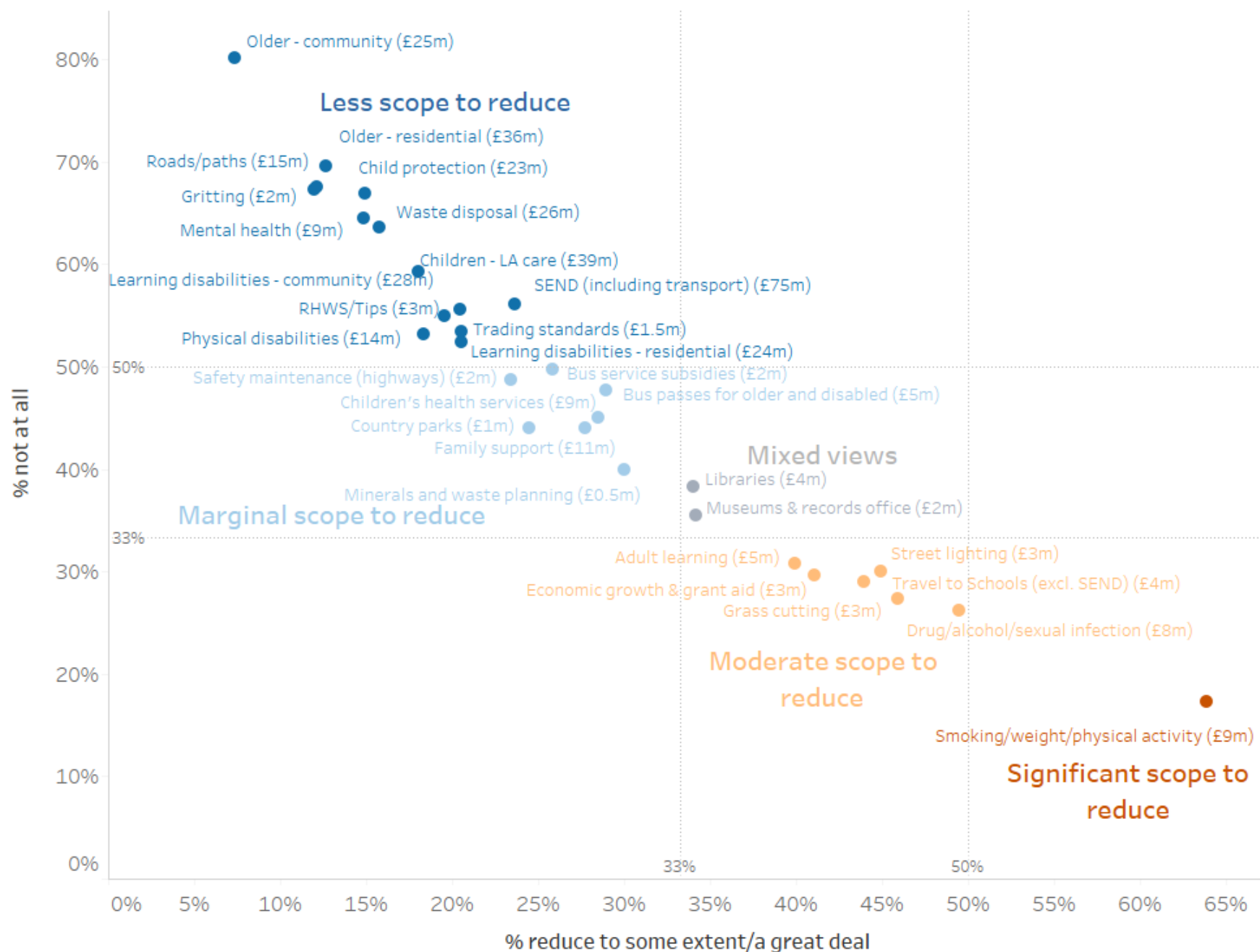
- Young people and BME under-represented

