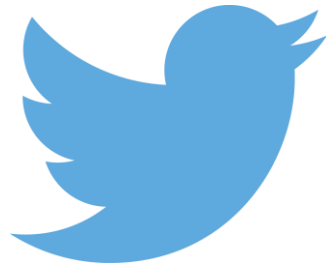




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# **Deposit Return Scheme Research**

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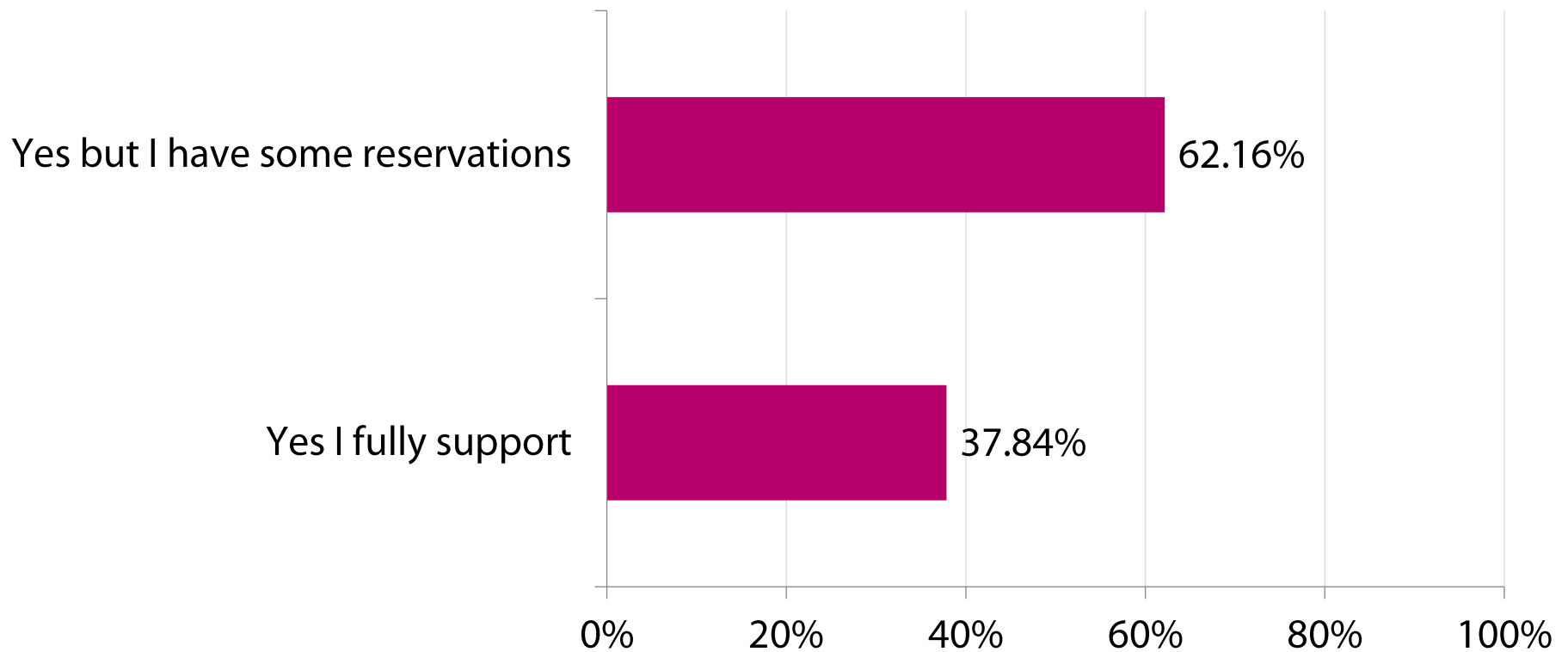
