

APSE Councillors Survey



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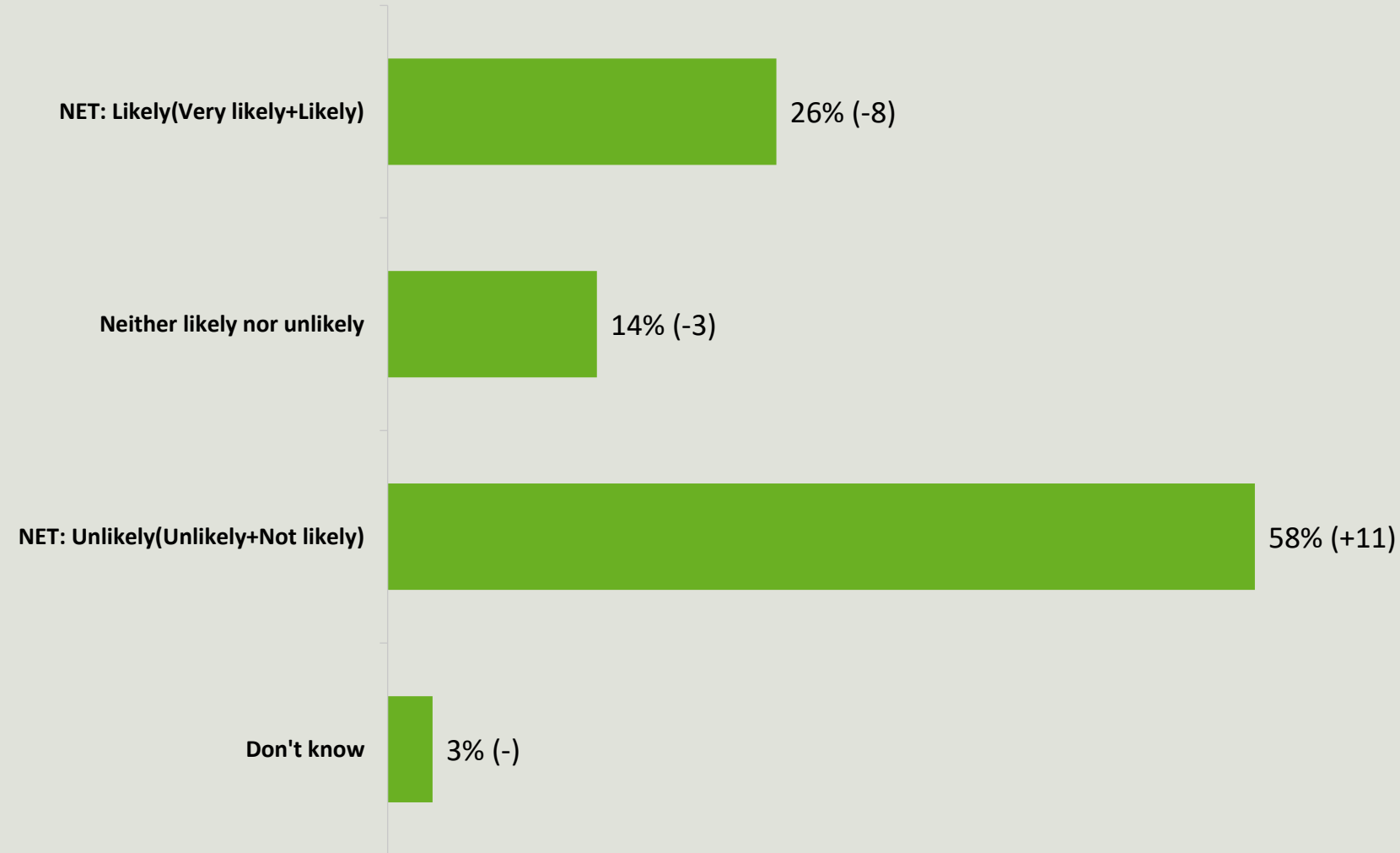
Methodology: Survey was conducted online. Email invitations were sent to elected councillors in the UK.

Fieldwork: 5th November – 18th November 2025

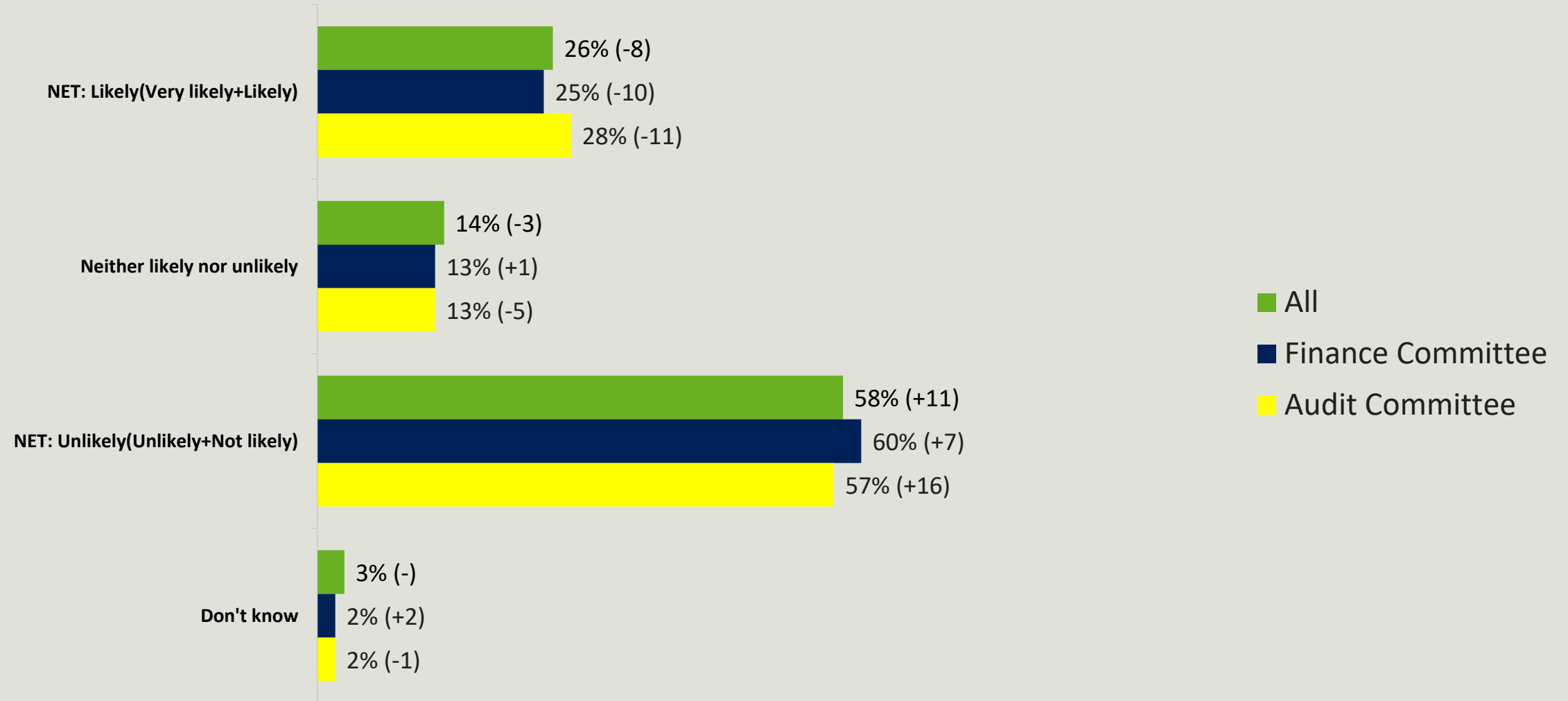
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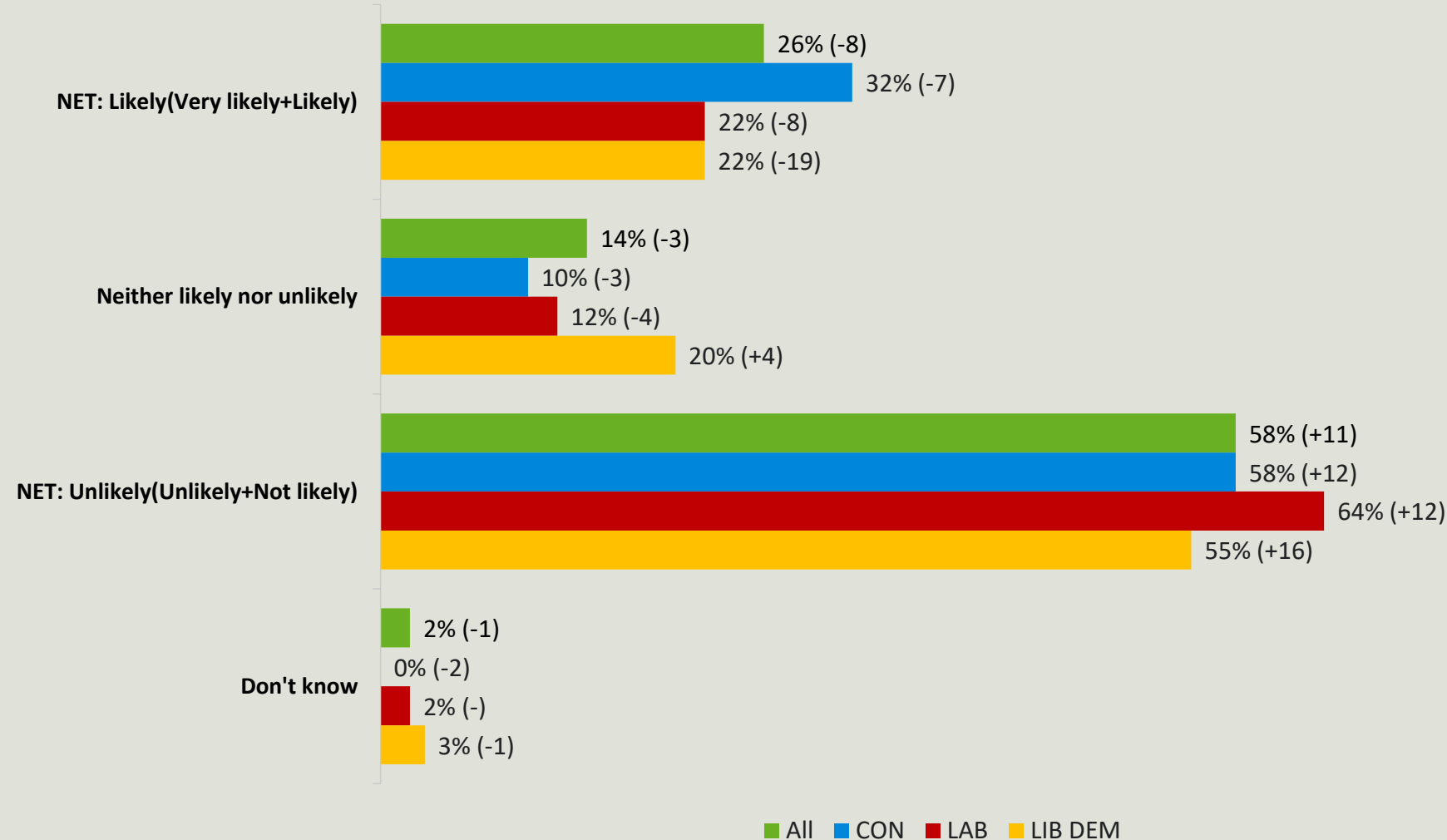
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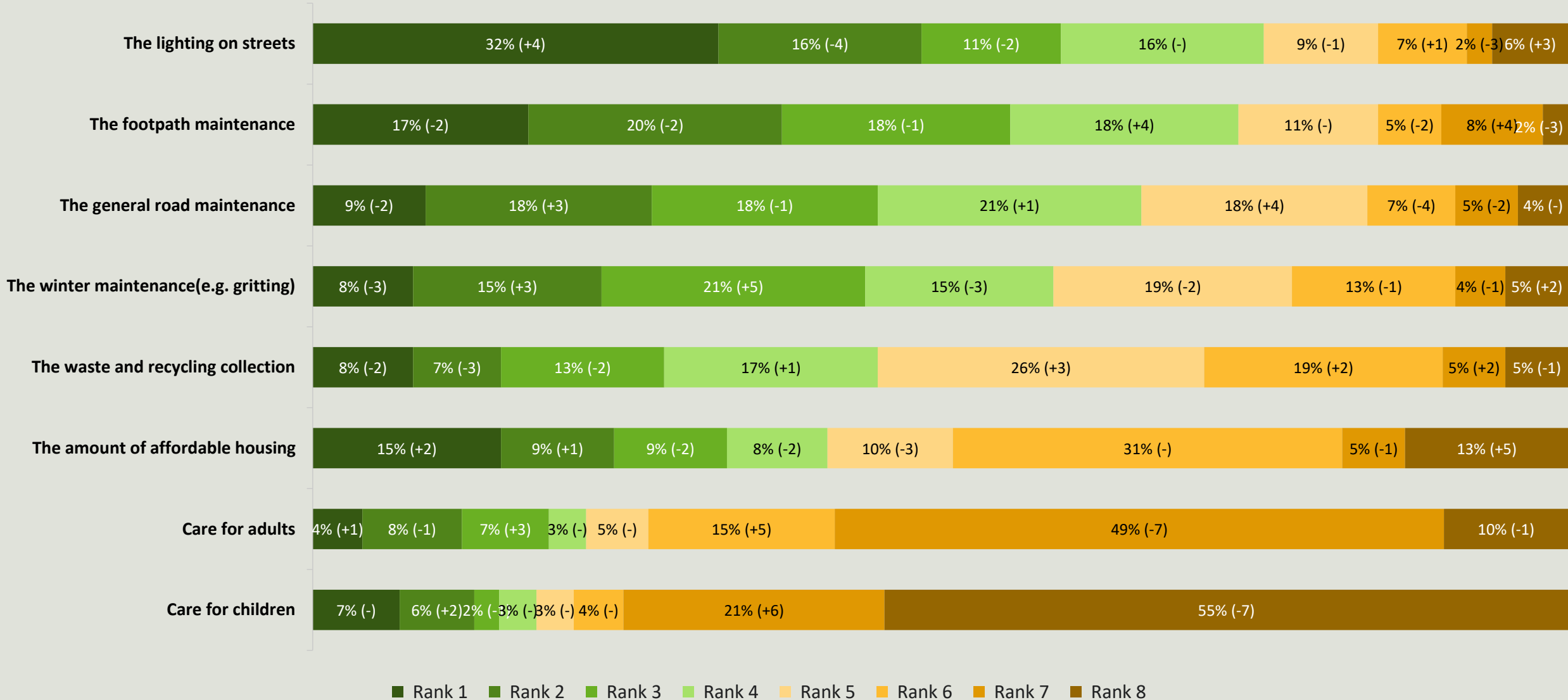
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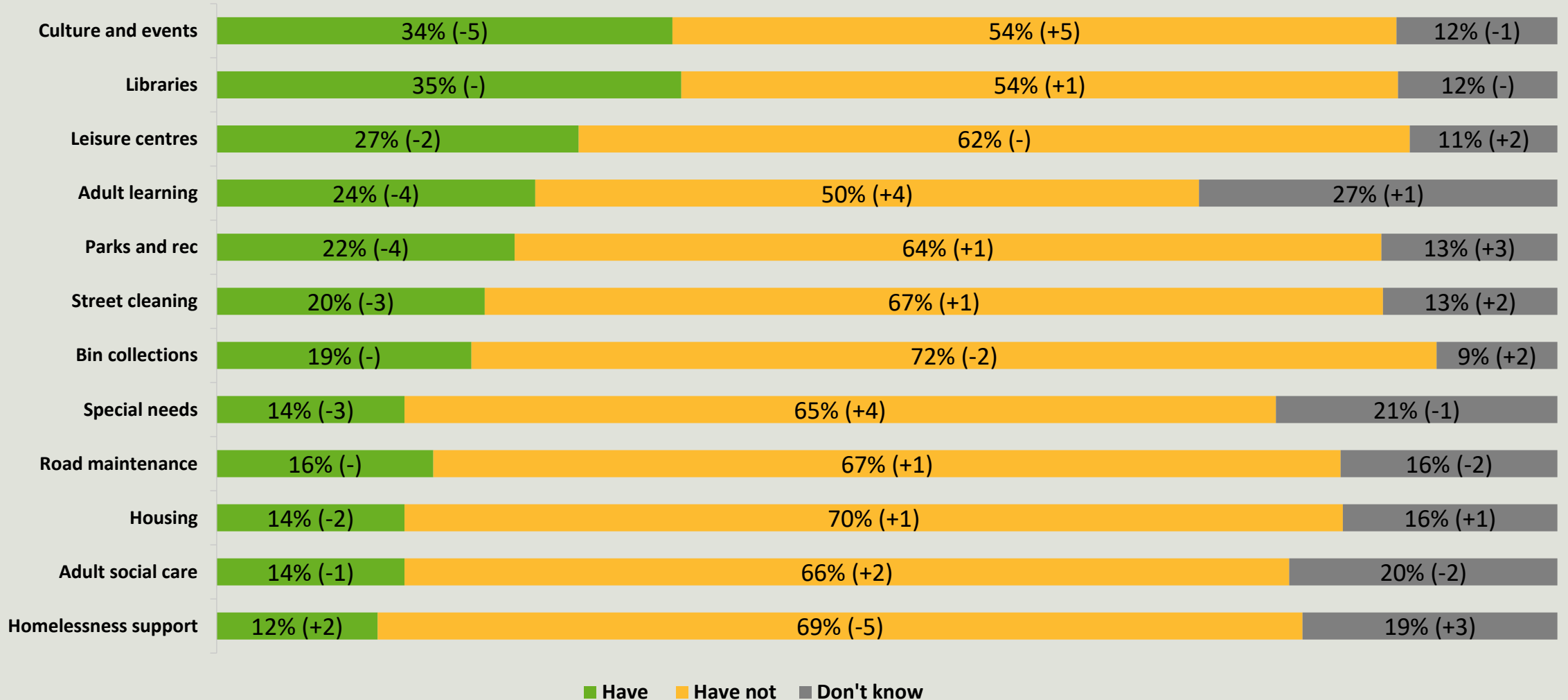


