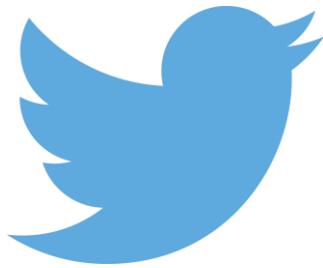




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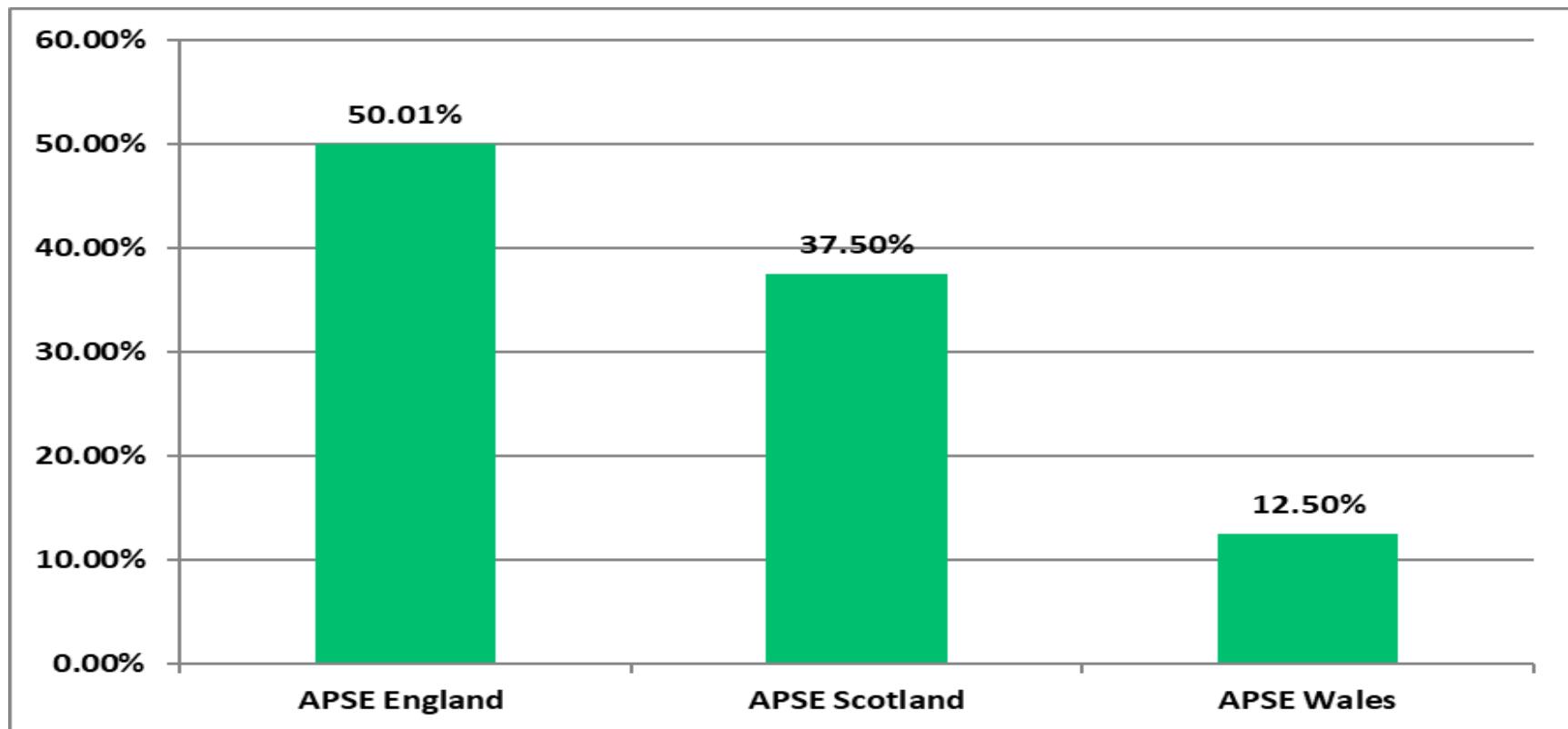


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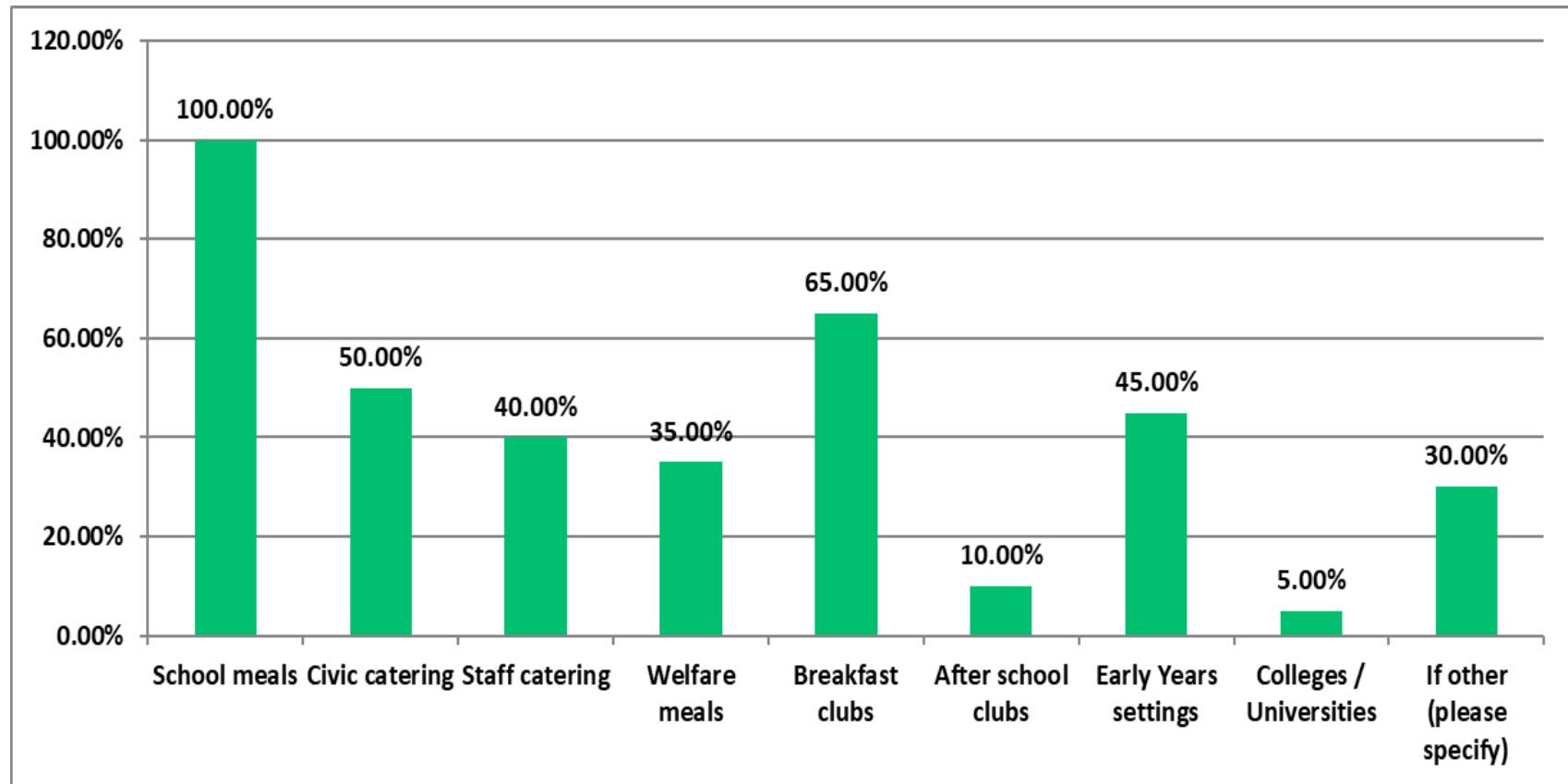