- Weighting shows a small effect on the results

## To what extent do you think the county council should make reductions in the services list below?



# '% Reduce: Not at all' vs '% Reduce: To some extent or A great deal'



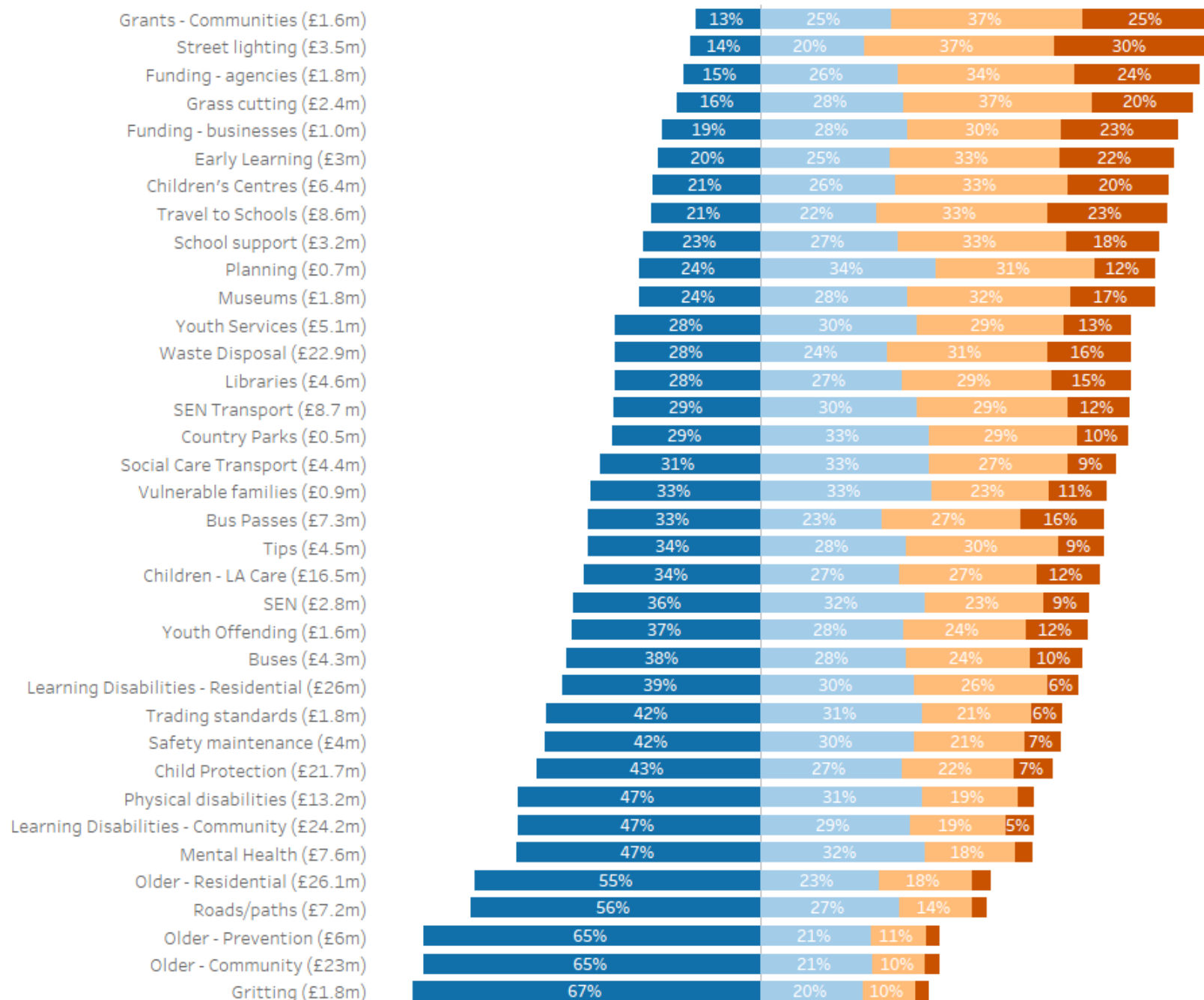
# 2013 Consultation

Reduce: Not at all

Reduce: Not very much

Reduce: To some extent

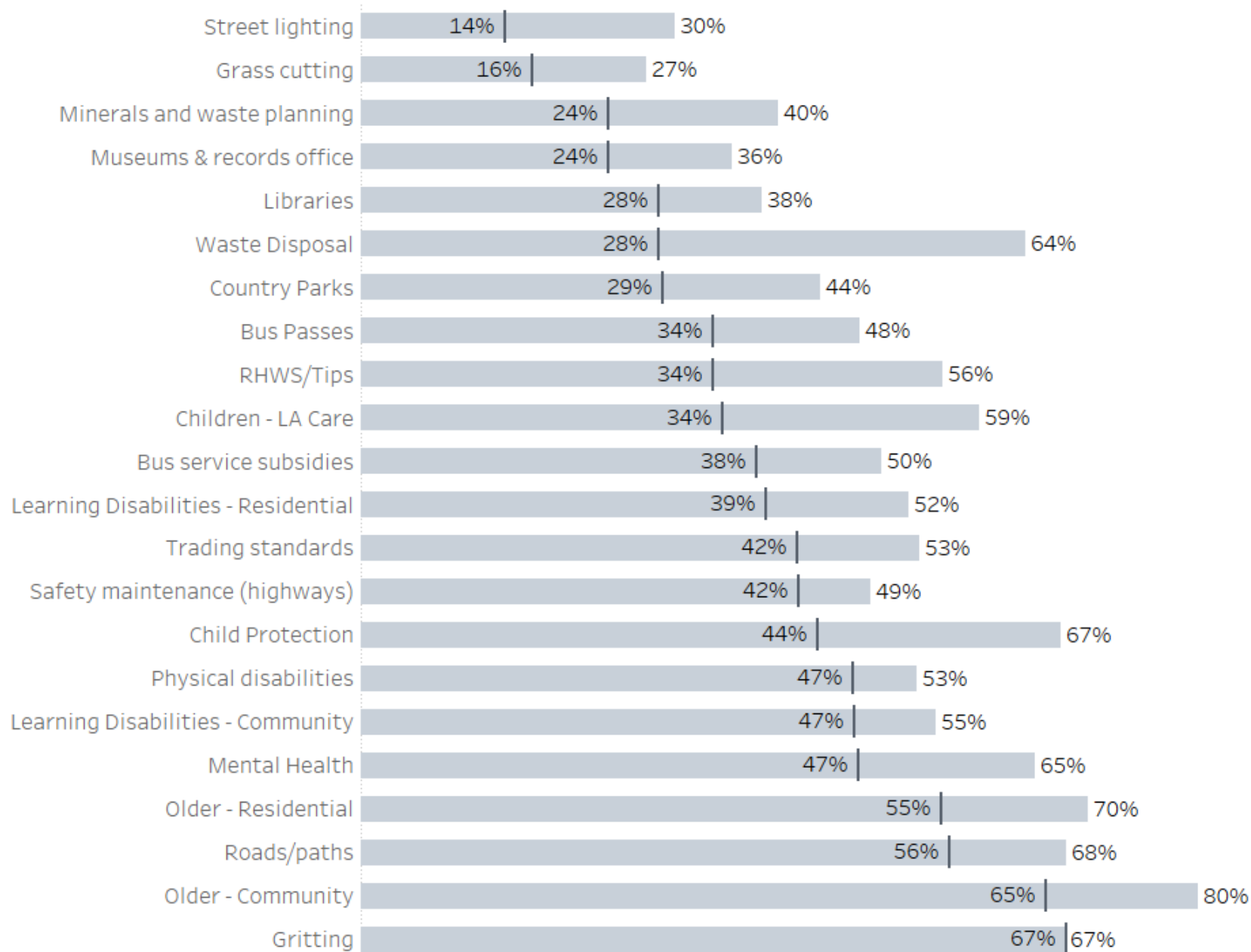
Reduce: A great deal



## 2013 vs 2019 - % Reduce: Not at all (where comparisons are possible)

■ % 2013

■ % 2019





# Demographic differences

- **Men, BME, Non-religious, Other religion and LGBT** respondents more accepting of cuts
- **Women** more likely to protect services for vulnerable people, also gritting
- **Rural** more likely to support reductions in grass cutting, street lighting & safety maintenance compared to urban
- **Most deprived communities:** less likely to support reductions in street lighting, safety maintenance, bus pass subsidies, economic growth/grant aid
- **Carers of adults:** more supportive of reductions, esp. universal services, e.g. museums, waste, roads
- **25-34:** less likely to support reductions in family support, mental health, drug/alcohol/STI treatment, country parks, economic growth and grant aid
- **45-54:** more supportive of reductions, esp. roads, bus service subsidies, adult learning, waste disposal
- **65+:** less supportive of reductions, esp transport, highways, adult learning, trading standards