Q2_Summary. One way local authorities try to avoid issuing a section 114 notice (or S.95 in Scotland) is by cutting spending on certain services or stop providing altogether. Please rank each of the following services in order of how comfortable you'd be to see cut if your local authority were facing bankruptcy

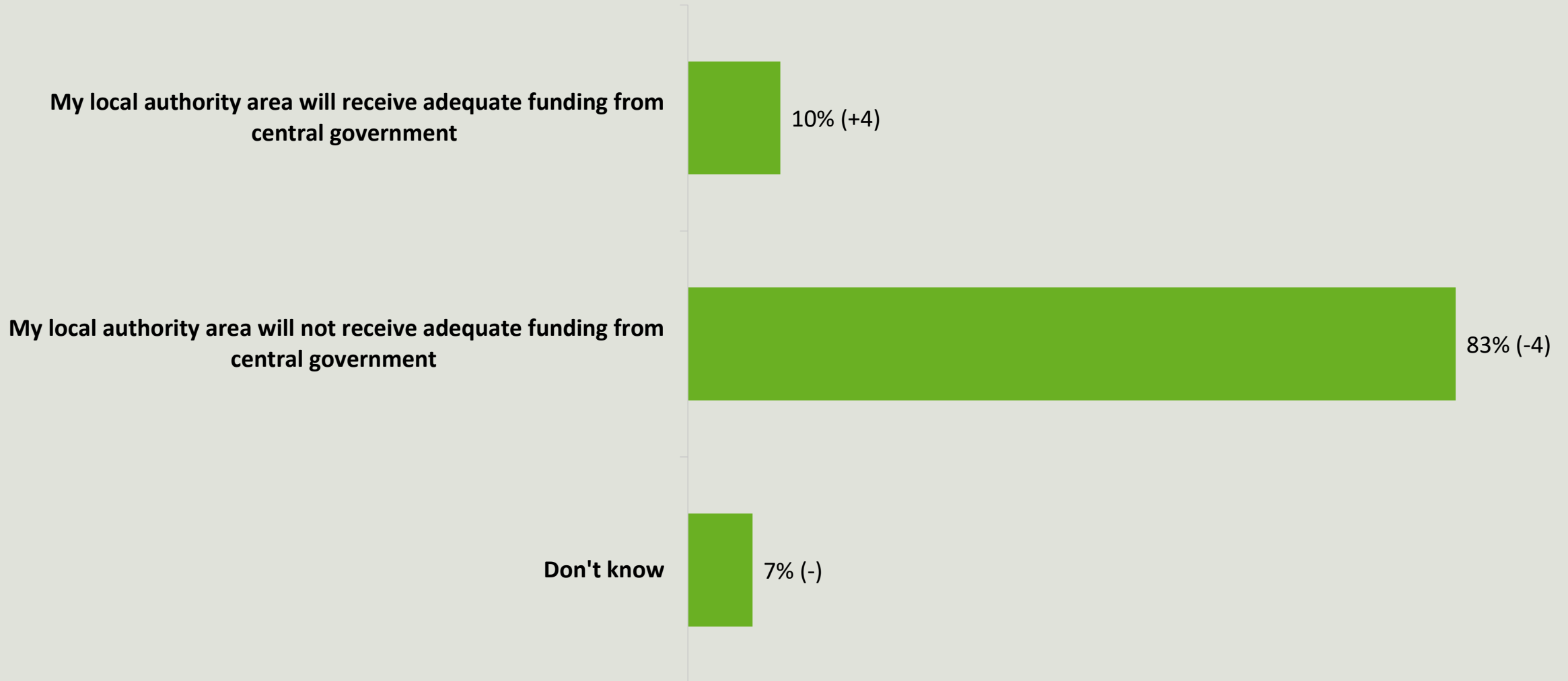


BASE: All respondents. Unweighted total: 504. Changes vs 2024.

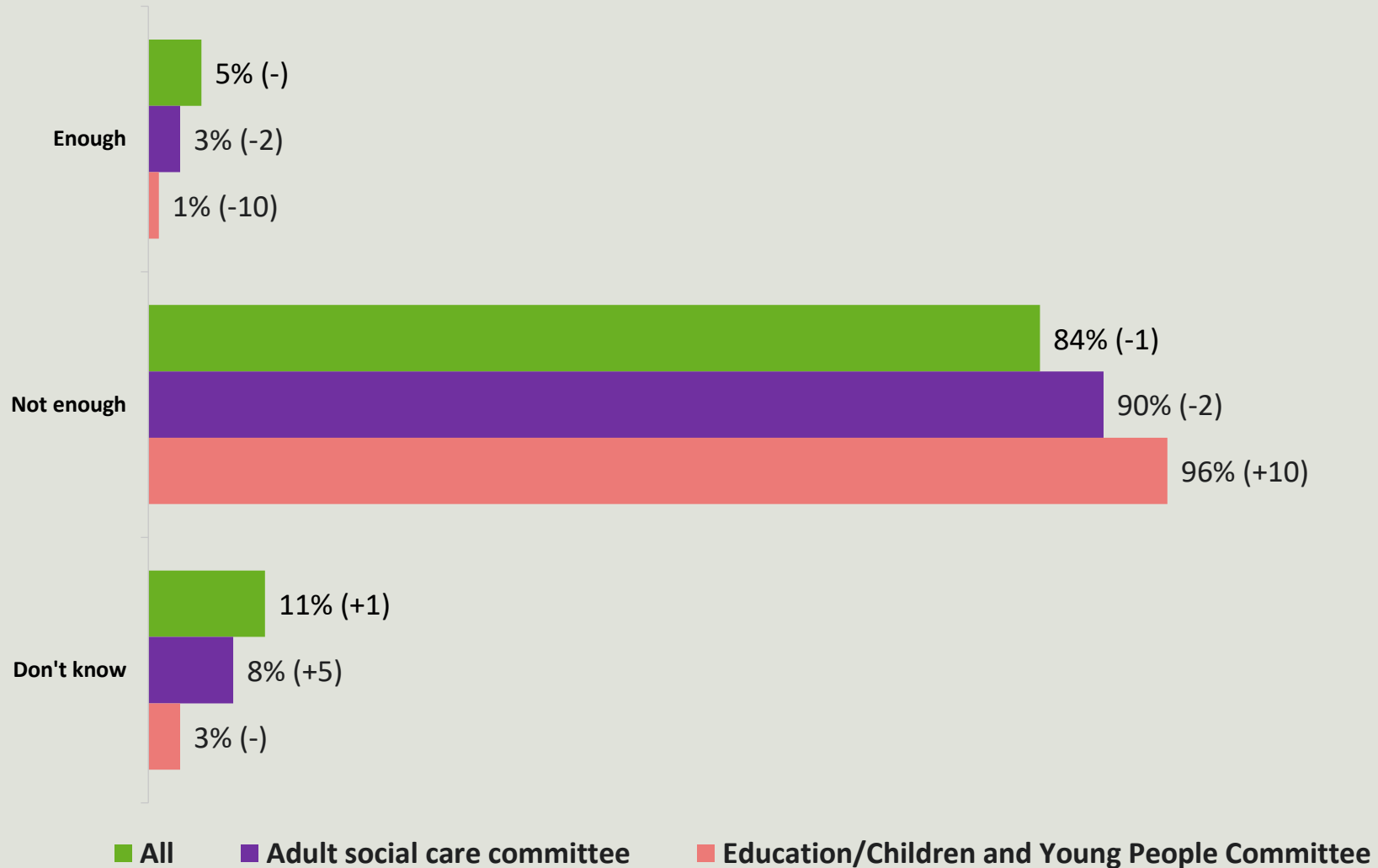
Q3. Which of the following services, if any, has your local authority had to cancel or close since 2010?