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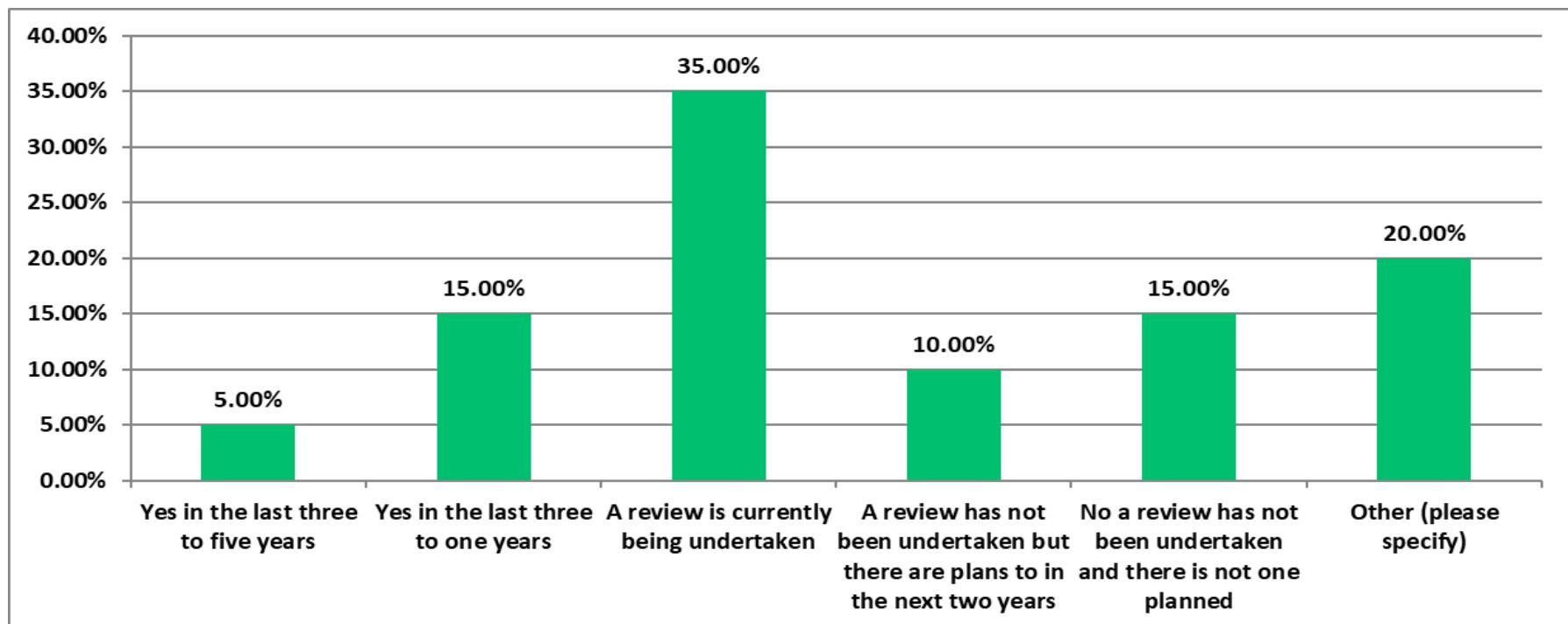
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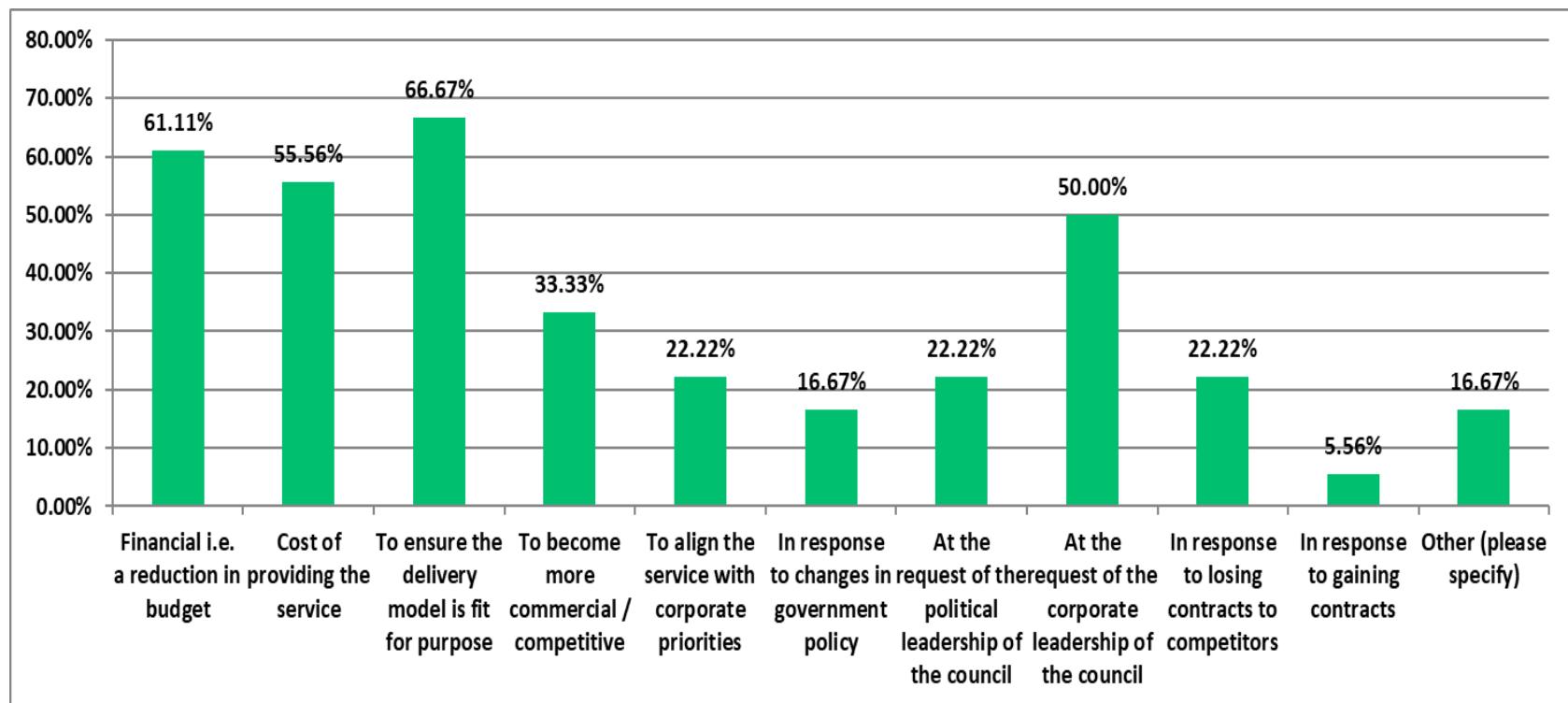