## Ways of working: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following approaches?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

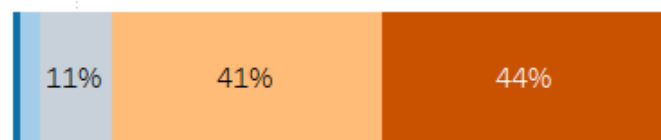
Working more with partners (e.g. NHS/ GPs/ district councils/ police) to design integrated services



Working more sustainably by utilising renewable energy, reducing carbon and helping protect the environment



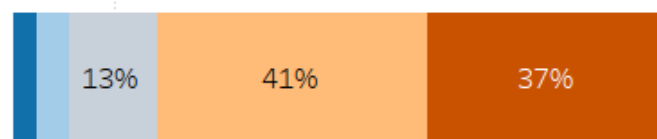
Find further efficiencies in processes, procedures and management (incl. using new technology)



Reorganising local government to make substantial overall savings in overheads



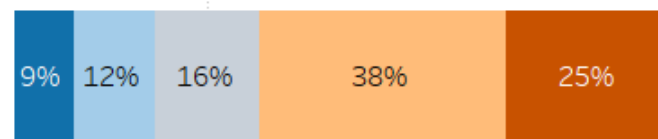
Working more with partners to support the local economy and jobs



Handing over the running of specific services to residents, community groups and voluntary organisations