## Deposit Return Scheme

Lessons from Scotland and implications for the rest of the UK

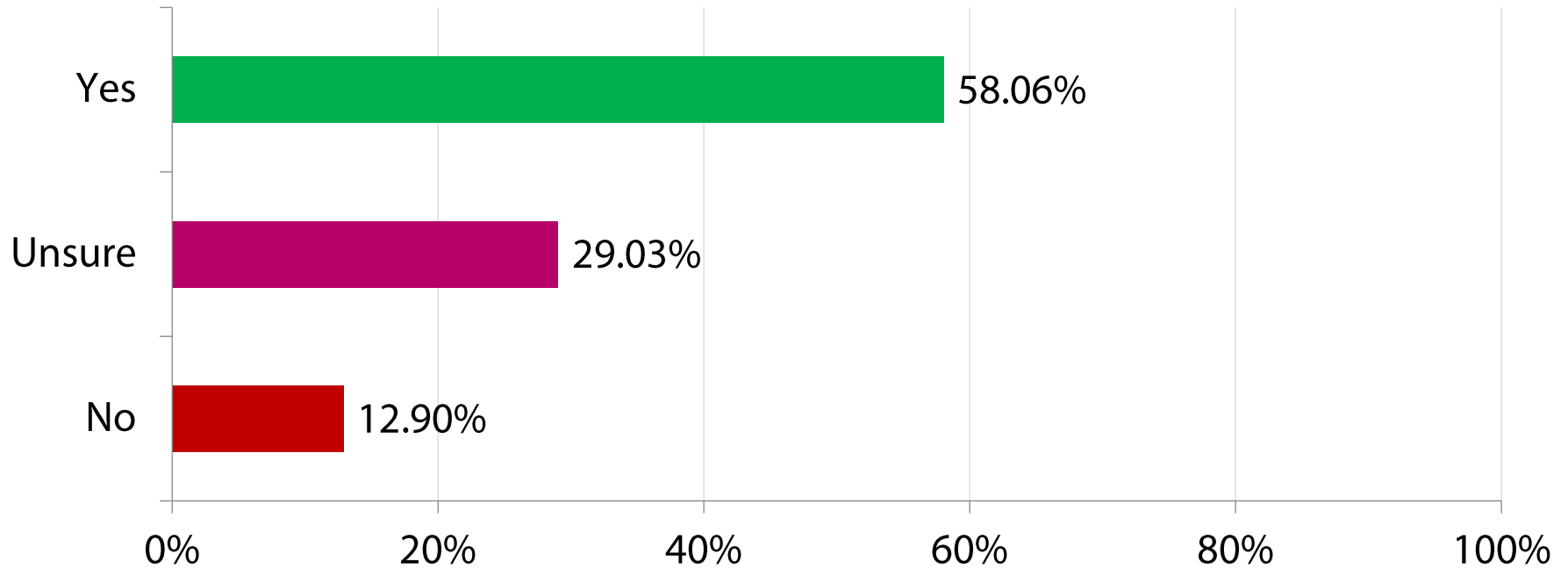


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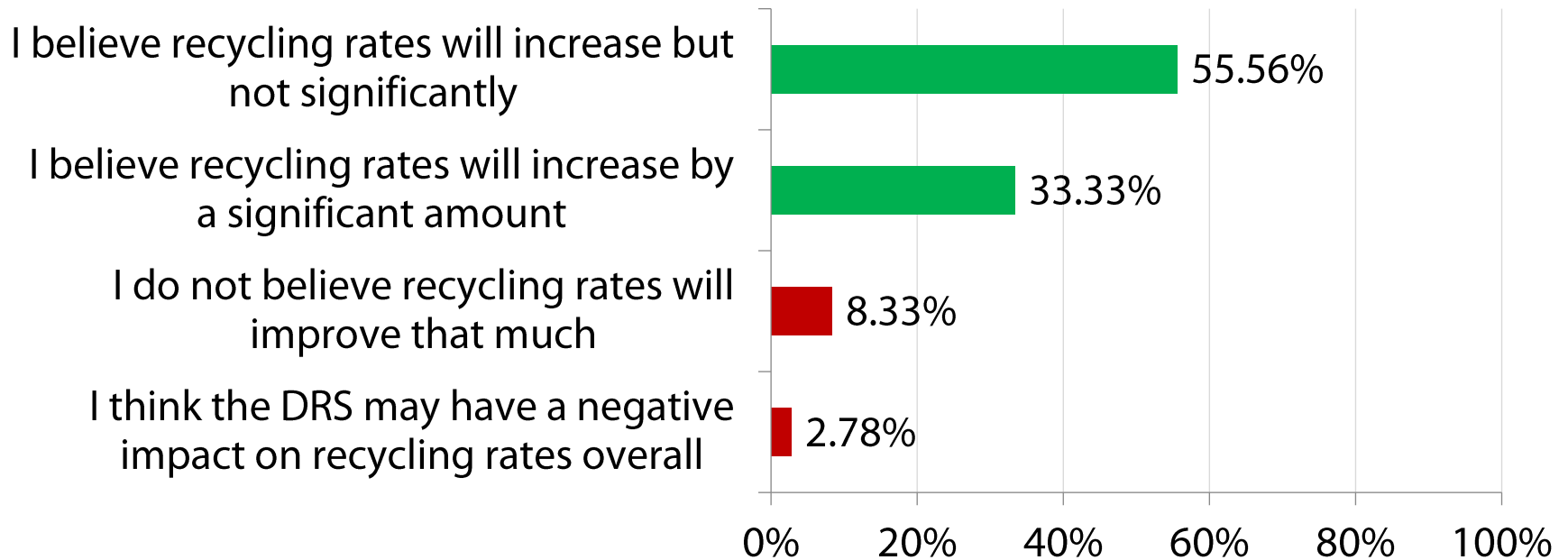