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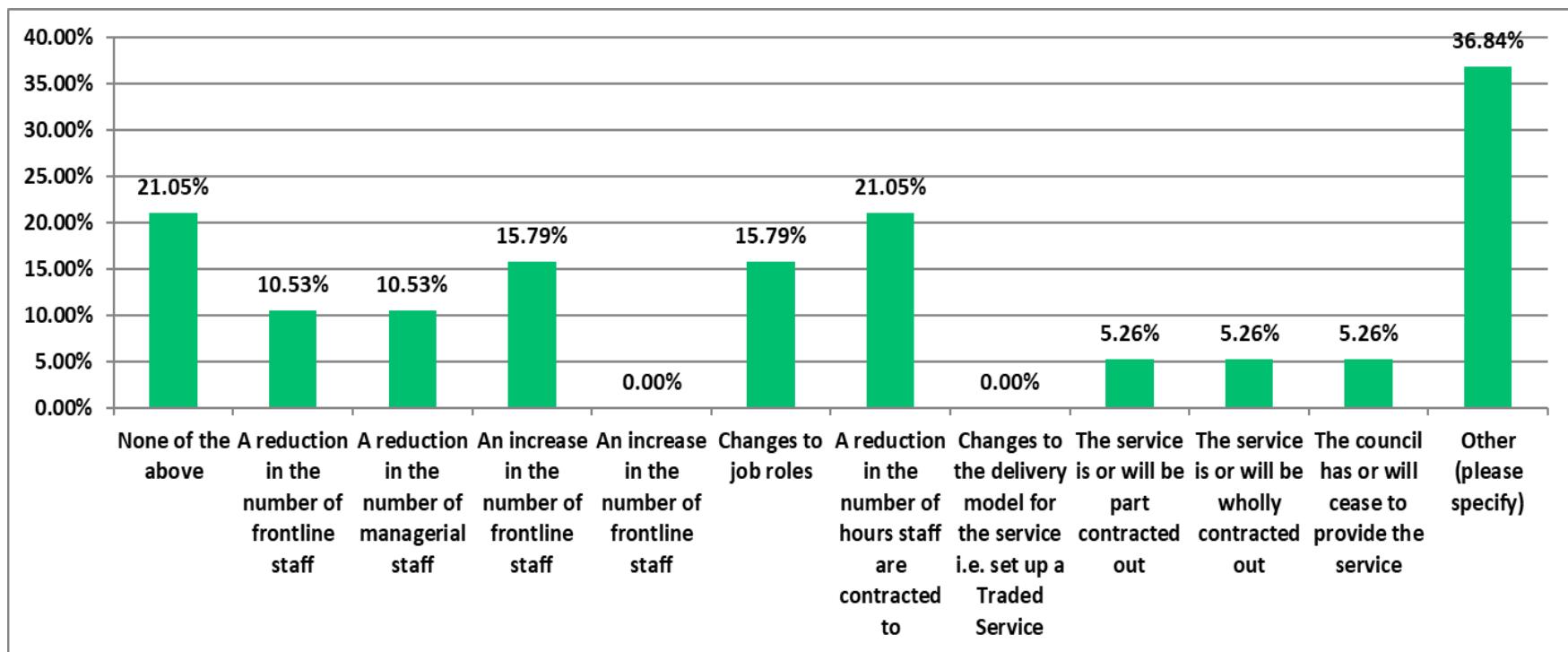
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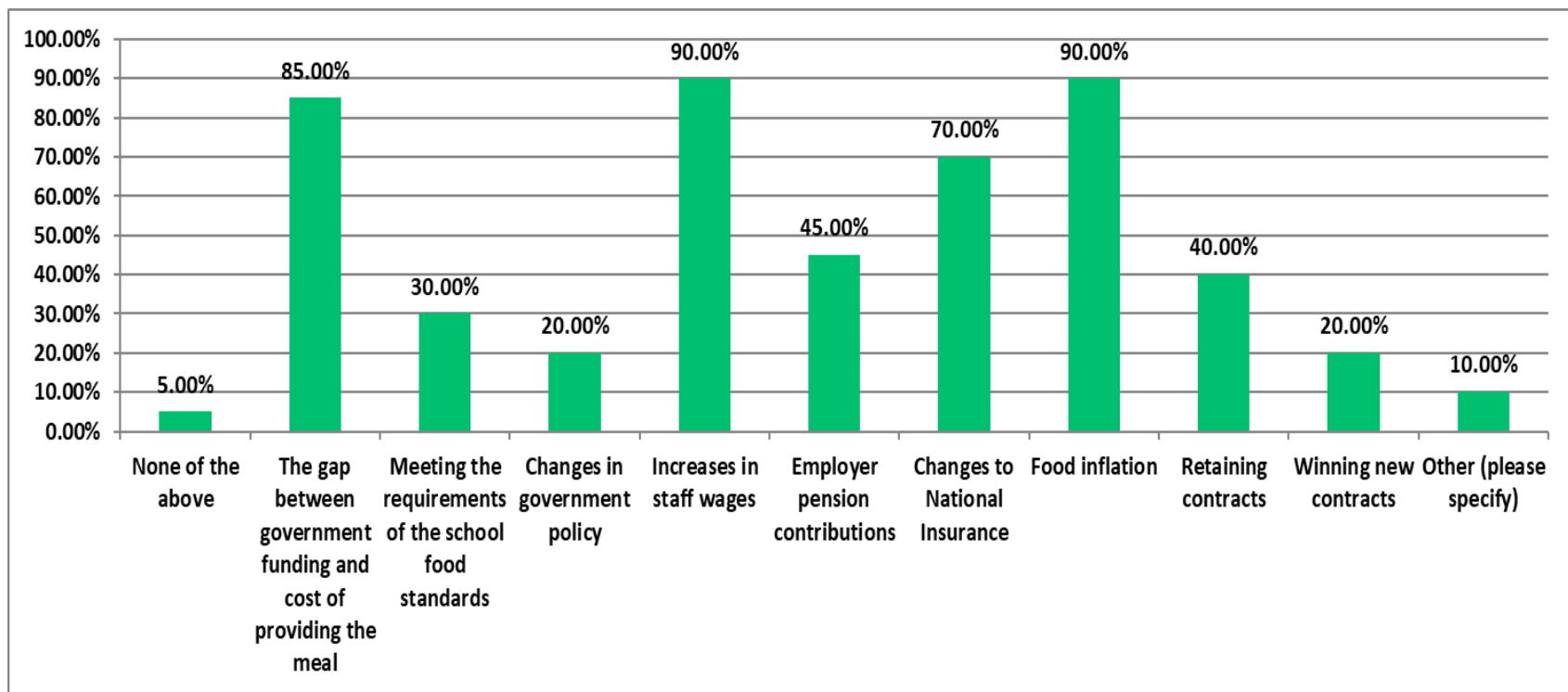
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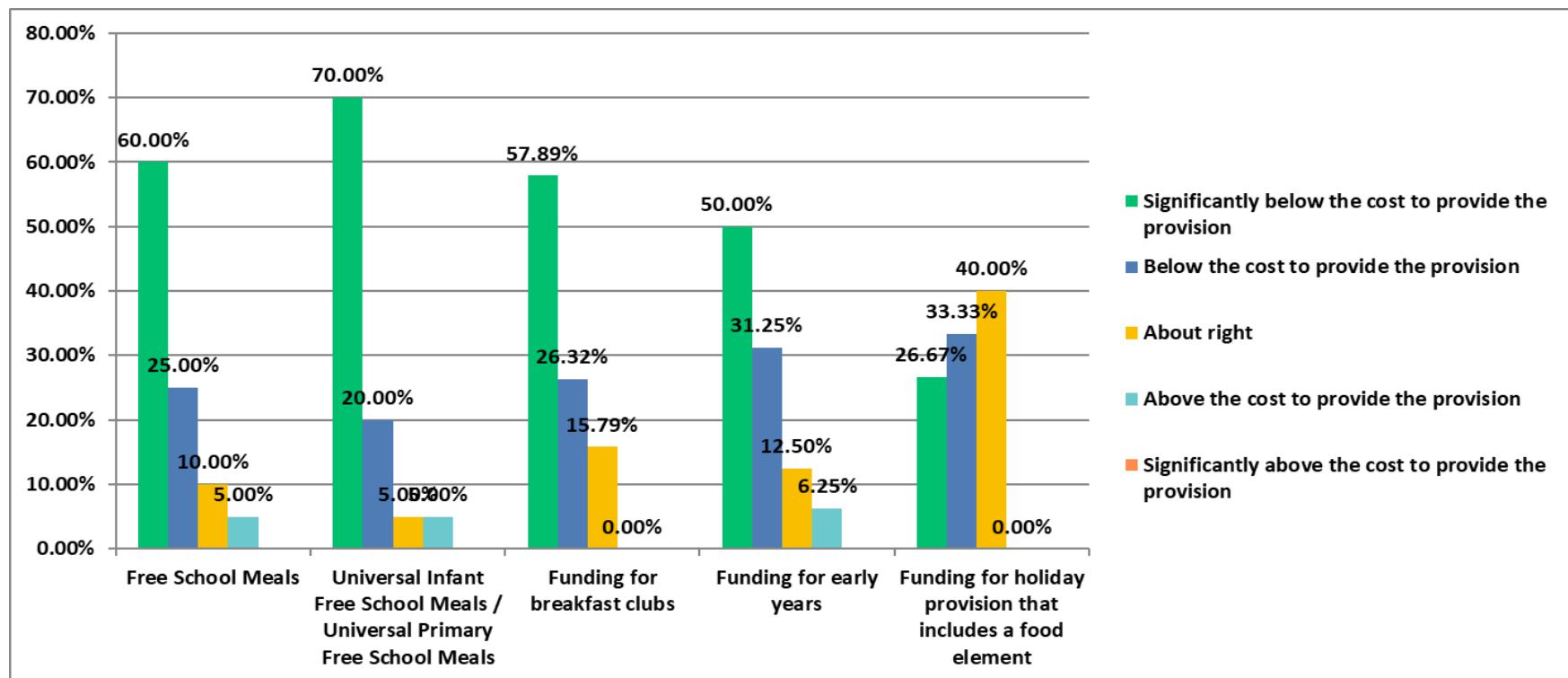