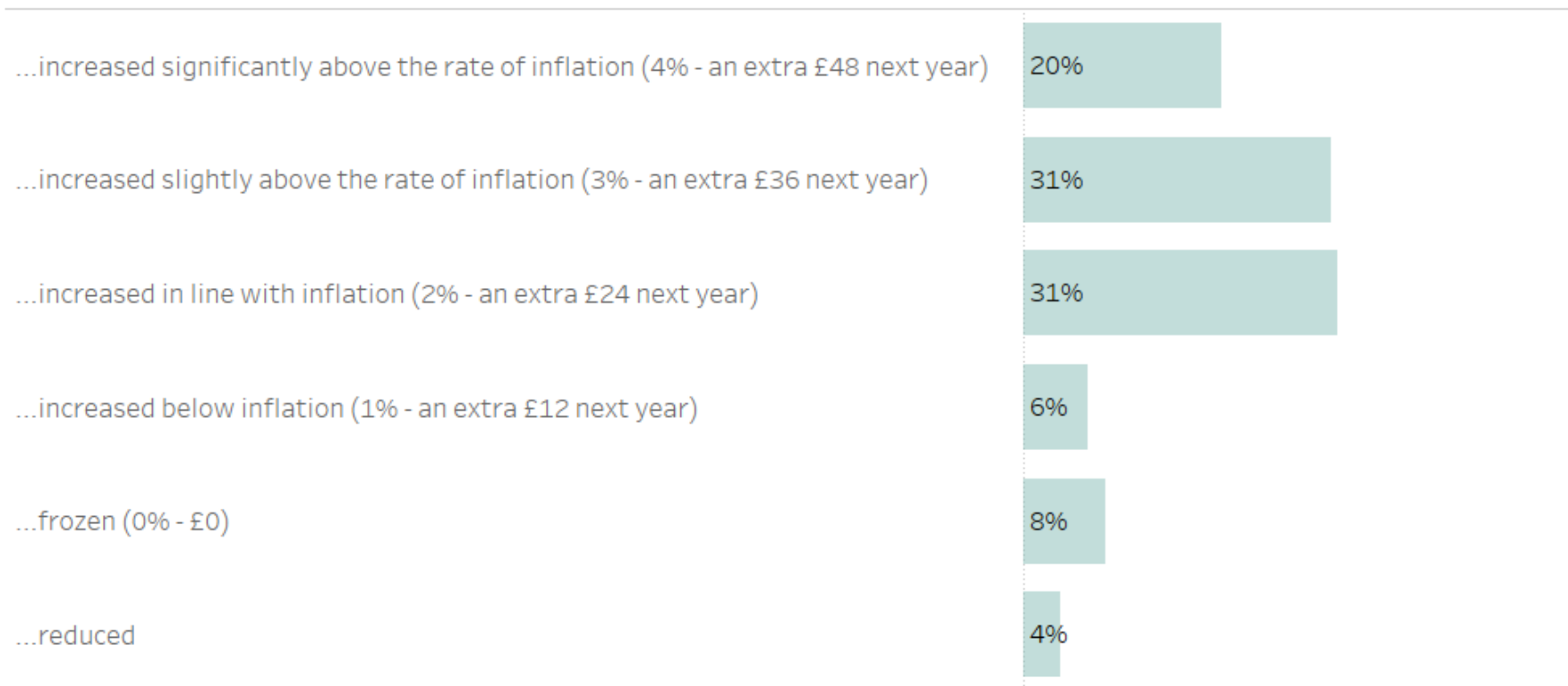


Contract with the private or voluntary sector to deliver services

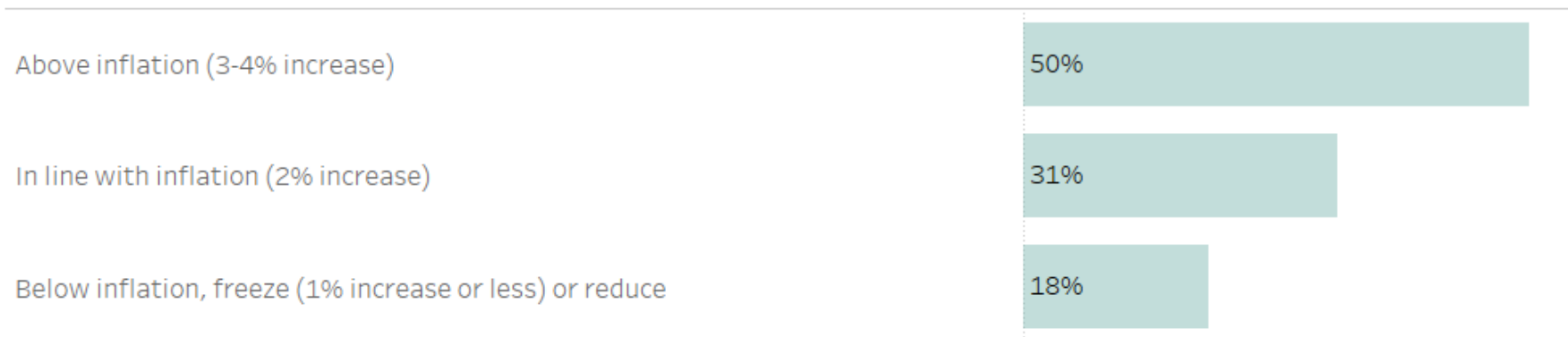


## People have different views about Council Tax levels.

Which of these statements comes closest to your own view? *Council tax should be...*