# Do you support the aims of the DRS scheme?



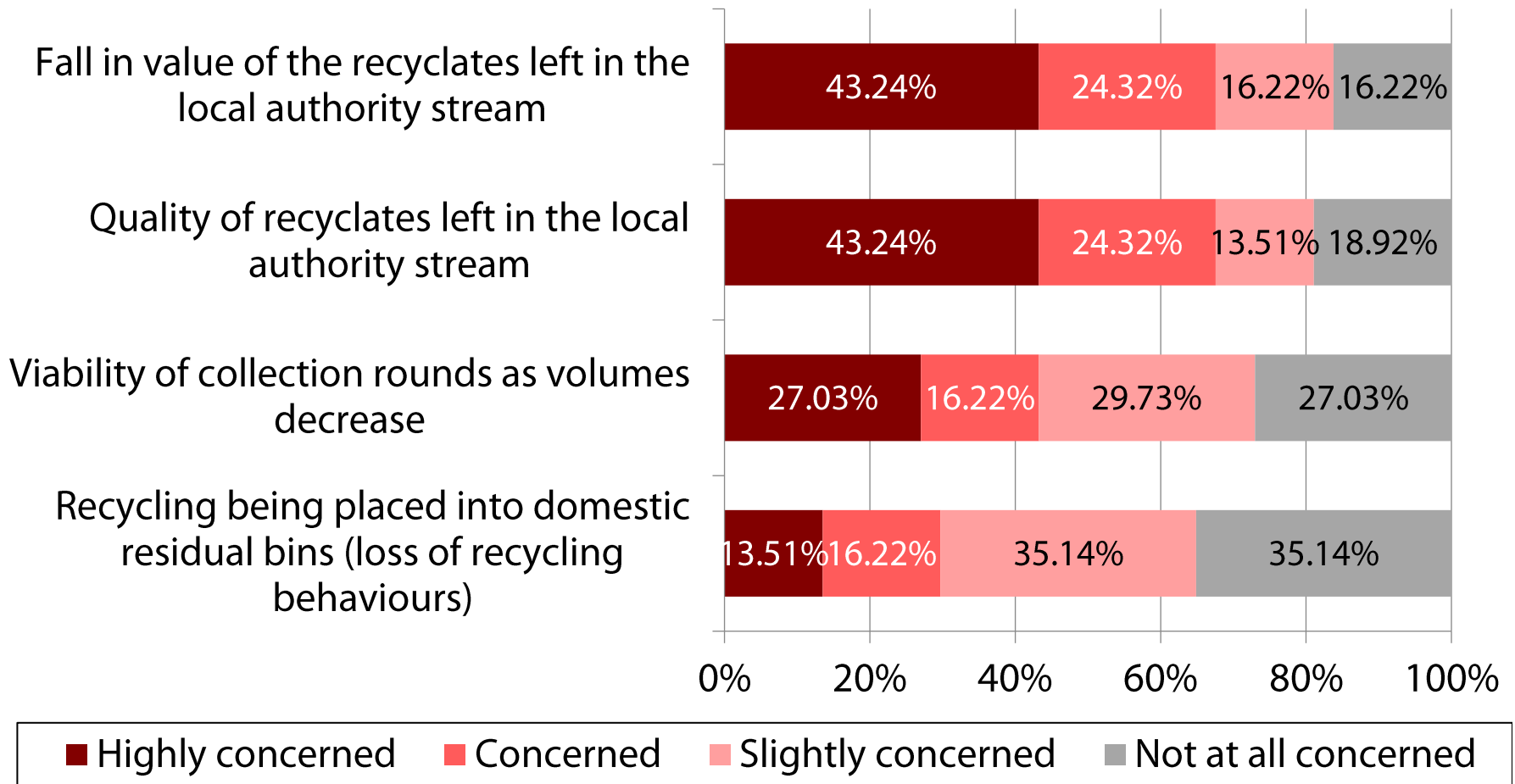
## Do you think the 20 pence deposit level will provide enough of an incentive for customers to return their bottles and cans etc?