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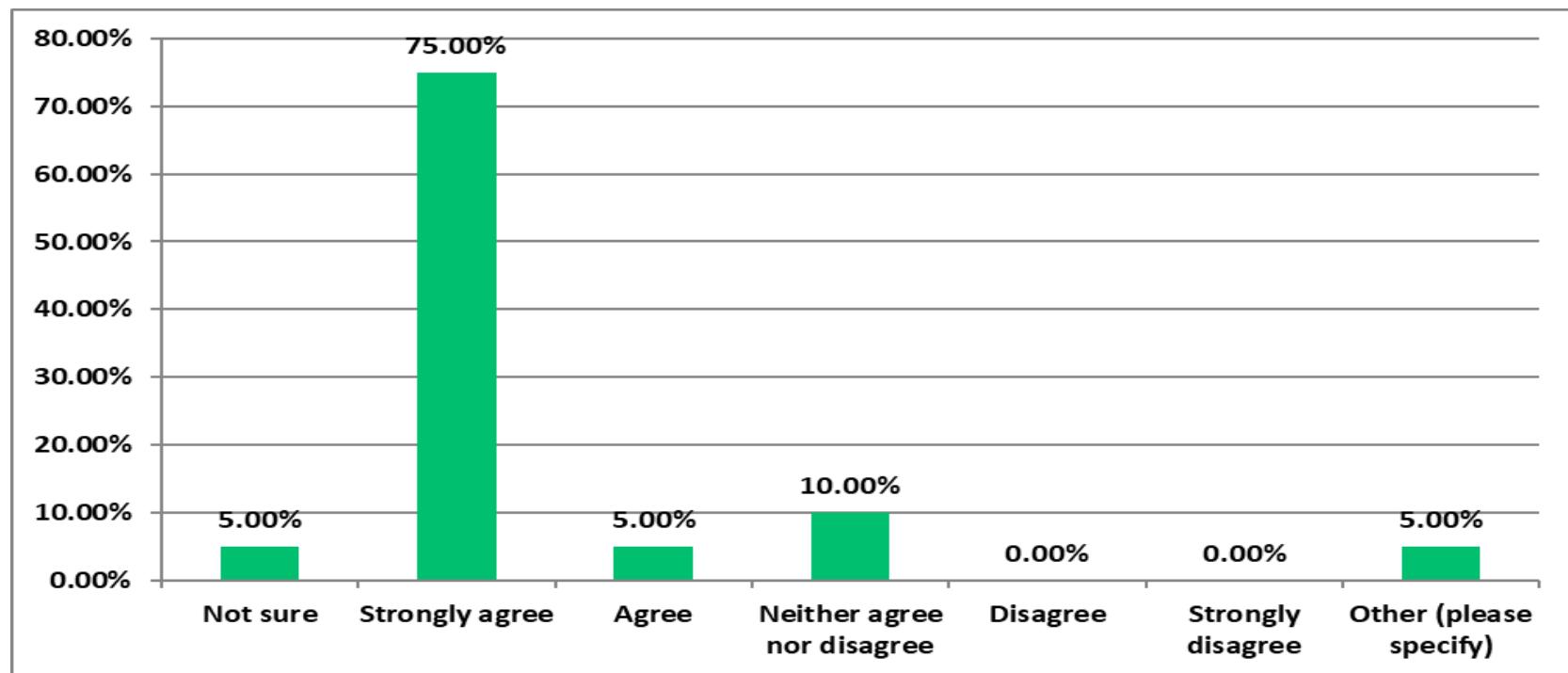
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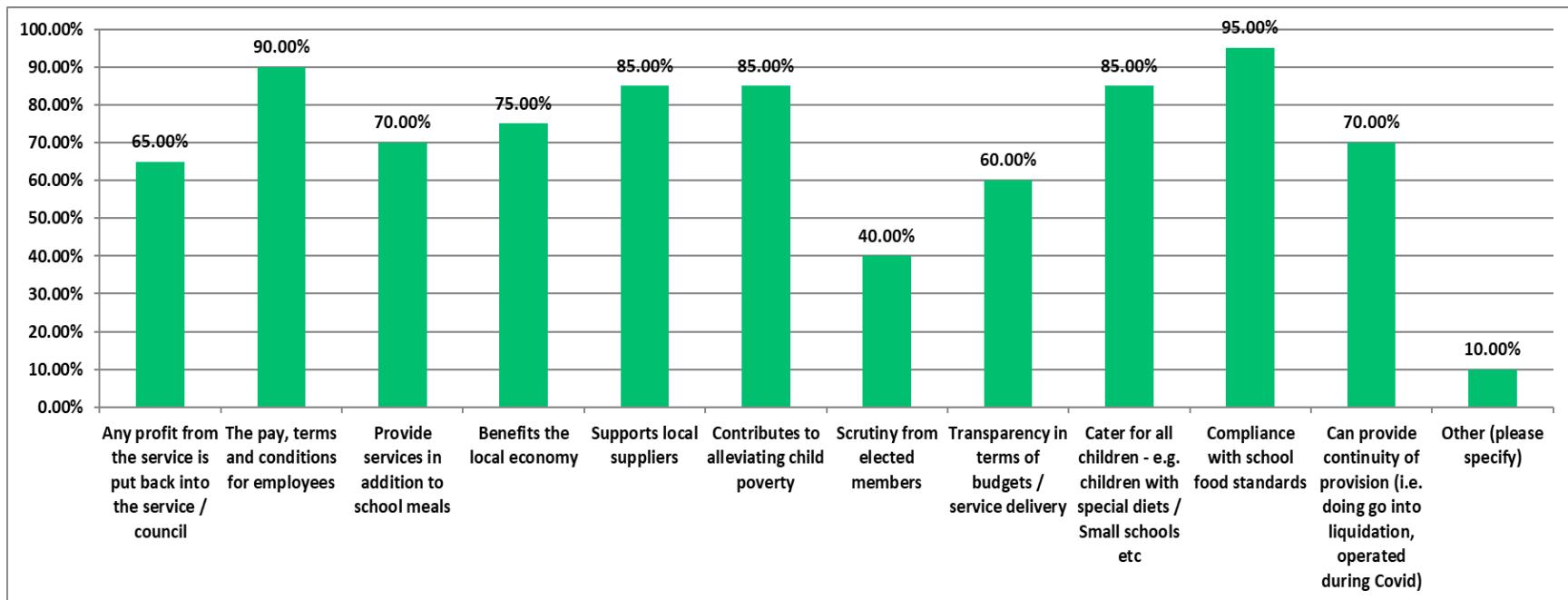