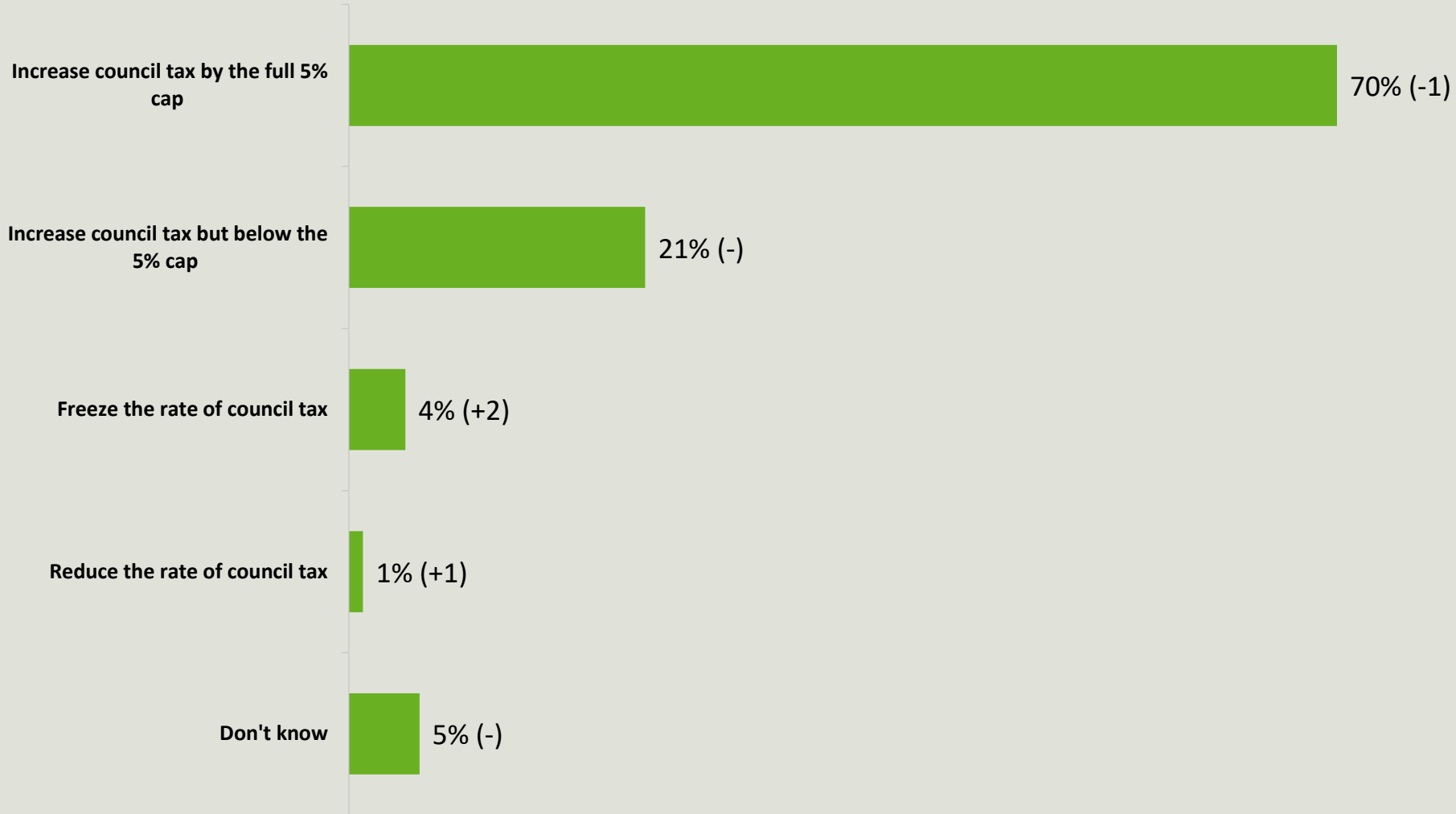
Q4. At the 2024 budget, the Chancellor provided an additional £1.3 billion in financial support for local government. Thinking about the financial situation of the council you sit on, which of the following is closest to your view?



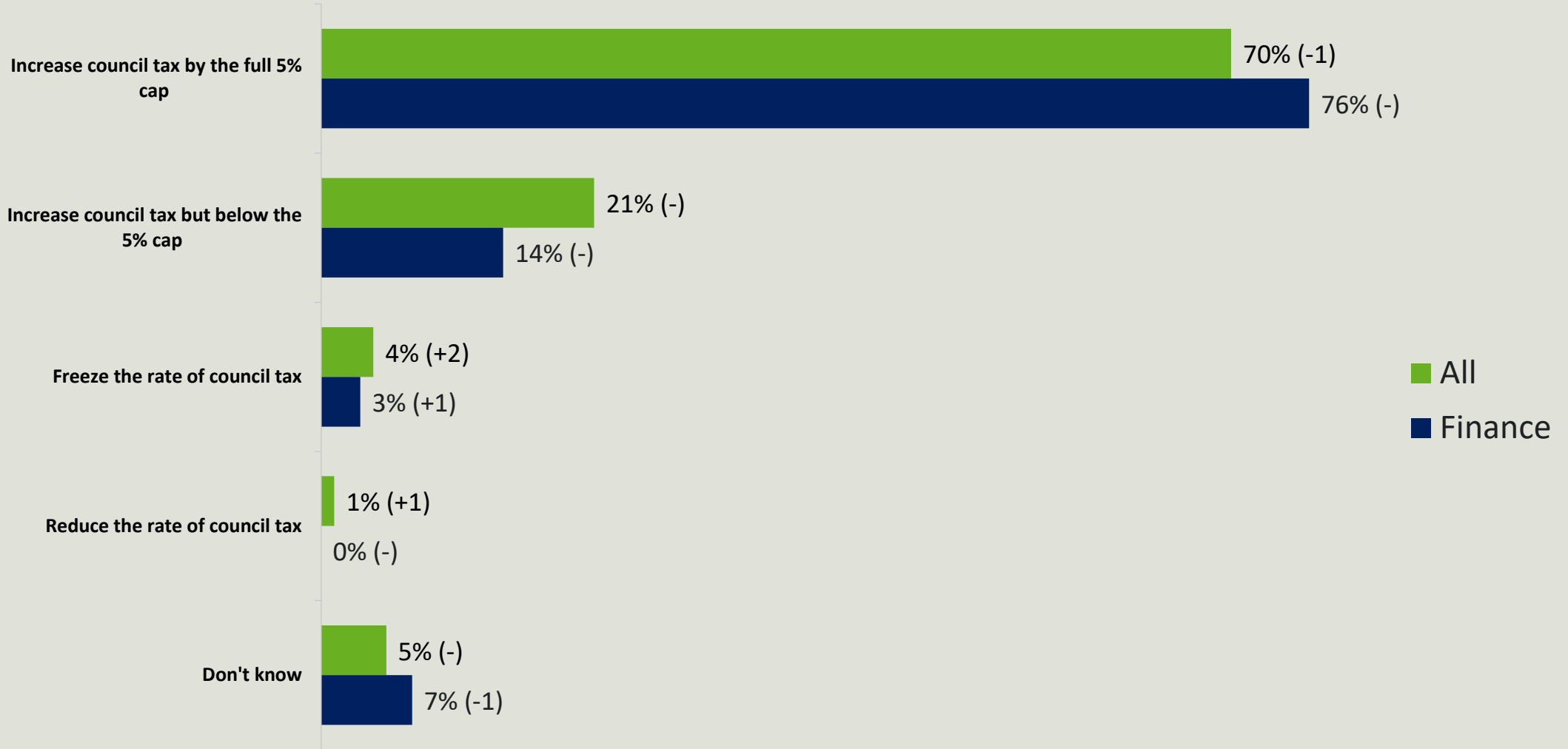
Q5. An additional £1.5 billion was designated for social care grants, with £1.2 billion specifically earmarked for adult and children's social care. Do you think this is...



