



Introduction and context

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Our Vision



“The vision is to form an effective collaboration of a large number of local authorities to enable and facilitate the local municipalisation of energy services. ***By this we mean the public and community, as well as private, ownership and managerial control of local energy generation, distribution networks and delivery of energy efficiency works.*** Local authorities working together in this way would have great influence and would be able to deliver economies of scale in green energy to promote economic growth and combat fuel poverty.”

The direction of travel is certain

- The Climate Change Act 2008 - International and European Treaty obligations.
- Energy Security - Overreliance on imported fossil fuels.
- Economy and technology – distributed energy solutions.



But politics is a messy business



Why Local Government?



- Localised energy supplies increasing energy security and resilience to energy price fluctuations;
- Achieving energy decarbonisation goals;
- Resolution of social issues associated with energy costs such as fuel poverty;
- Local economic benefit via income generation and increase in jobs and skills within the green energy sector;
- Turning local authority energy, carbon and renewables targets into delivery.

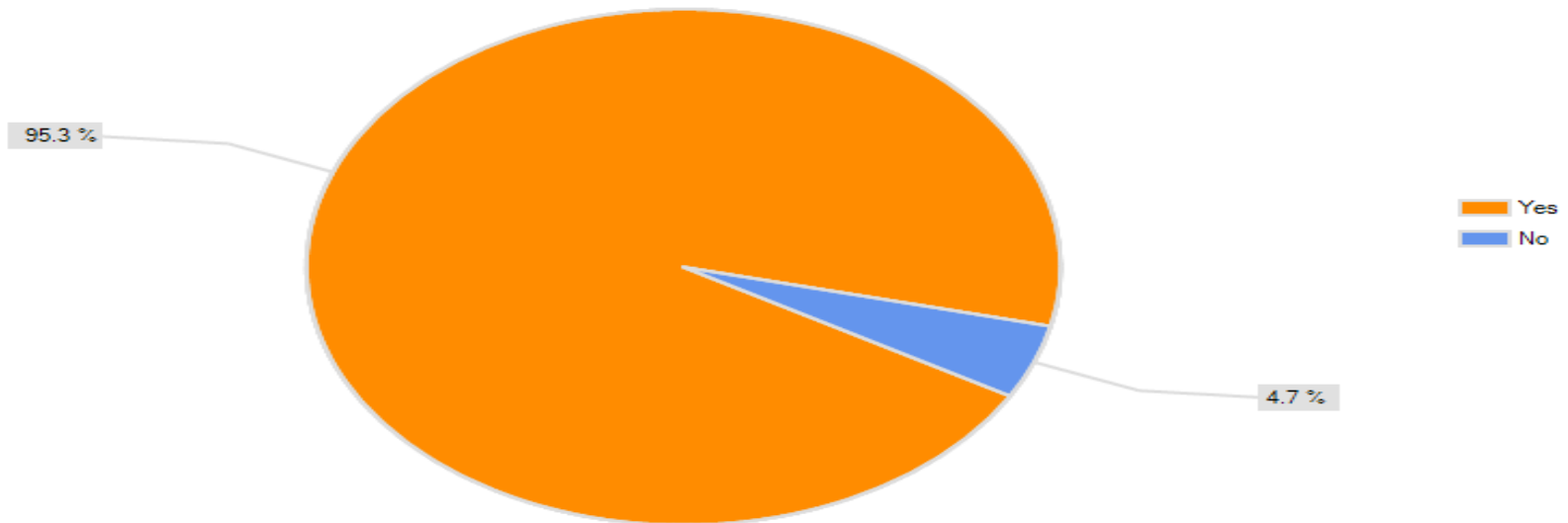
Ambitious cities



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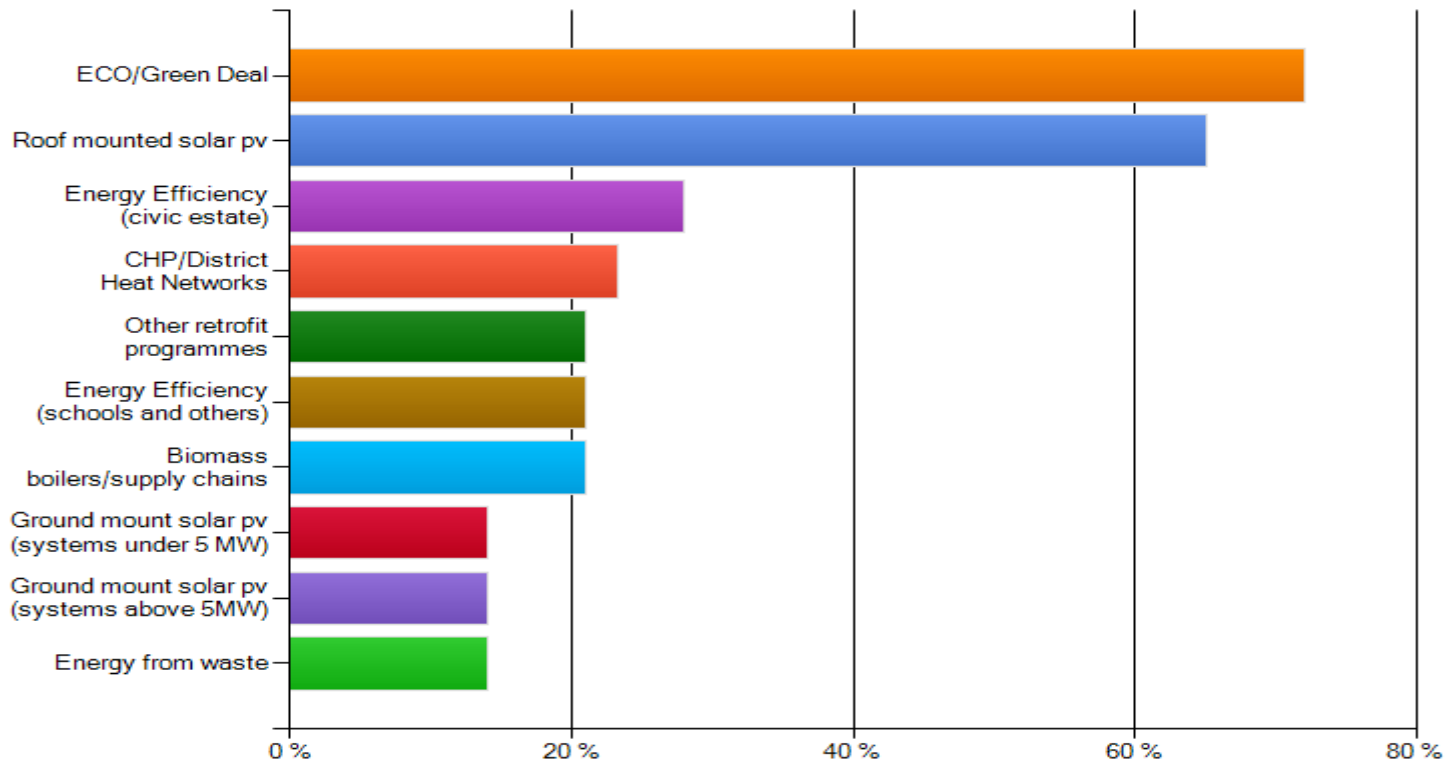
Has your Council ever encountered any problems in delivering your local energy priorities due to changes in policy or other delays?