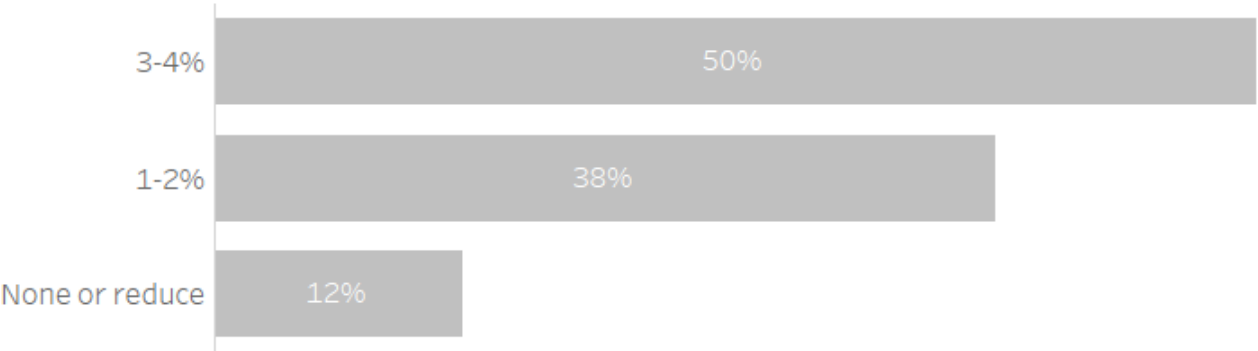


### Summary

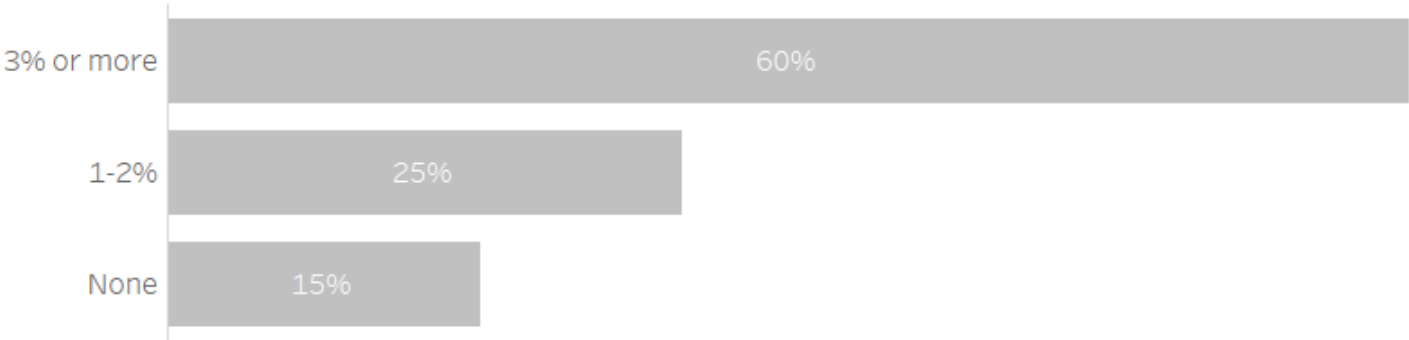


Council Tax - Change over time (approximate comparison)

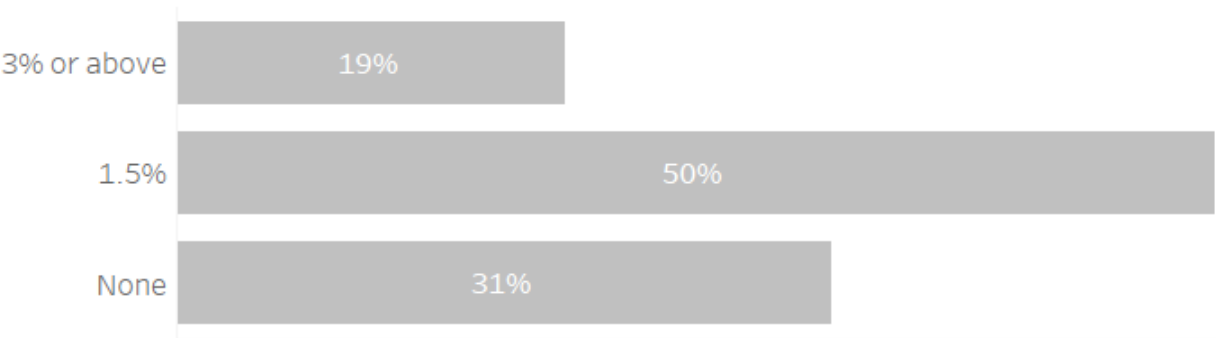
Summer 2019 Leicestershire's Priorities Consultation (Base = 4,194)