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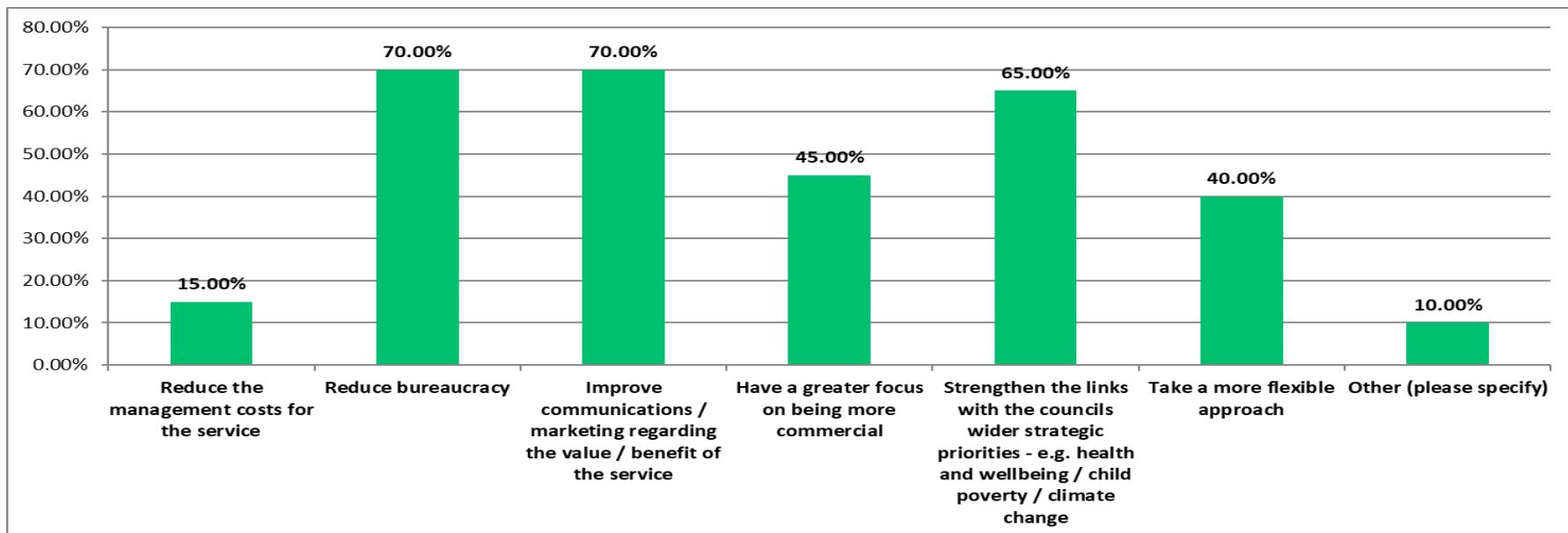
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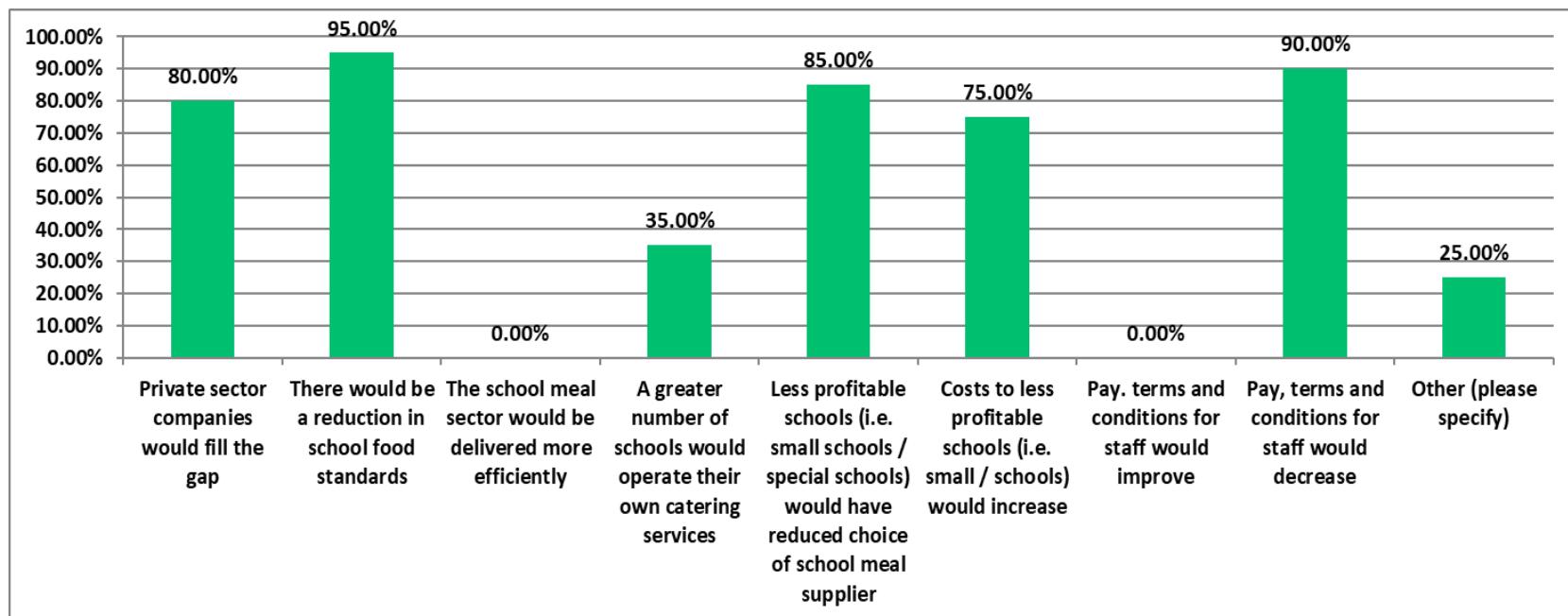
# What do you believe the benefits / advantages are of a LA catering service?



# What measures could local authorities adopt to improve their school catering service ?



# Impact if local authority catering services ceased to delivery the service?





# LA caterers that have announced ceasing provision

- **Hampshire County Council:** Ceasing providing school meals as 31 March 2026.
- **Cheshire East Council:** Ceased trading April 2025.
- **Plymouth City Council:** Ceasing services due to financial pressures and funding shortages July 2026
- **Stoke on Trent City Council:** school meal provision will be delivered by a private contractor – announced 13 January 2026



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