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# Global Events: Local Impacts

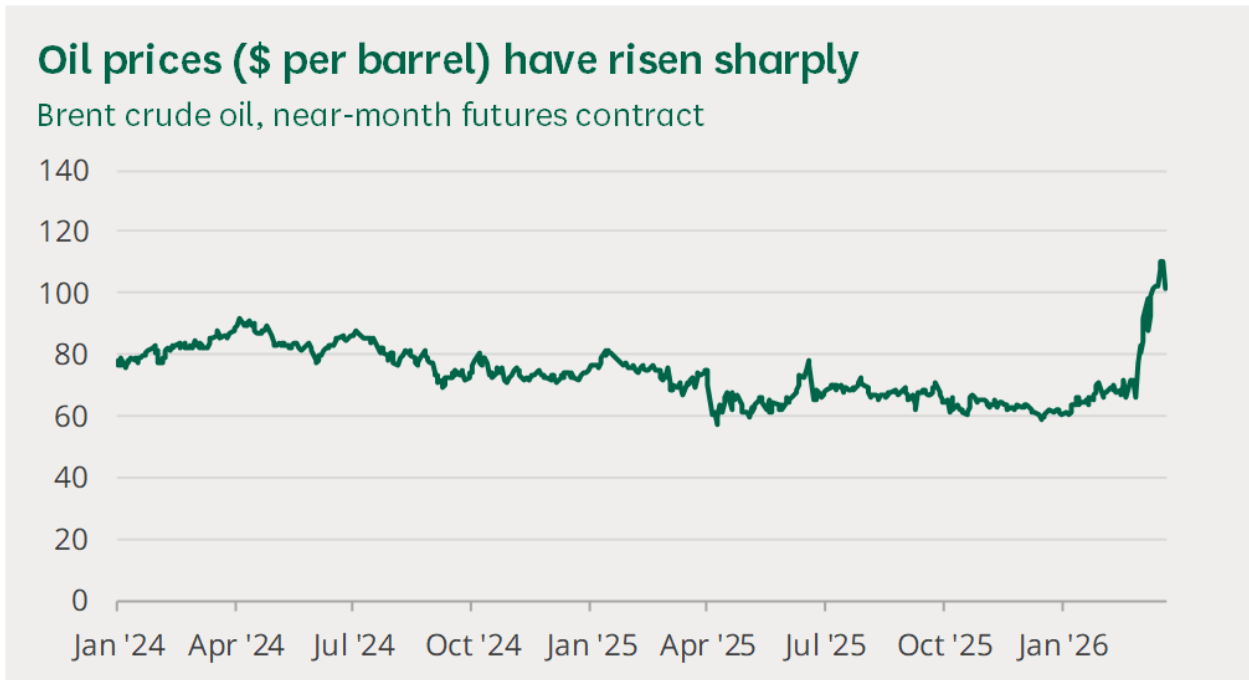
- How vulnerable are local authorities to global turbulence?
- The impact of oil and energy pricing on frontline services
- Business continuity – how would councils cope with restrictions on supply or cost spikes
- Lessons from COVID. How resilient are we?

# Global Events

## Geopolitical Realignment

- US election(s) – fracturing of recognised order
- Russia / Ukraine Conflict
- China's influence on the world economy
- Middle East and Latin America
- Decline of multilateralism