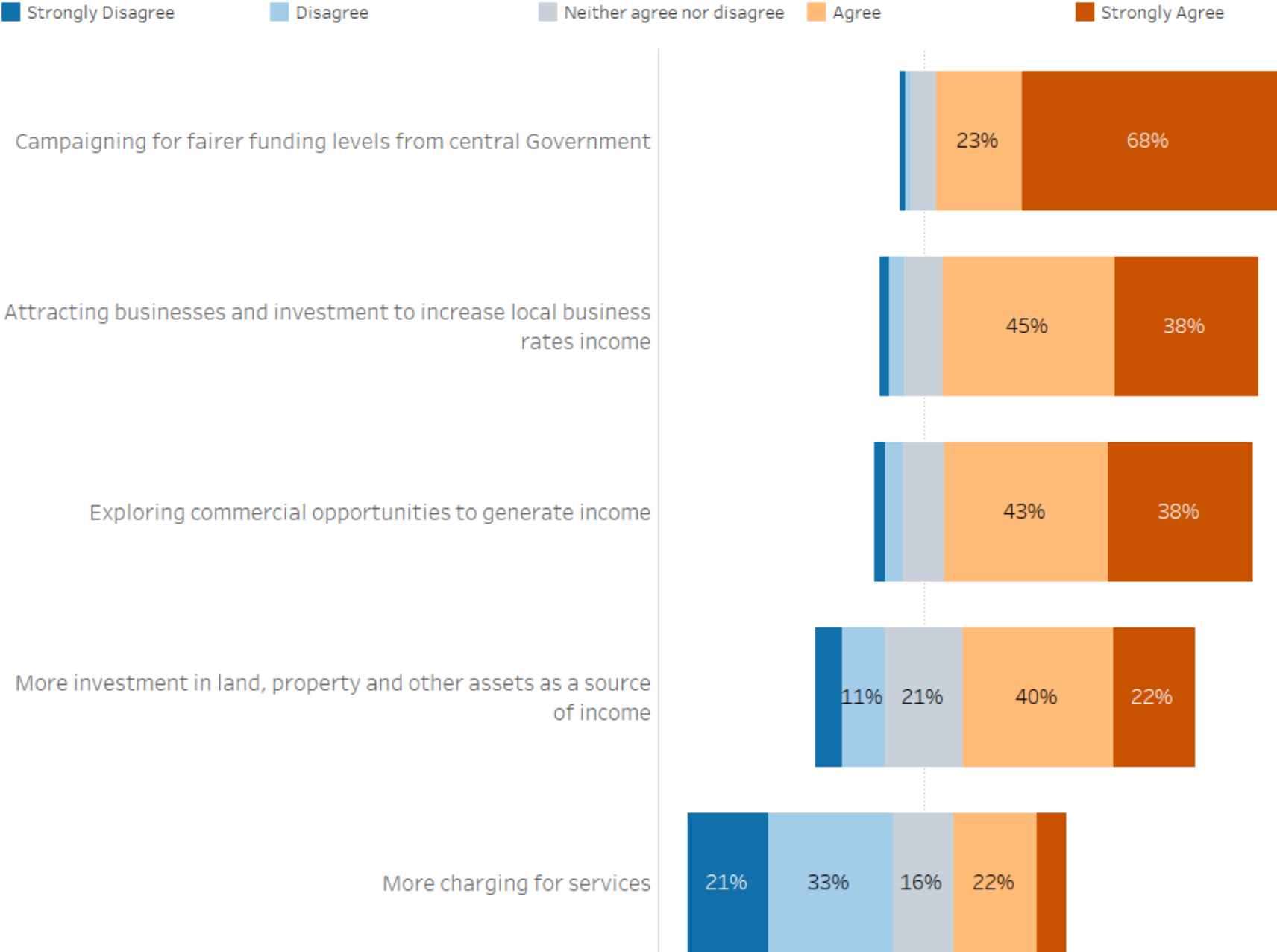
January 2019 MTFS Consultation (Base = 192) - Including social care percept