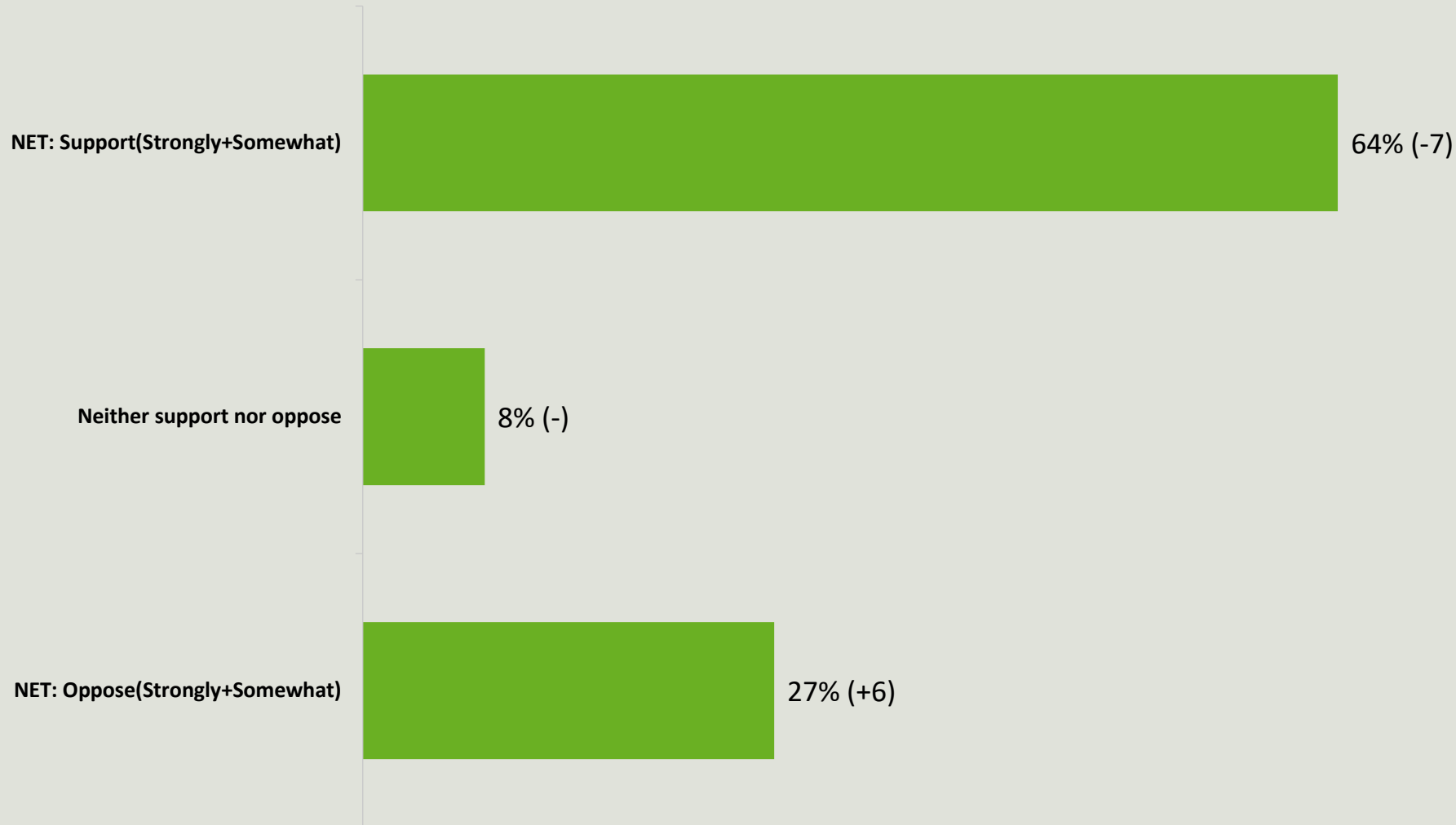
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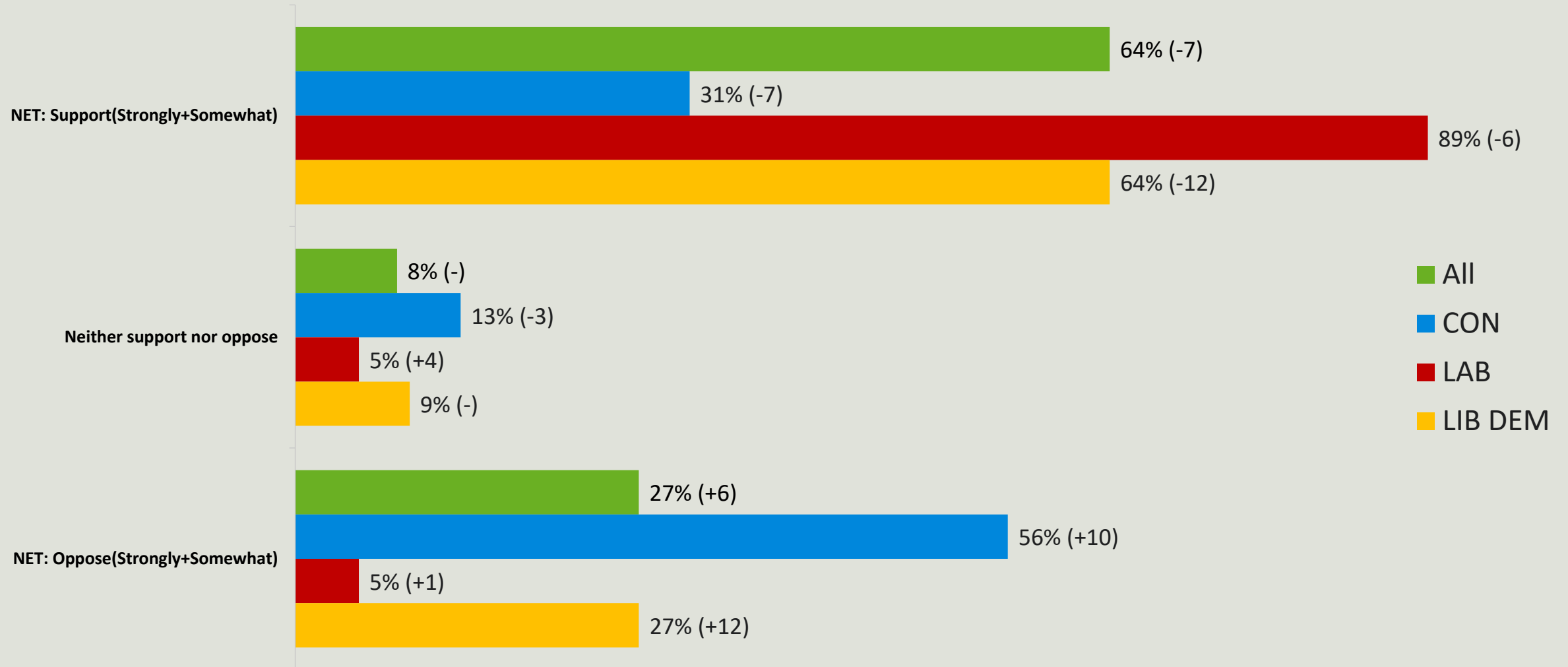
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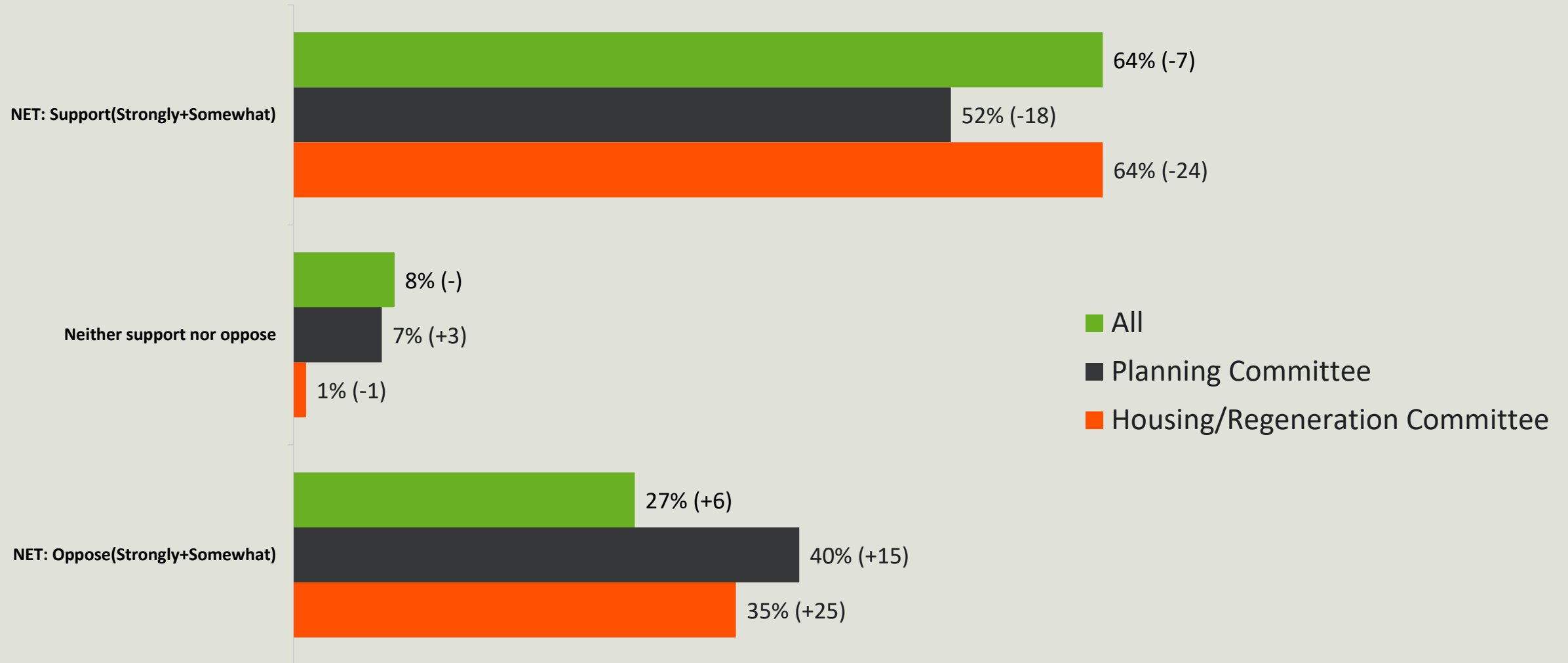
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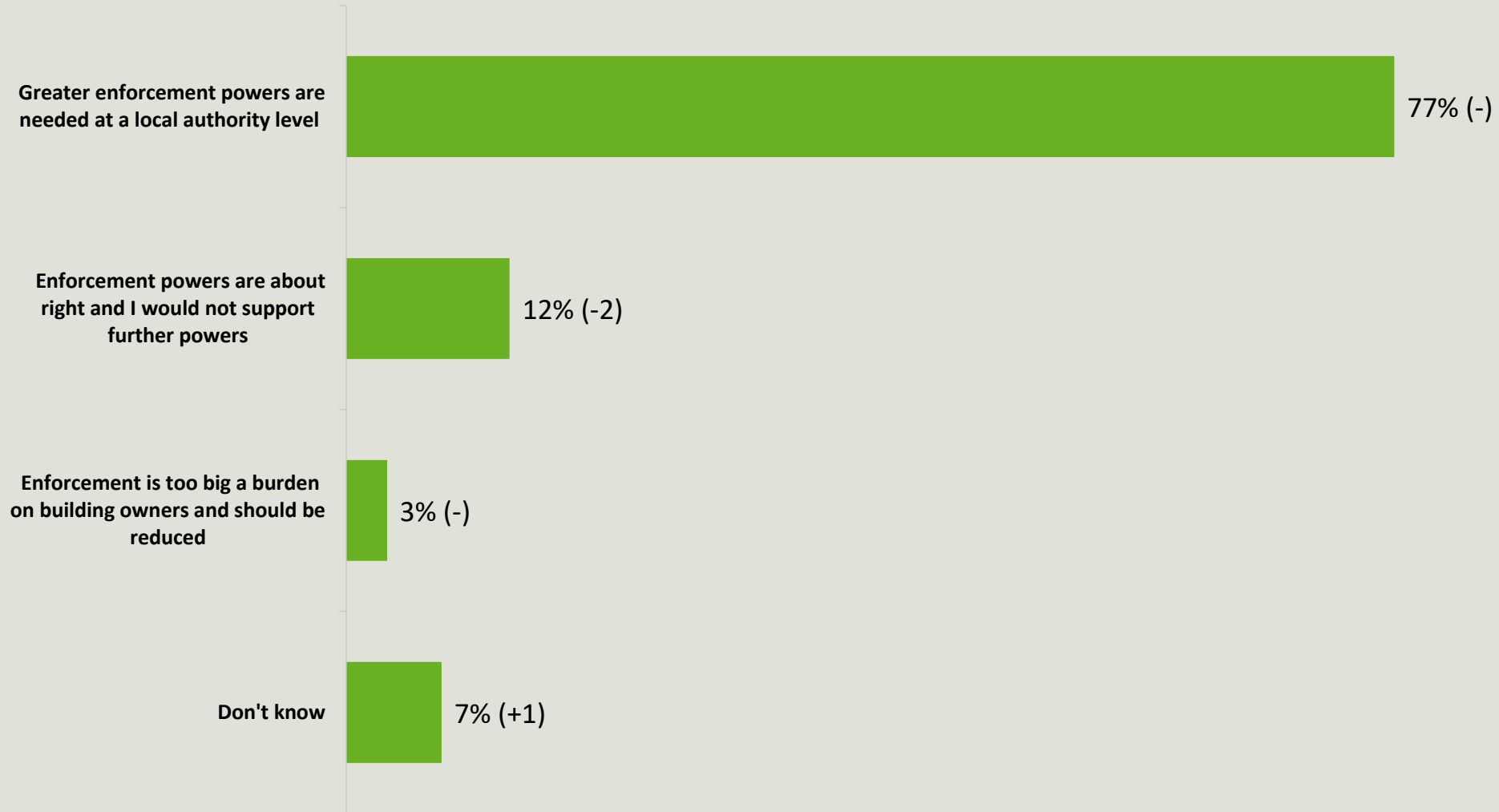
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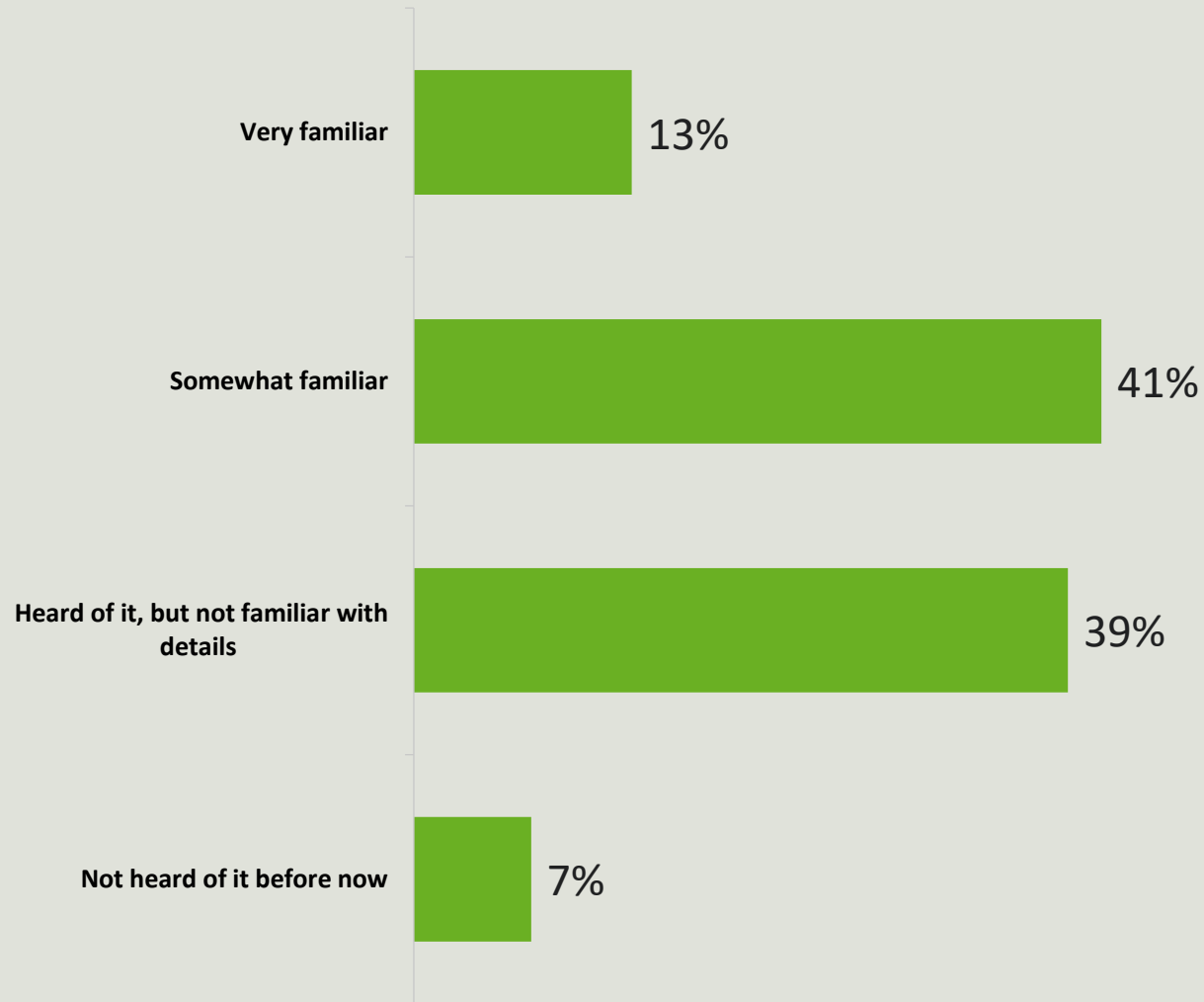
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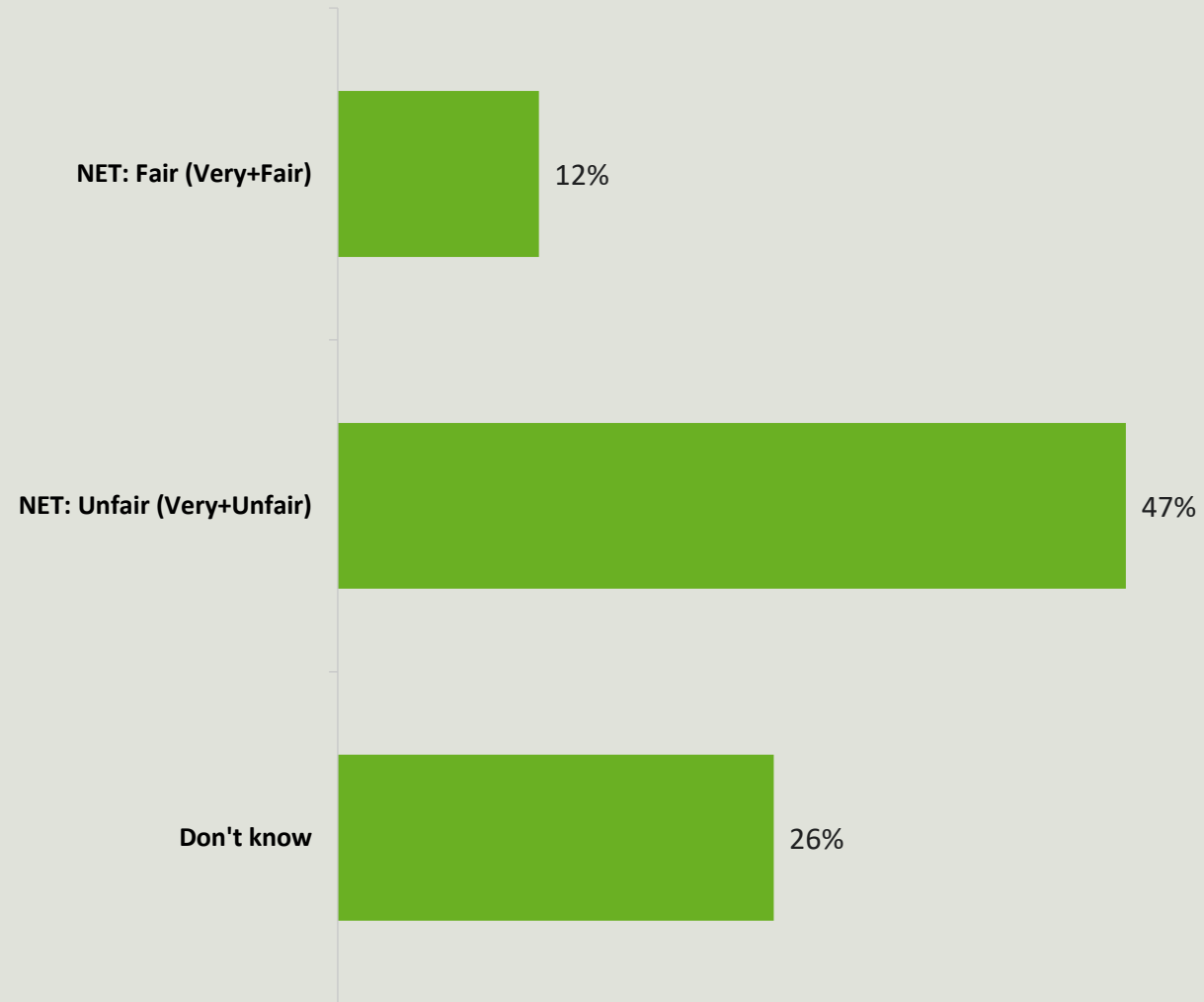
Q8. Given the lack of progress in enforcing removal of dangerous cladding and remediation work on unsafe buildings, such as those with damp and mould which of the following statements comes closest to your view?