# Economic Volatility: Is this the new normal?



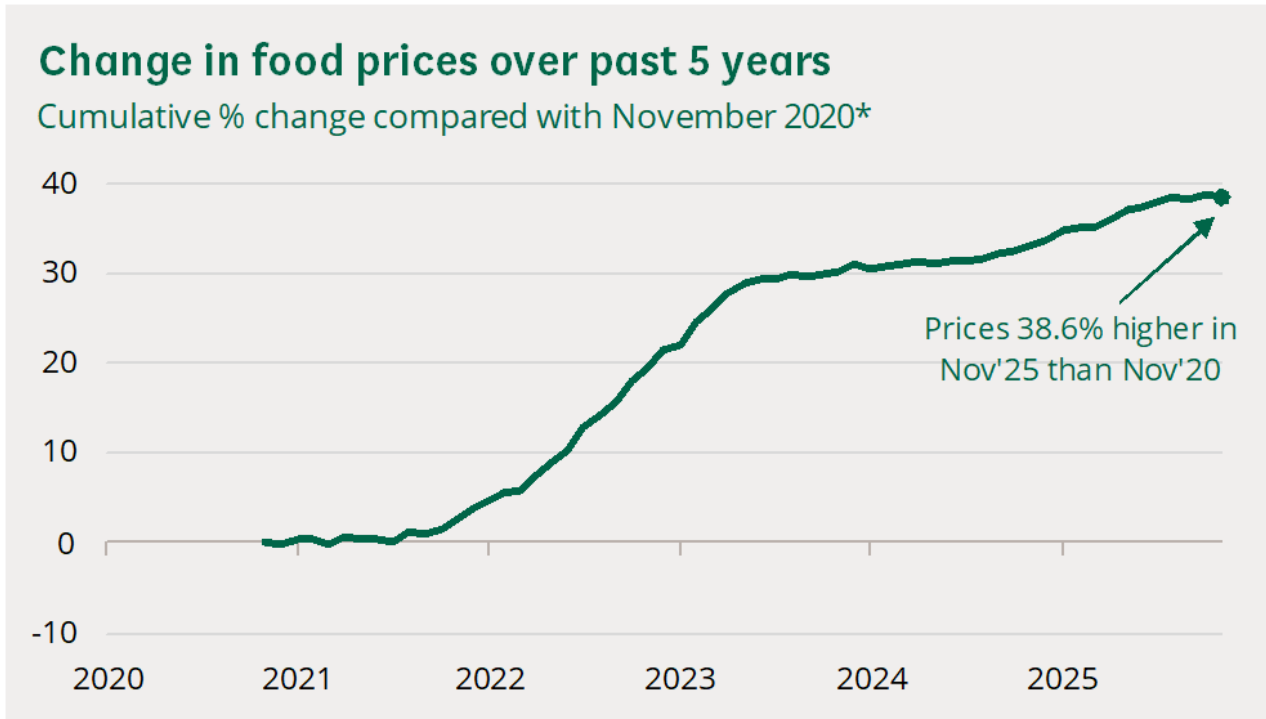
# Natural Gas Prices



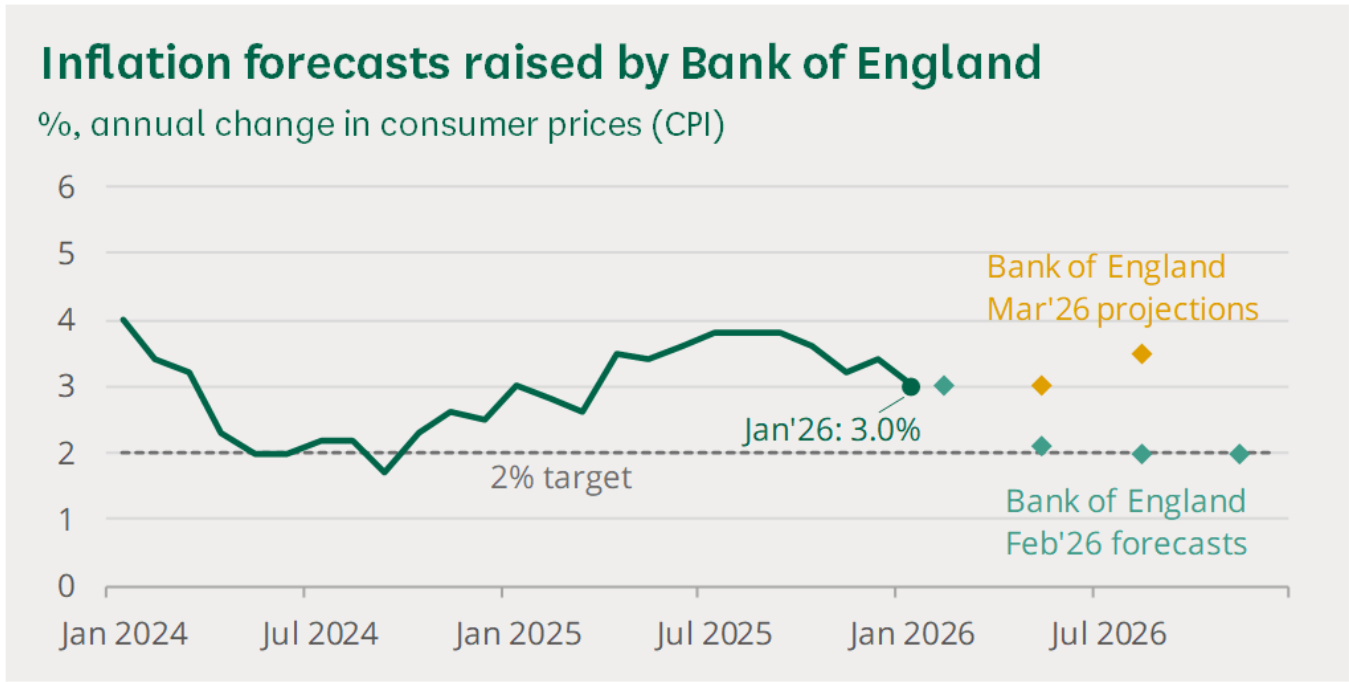
source: tradingeconomics.com



# Food price inflation



# General Inflation Forecast



# Post Pandemic

- Over one in five working-age adults are out of the workforce, substantially because of health problems
- Mental ill-health among young people is rising sharply.
- Older workers are leaving too early.
- People with a disability people remain locked out of work at twice the rate of non-disabled people.