2013 Leicestershire's Future Consultation (Base = 5,575)

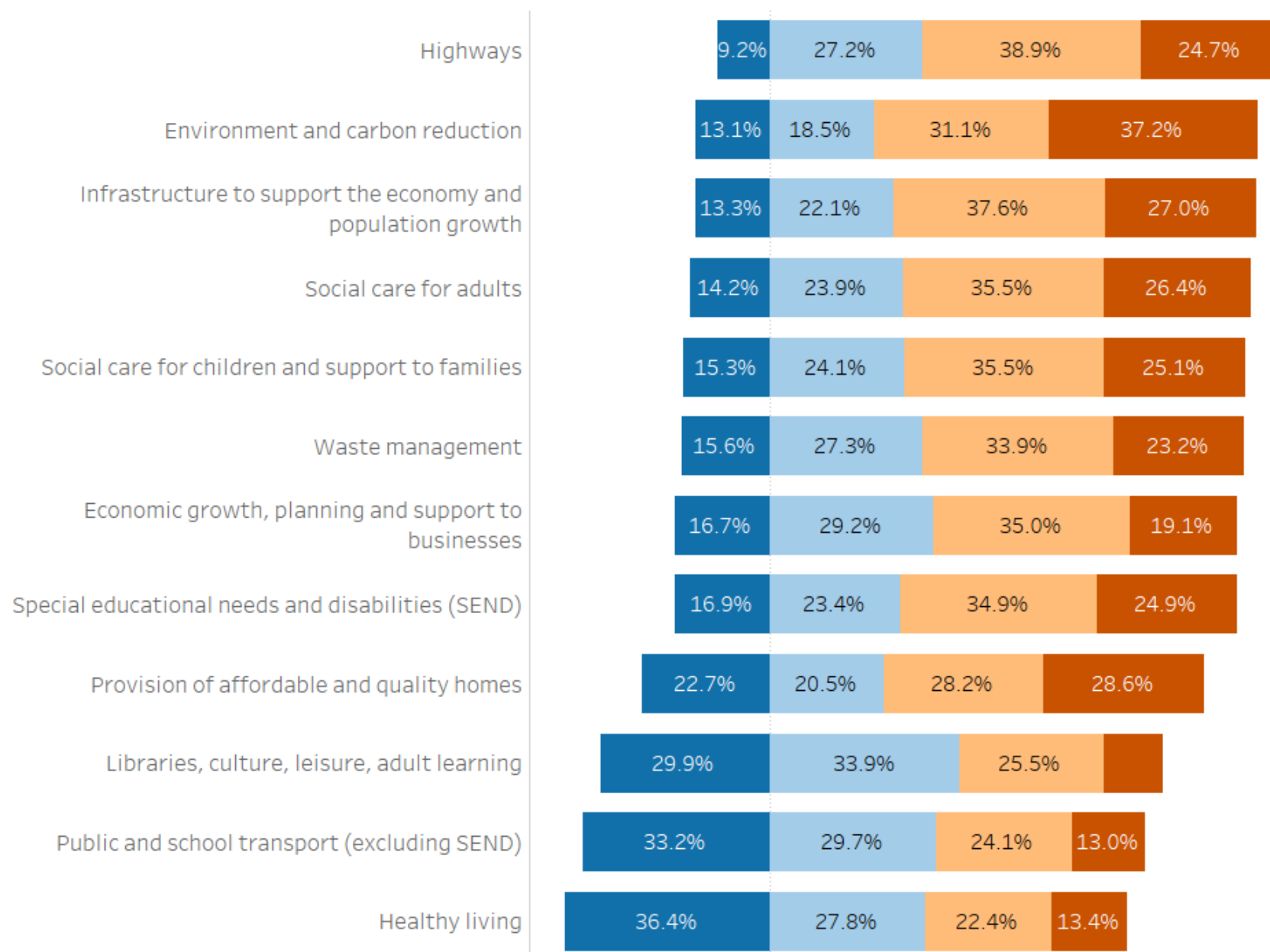


Other income: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following approaches?



To what extent do you think the county council should improve the areas listed below if the opportunity arose?

■ Improve: Not at all
■ Improve: Not very much
■ Improve: To some extent
■ Improve: A great deal



## **‘Any other comments’**

Base = 3,980 points of view

Top 10 codes (accounting for 32% of all comments)

1. Protect vulnerable people (216)
2. Lobby government/ fairer funding (161)
3. Improve waste management (including doorstep) (138)
4. Reduce number and salary of managers (127)
5. Reduce number/salary/expenses of councillors/CE (118)
6. Improve road maintenance/safety (111)
7. Less bureaucracy/inefficiency/waste/duplication (110)
8. Join up thinking: depts and other organisations (97)
9. Get people to take individual responsibility (97)
10. Pursue Unitary/have one single council (92)

Questions?