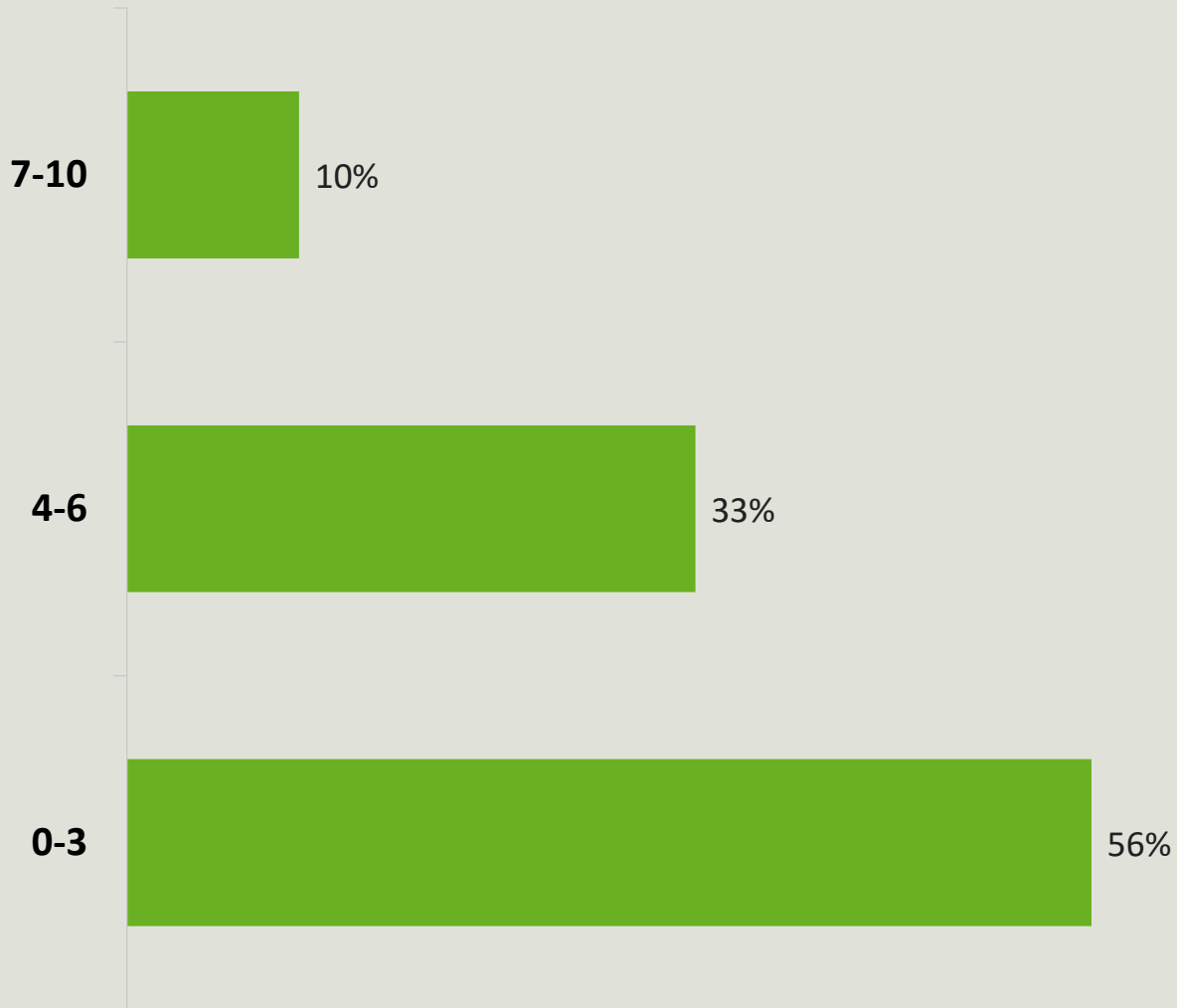
Q9. How familiar are you with the government's recent revisions to the local government fair funding formula?