*Source: Mayfield Report Keep Britain Working March -2026*

# Climate and Energy Pressures

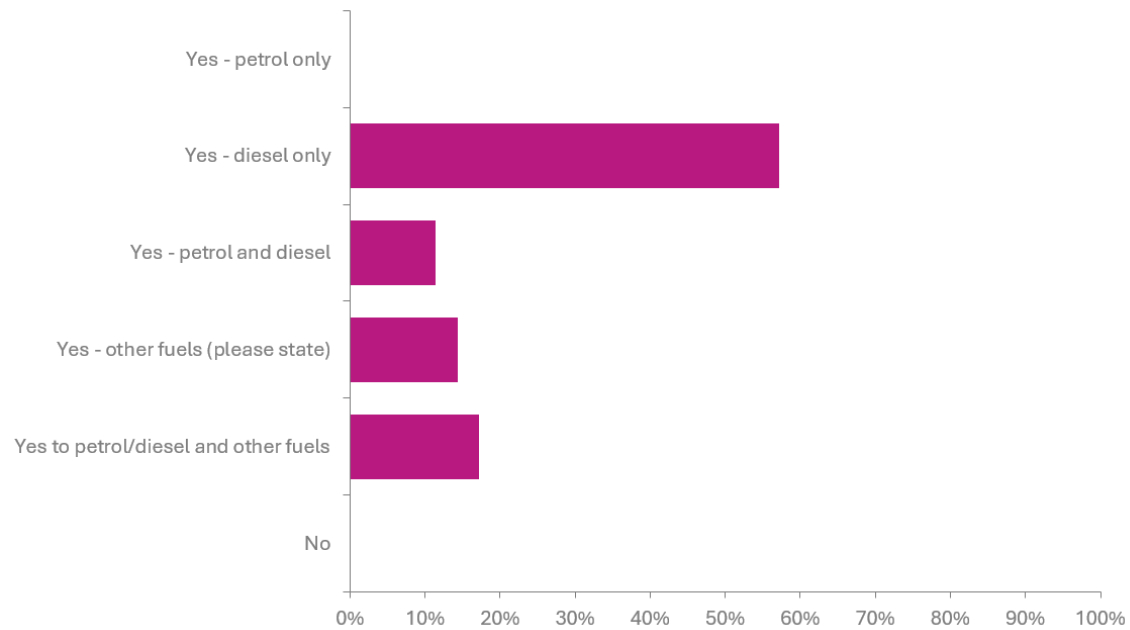
- More and more global climate events felt 'nearer to home'
- Coastal erosion
- Flooding and defences
- Heat impact on most vulnerable
- Wild fires

# Are we ready? Policy Impacts

- Local economic growth v higher supplier costs, labour costs and taxes. Will interventions be enough?
- Environment v resistance to burdens (North Sea oil and gas debate)
- Cost of home heating v regulation of industries and renationalisation debate
- New homes and sustainable neighbourhoods v costs and skills
- Just in time procurement and operations

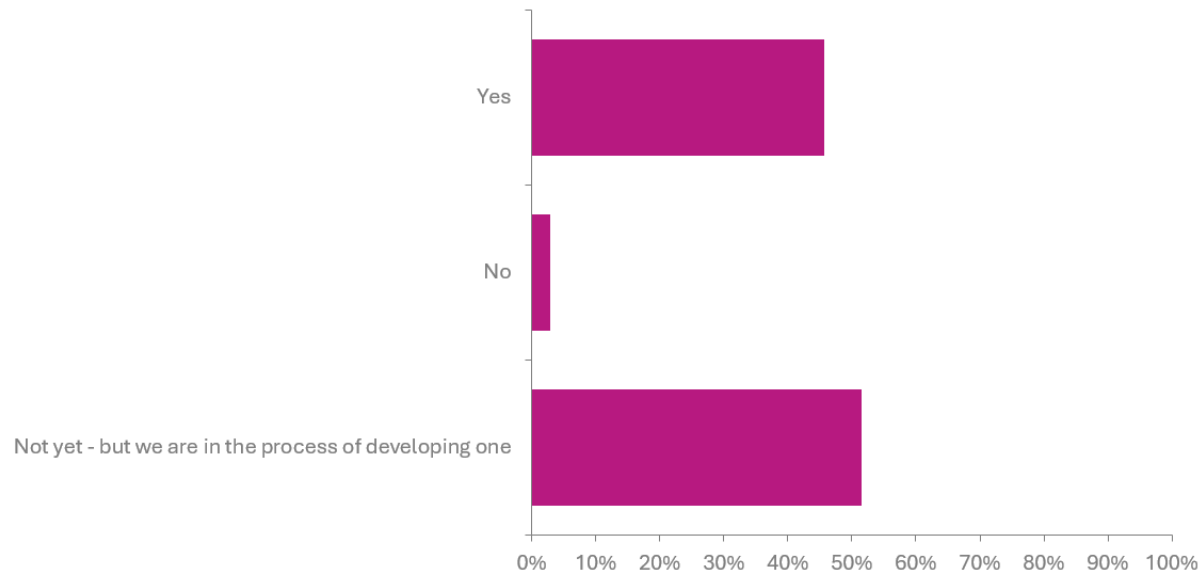
# Our survey said...