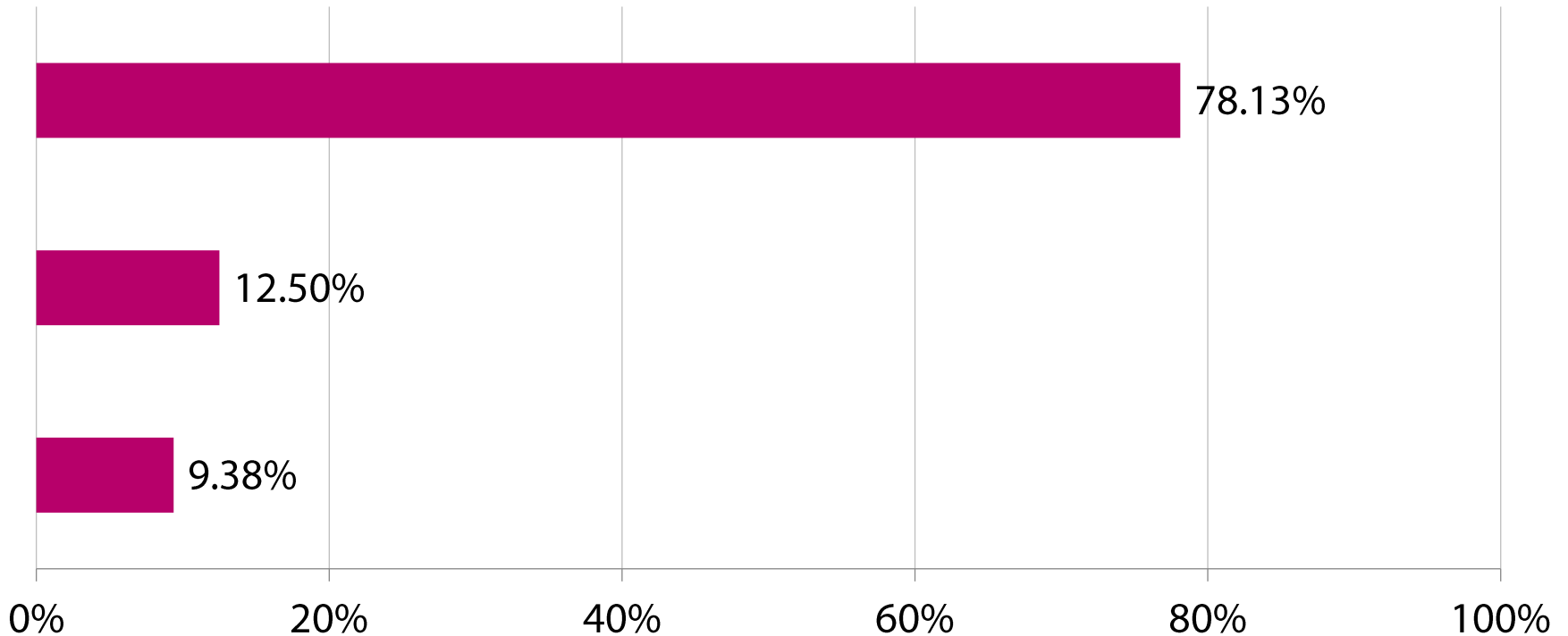
# How do you view the impact of the DRS scheme on recycling rates overall within Scotland?



## Are you concerned by any of the following issues on domestic collections? Please rate:



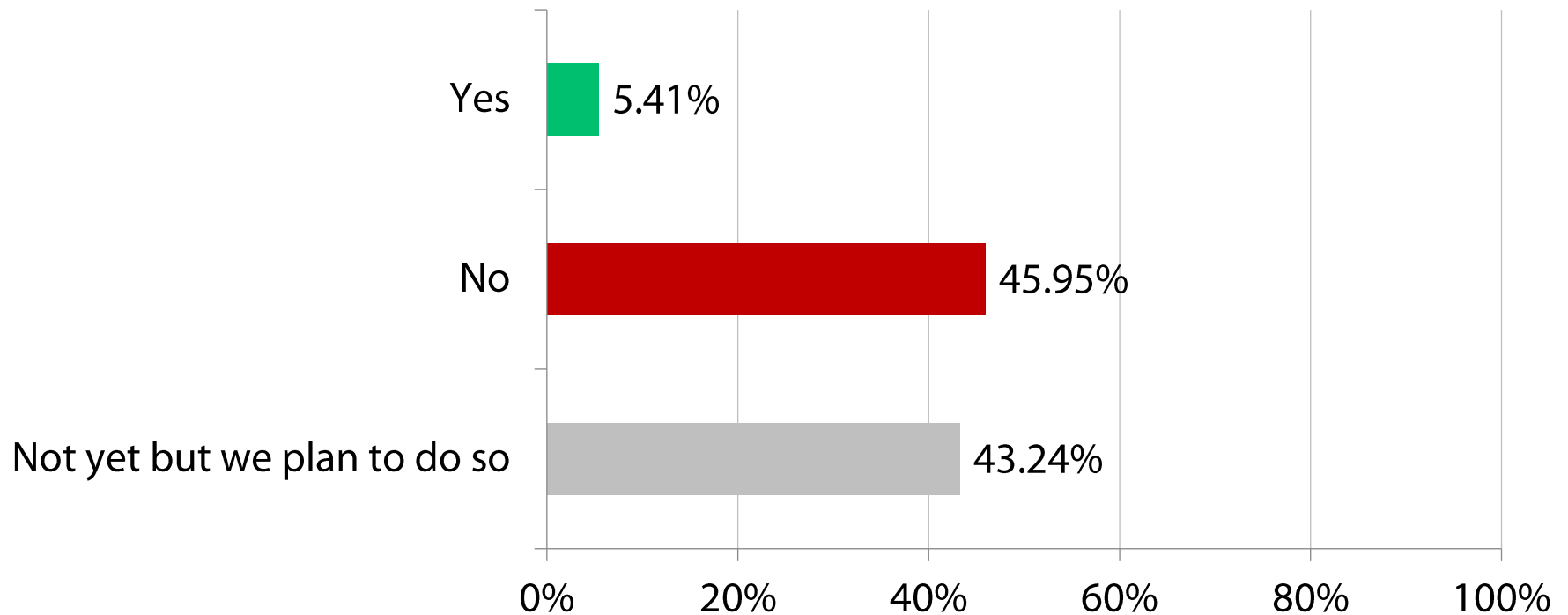
## Thinking about your commercial waste collections which of the following