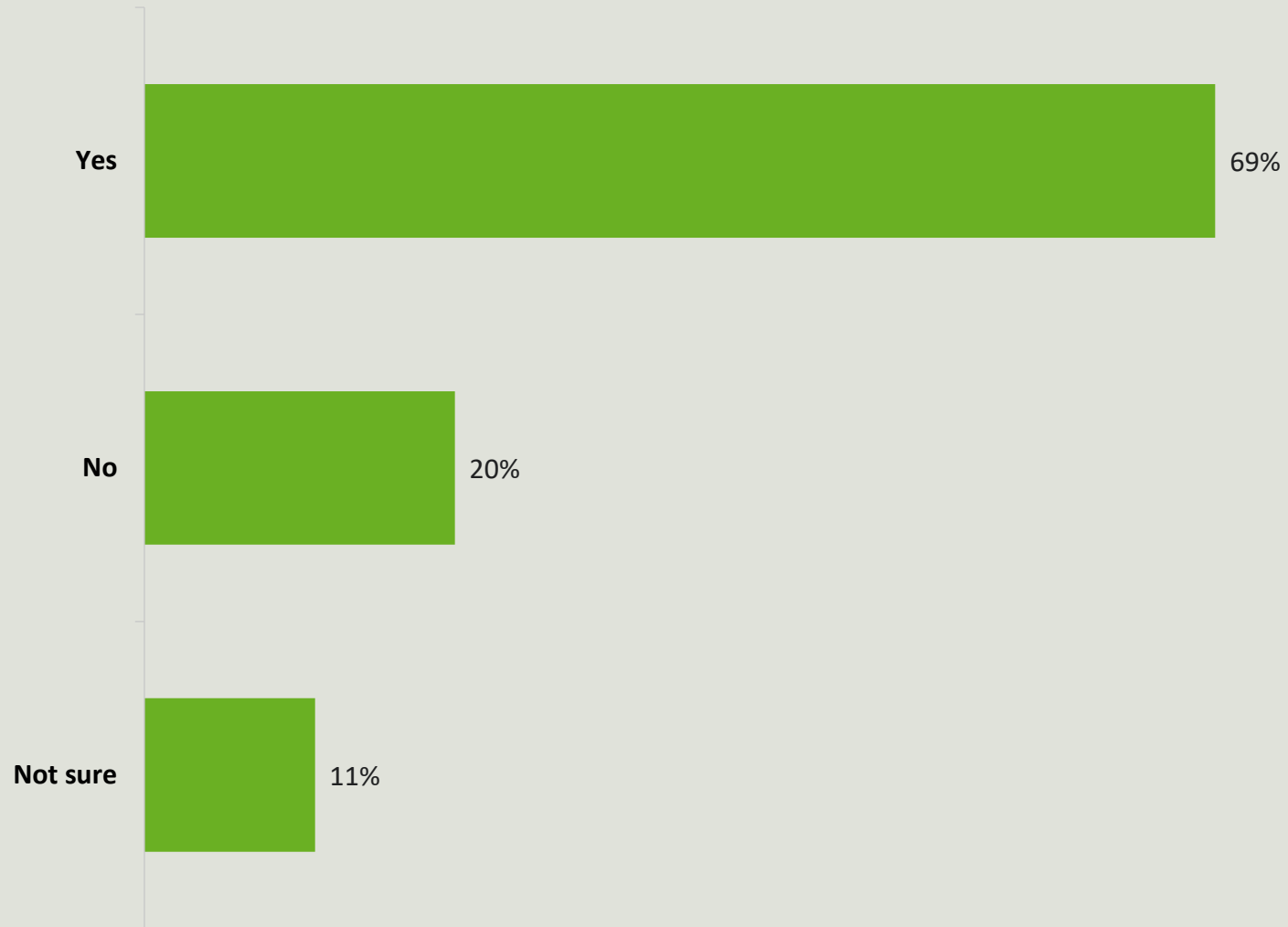
Q10. From what you know, how fair do you think the new fair funding formula is to councils like yours?



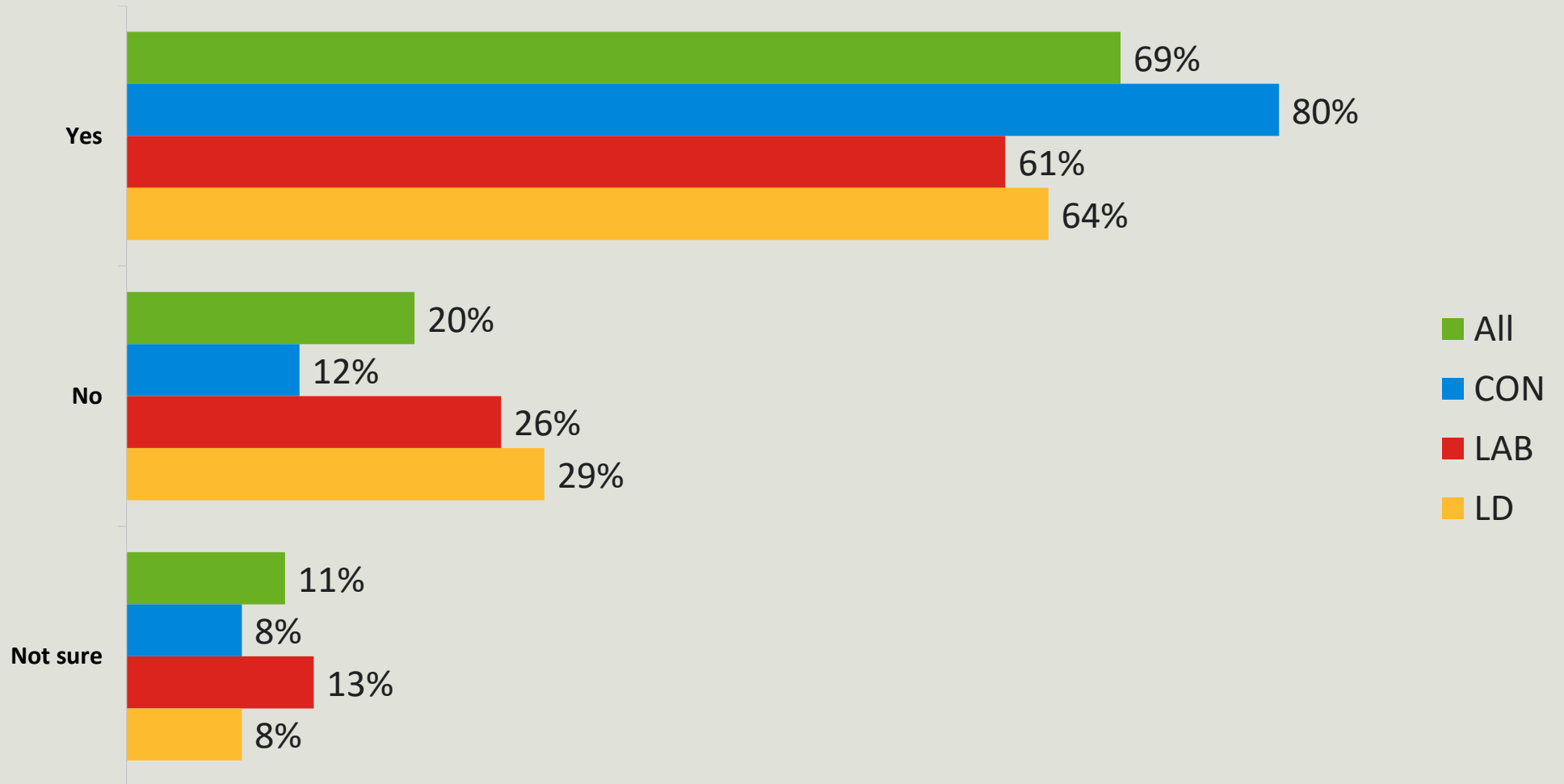
Q11. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'no improvement at all' and 10 means 'a major improvement', how much of an improvement - if any - do you think the new formula is compared to the previous one?