Do you have your own fuel storage tanks/bunkers and what fuel types do you store



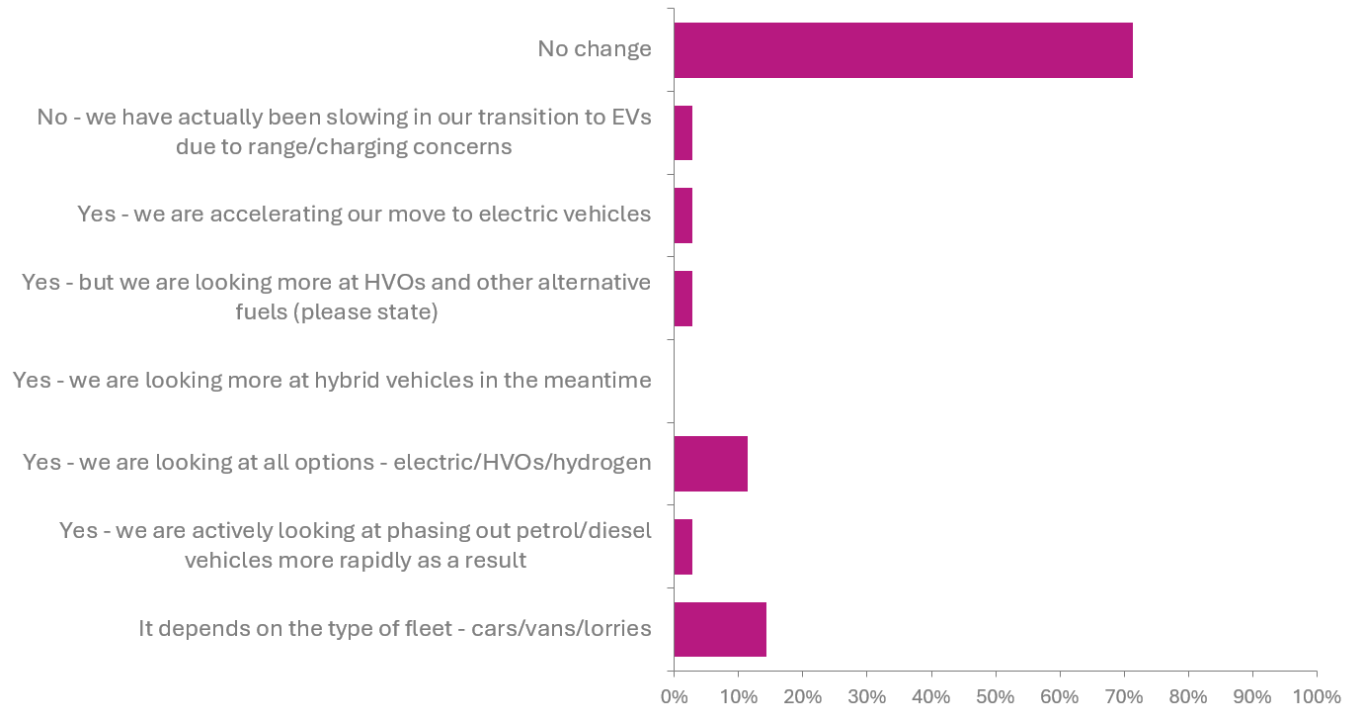


# Do you have a business continuity plan?





# Has the recent fuel price crisis caused you to look again at your fleet decarbonisation/electrification plans and decisions?



# Pressure on frontline services and local authority budgets?

- Fuel and services – waste, recycling, highways, social care, SEND transport
- Food costs – school meals, families and welfare
- Energy – fuel poverty, cost of living
- Climate – invest to save limitations
- Local growth – market uncertainty, interest rates, agglomeration and inclusive economies

# Refugees, immigration and social cohesion

- Unaccompanied children
- Access to public housing, health and support
- Resettlement support
- Social media's role



# Over to you!



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