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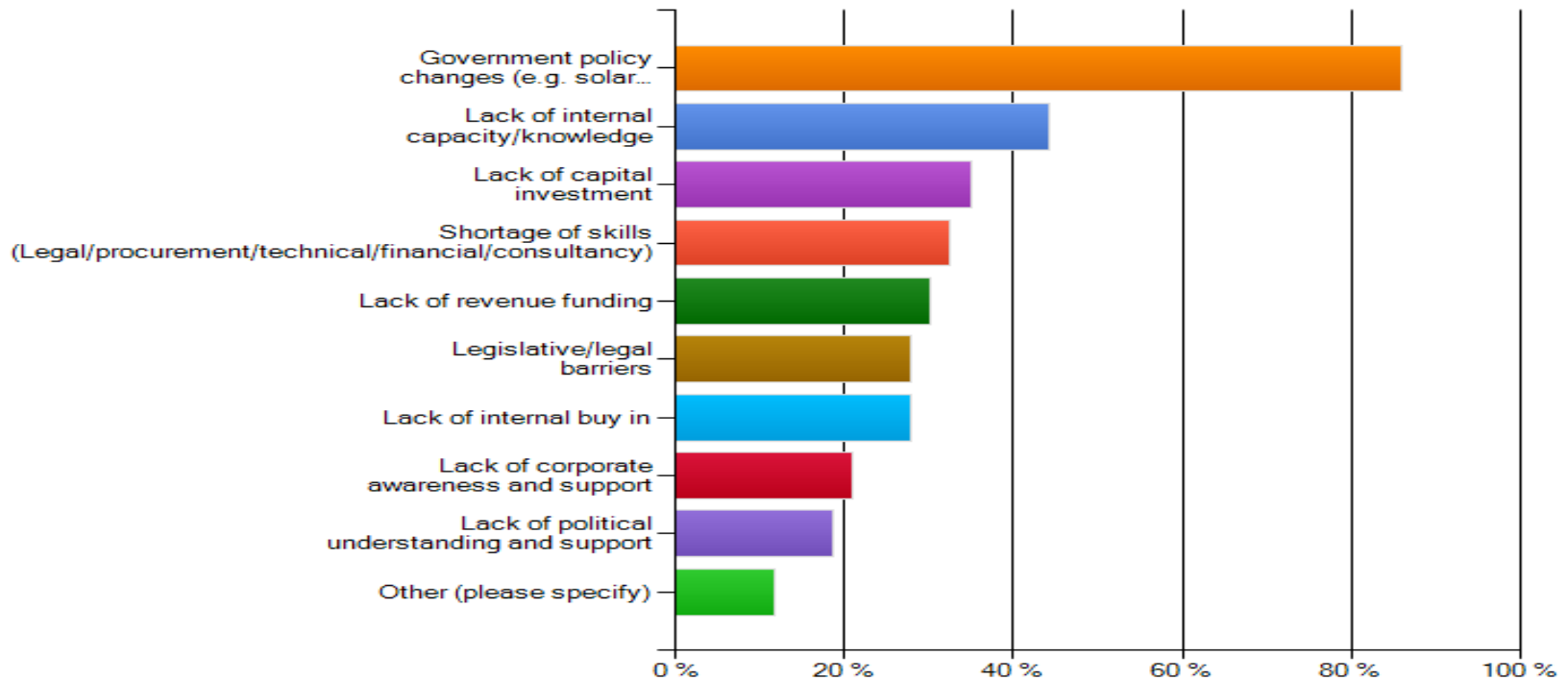
(b) If so Which of the activities/programmes your Council has been involved with have encountered problems or delays (tick all that apply)



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(c) What in your experience have been the main reasons for problems/delays (choose up to 5 options)



Clarity about objectives



- **Ambition** – Strategy should drive local priorities.
- **Aims** – specifics e.g. generating revenue and saving money, tackling fuel poverty.
- **Delivery mechanisms** – Who is best placed? Public, private, community, mixed.
- **Pipeline of projects** – Scaling up, realistic and achievable.
- **Stakeholders** – Government, Councils, communities, community organisations, private sector, public sector partners.
- **Communication** – Effective engagement with all stakeholders



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