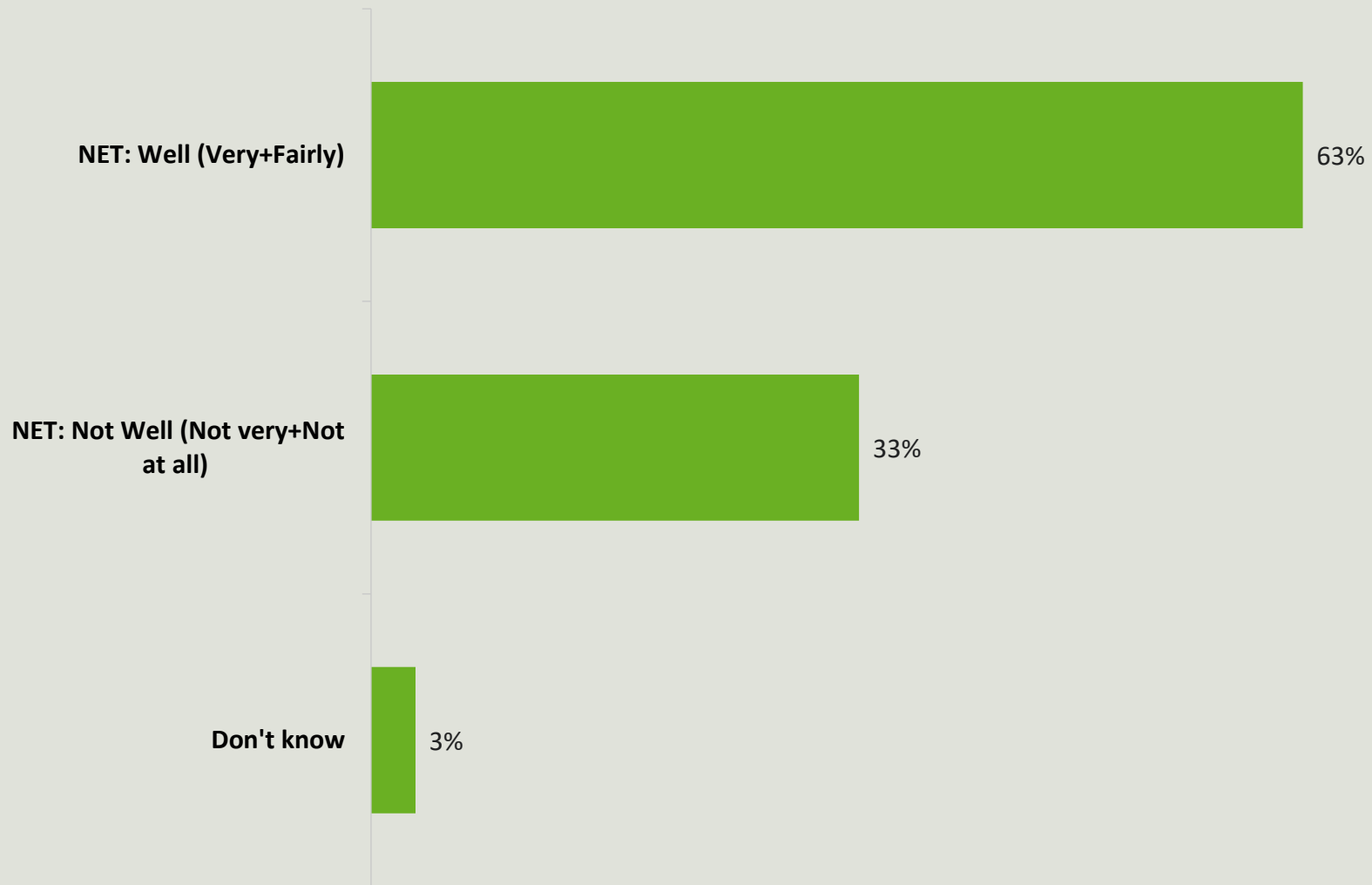
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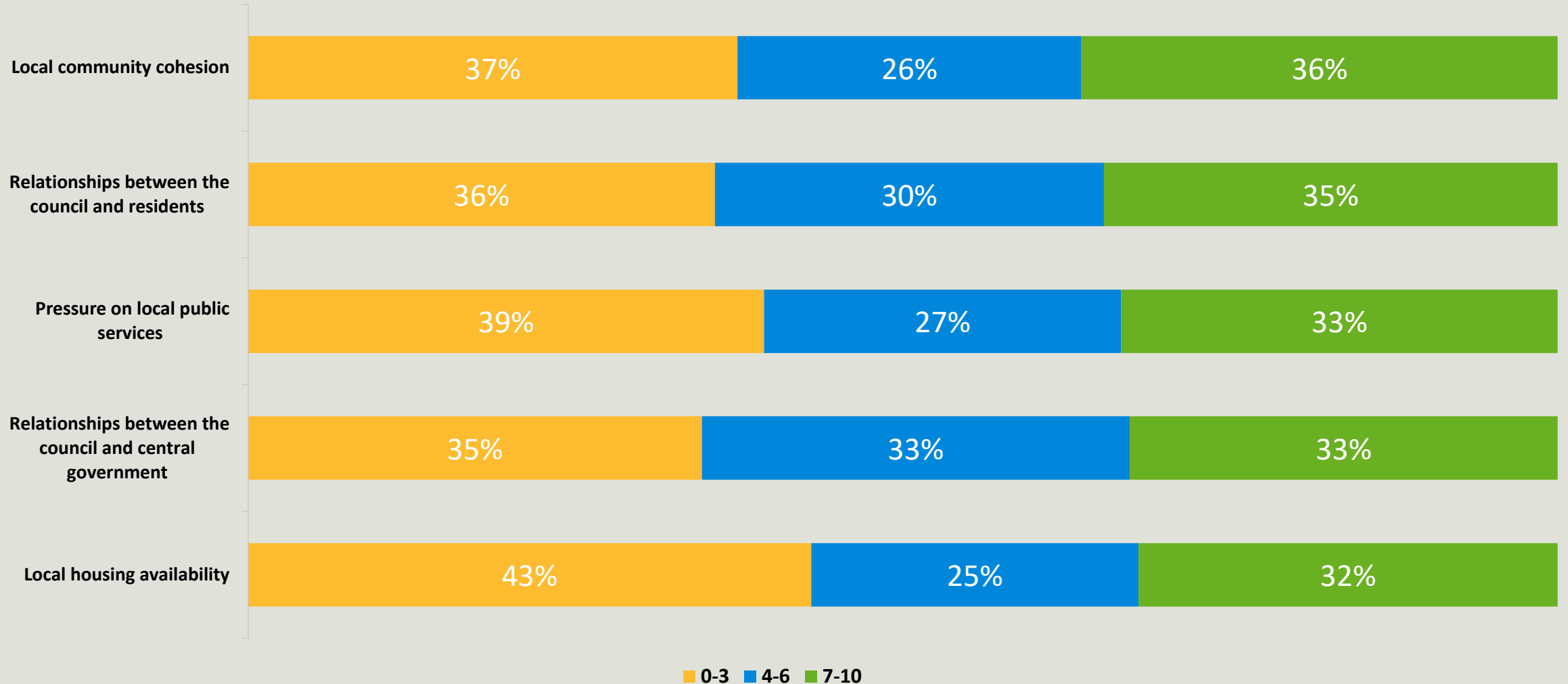
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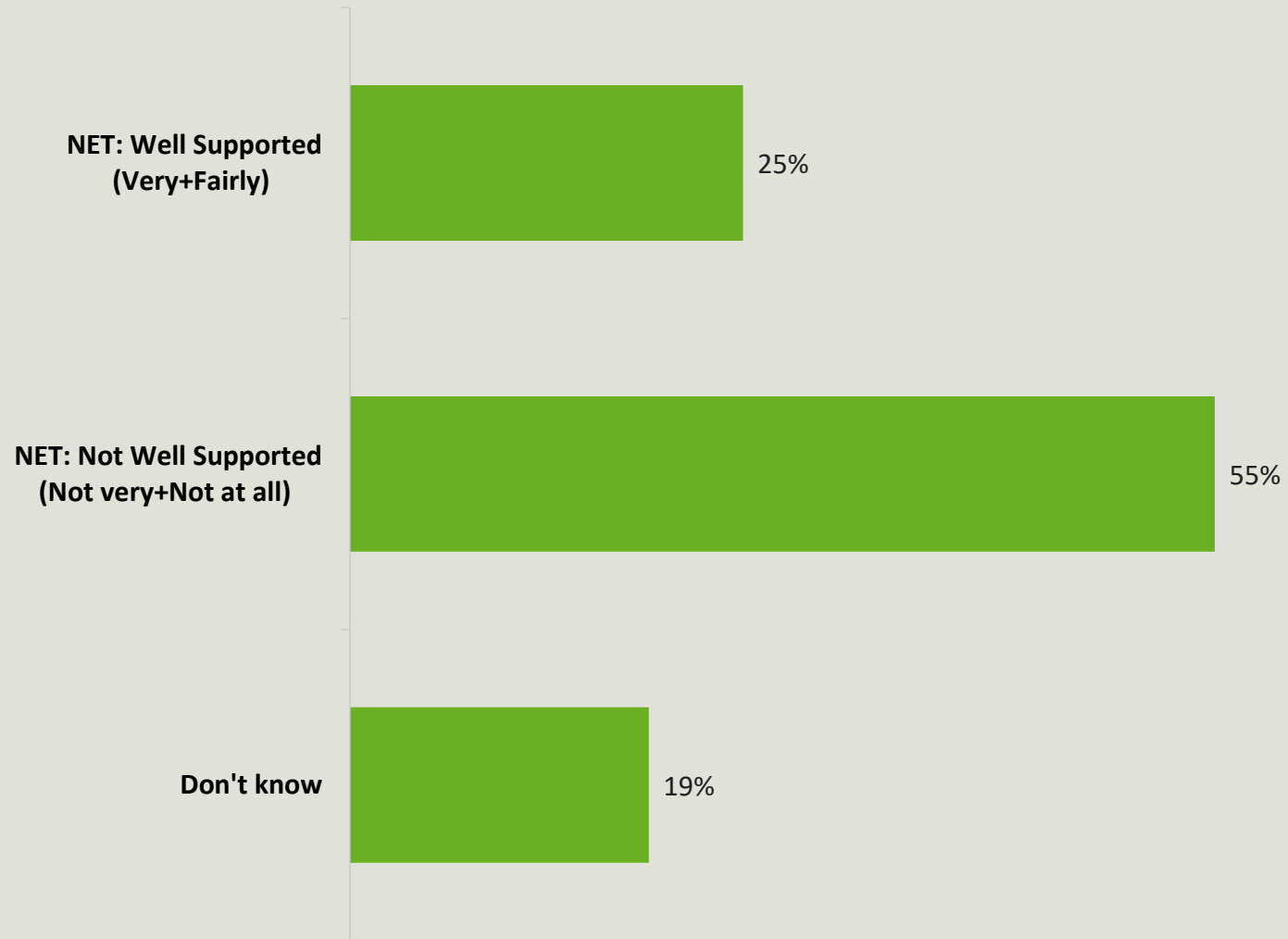
Q13. How well would you say this has been managed in your local authority area?



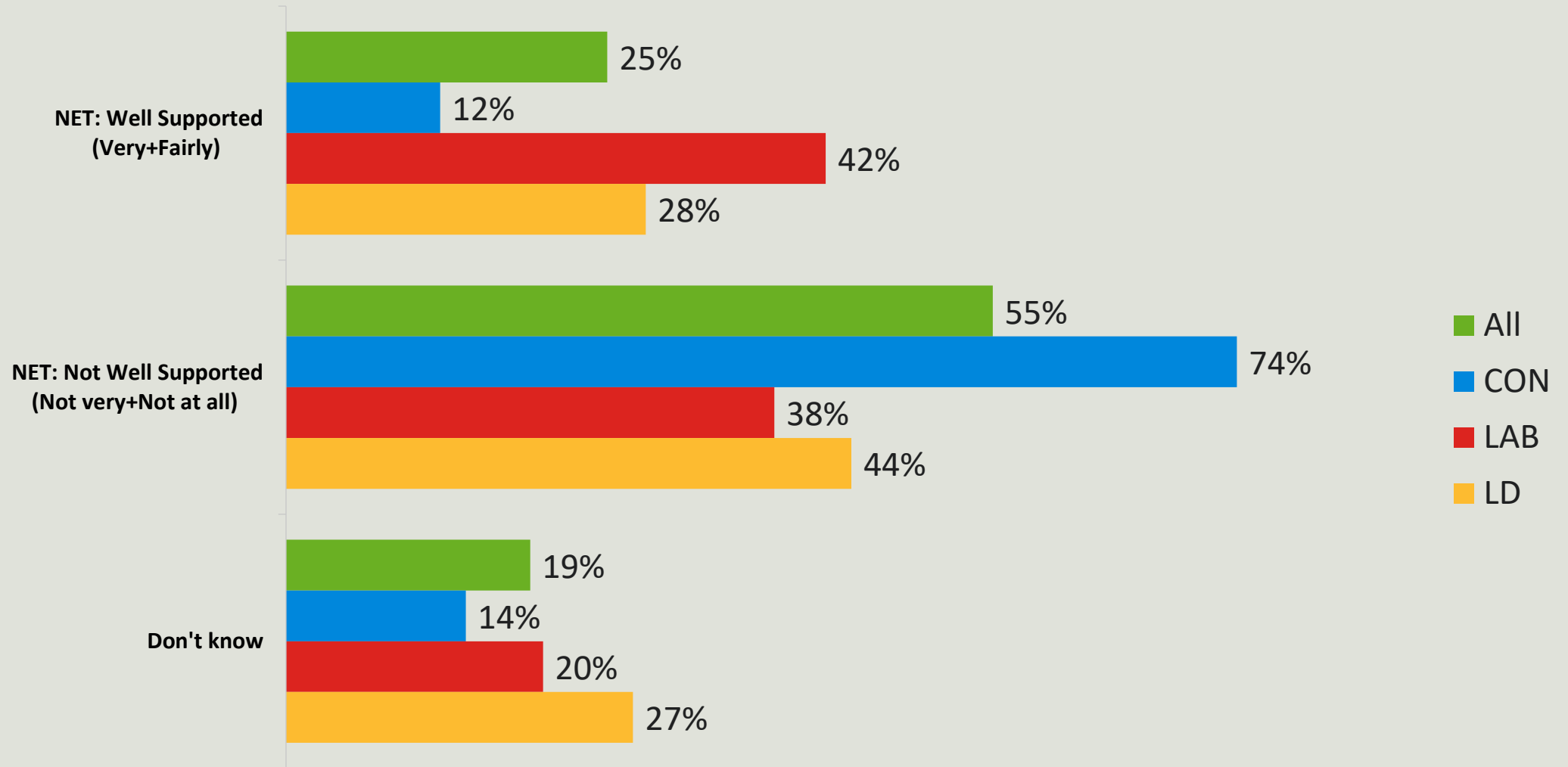
**Q14_Summary. How much of an effect - if any - has this had in your area on each of the following?
(0 = No effect at all, 10 = A very large effect).**



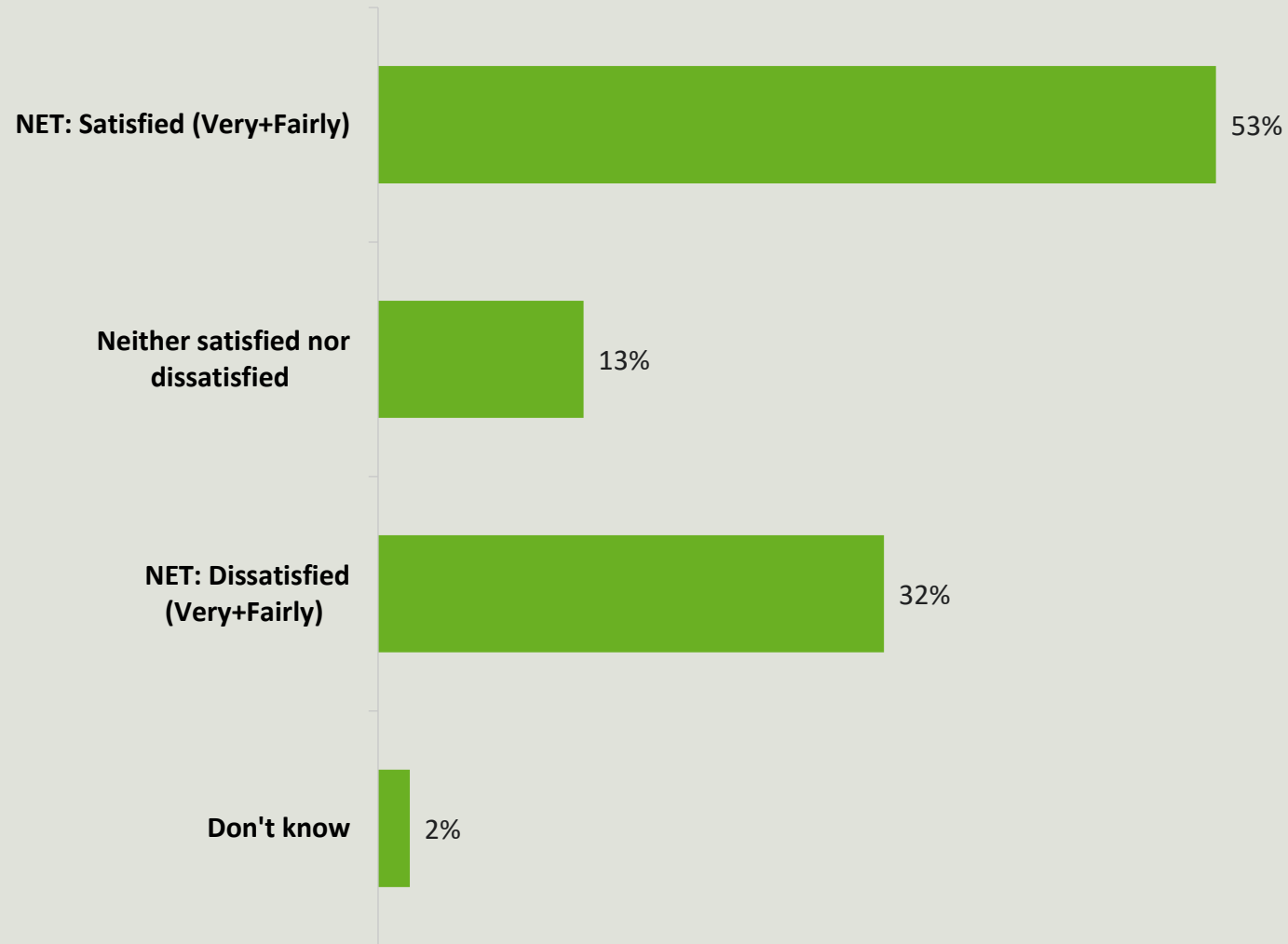
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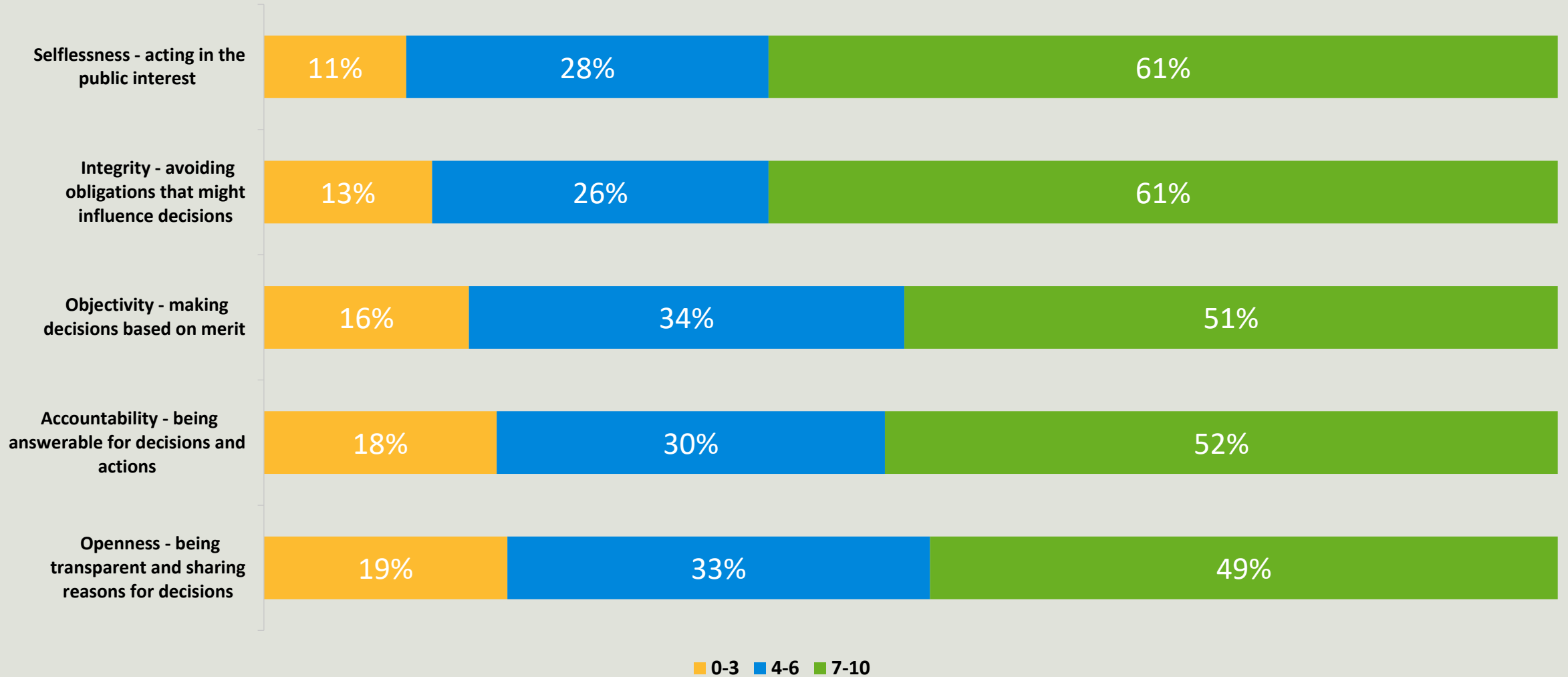
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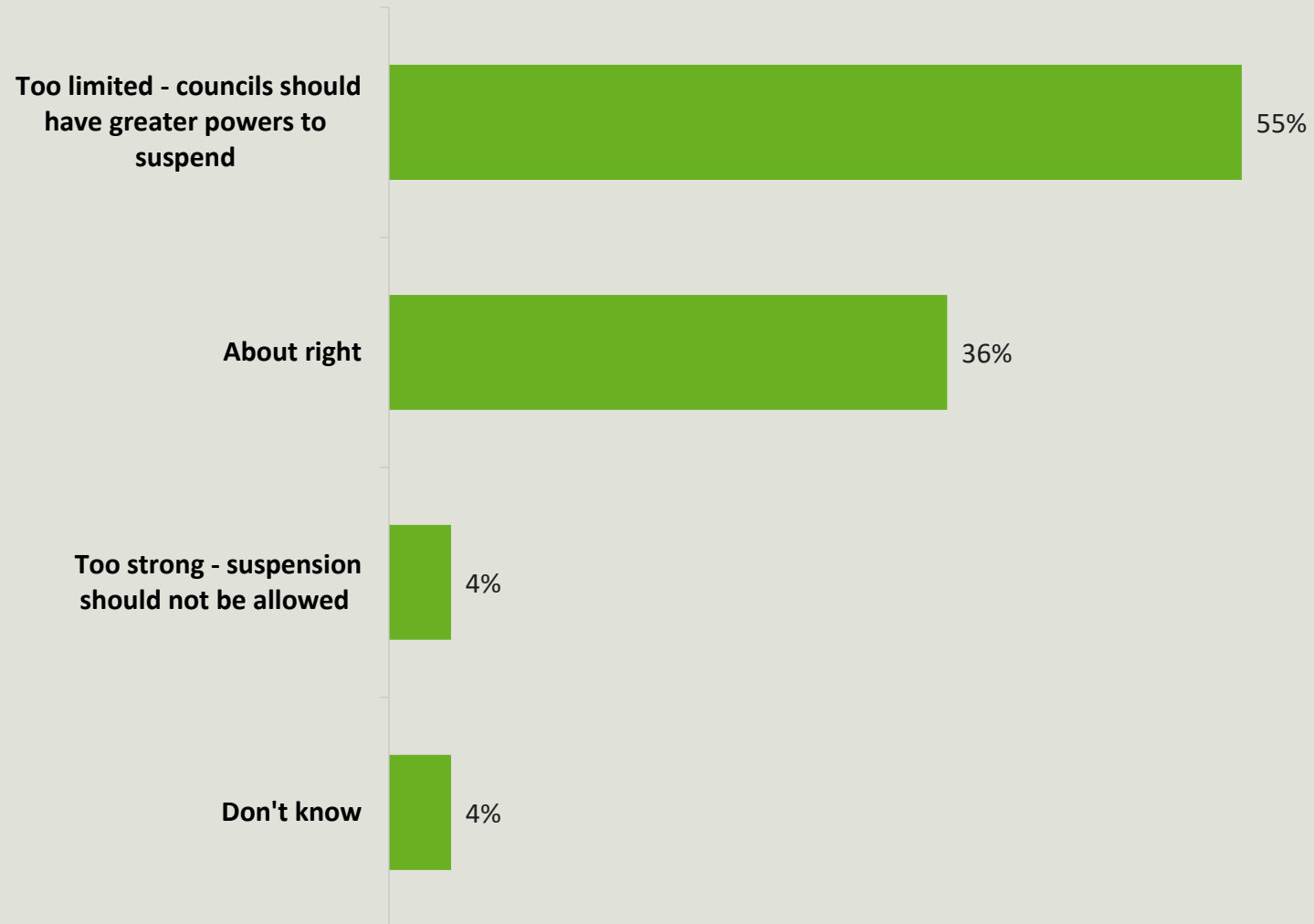
Q16. Thinking about councillor standards, how satisfied are you with the current rules governing councillor conduct and accountability in local government?



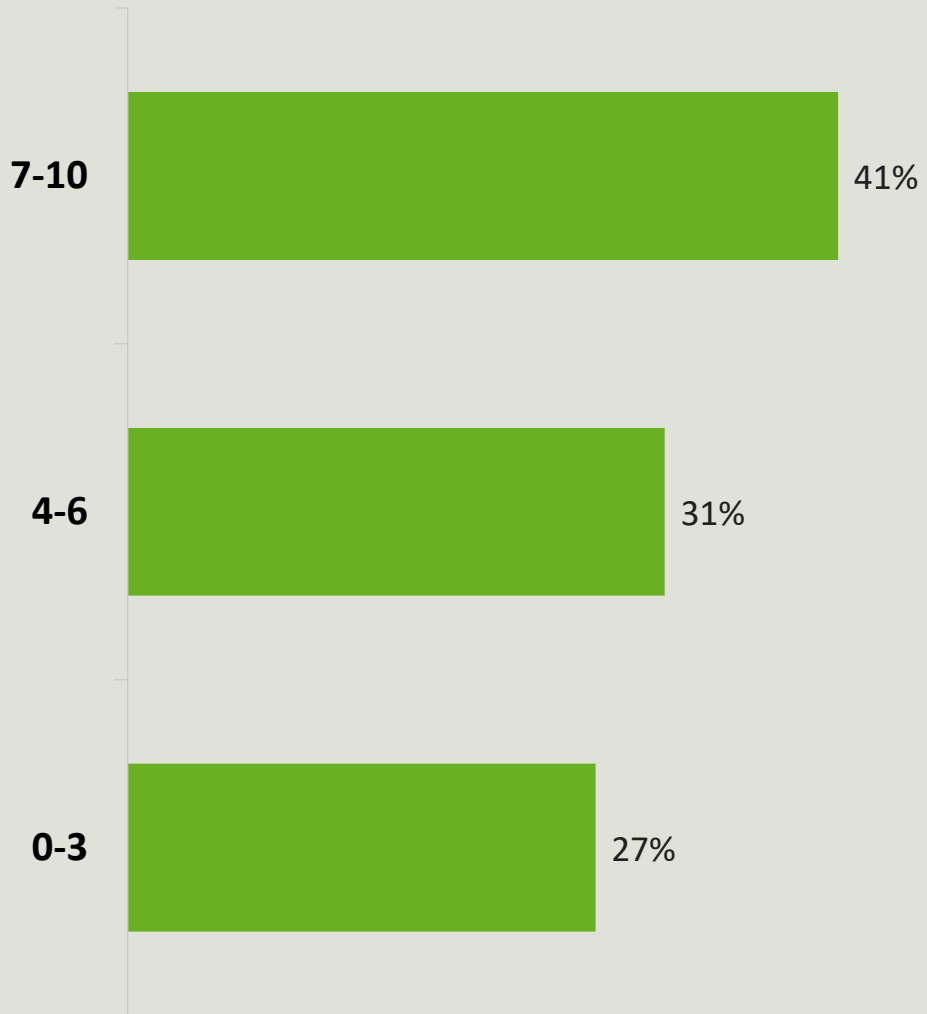
**Q17_Summary. Thinking about councillors across local government, how well do you think they live up to each of the following?
(0 = Not at all, 10 = Completely).**



Q18. At present, local authorities have limited powers to suspend councillors who breach codes of conduct .How appropriate do you think this level of power is?



Q19. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'very poor' and 10 means 'very strong', how would you rate the overall effectiveness of current councillor standards and ethics arrangements in maintaining public confidence?



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