applies to your service?



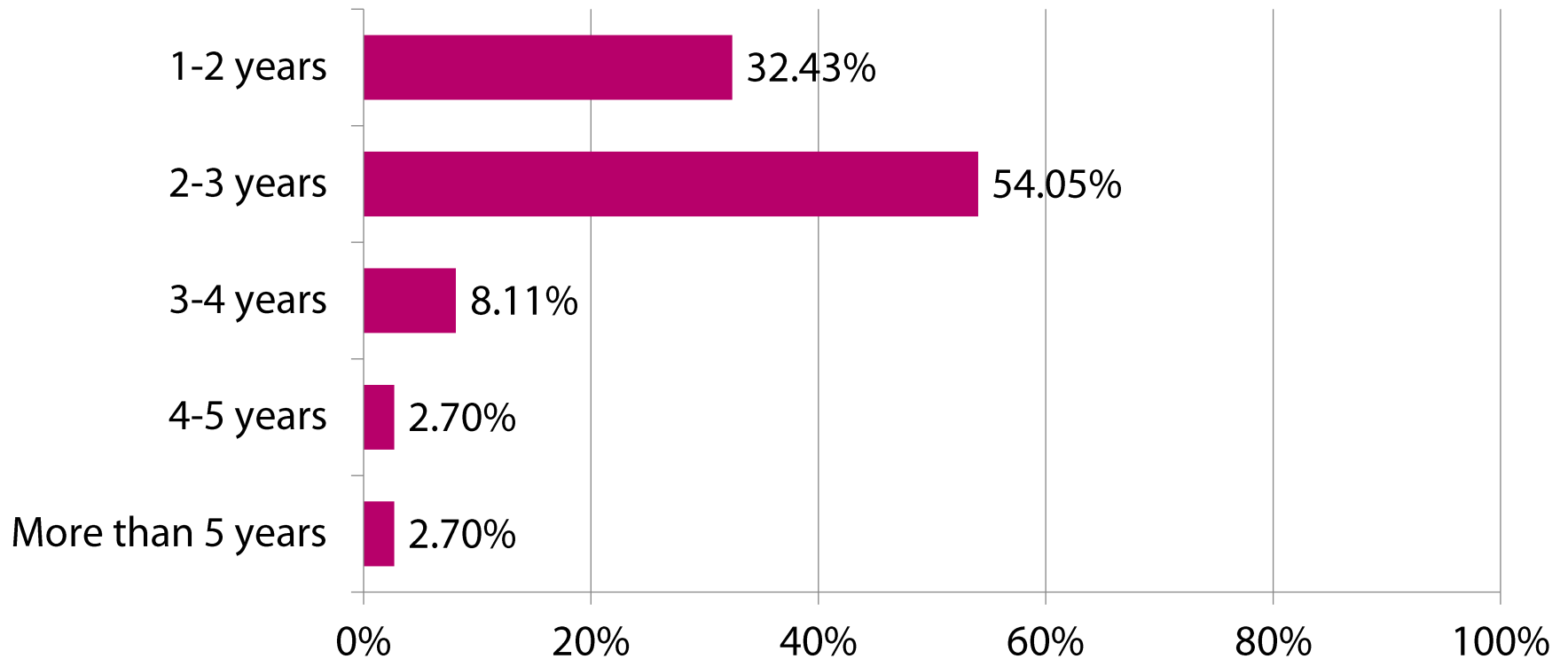
DRS will have no impact on trade waste 78.13%



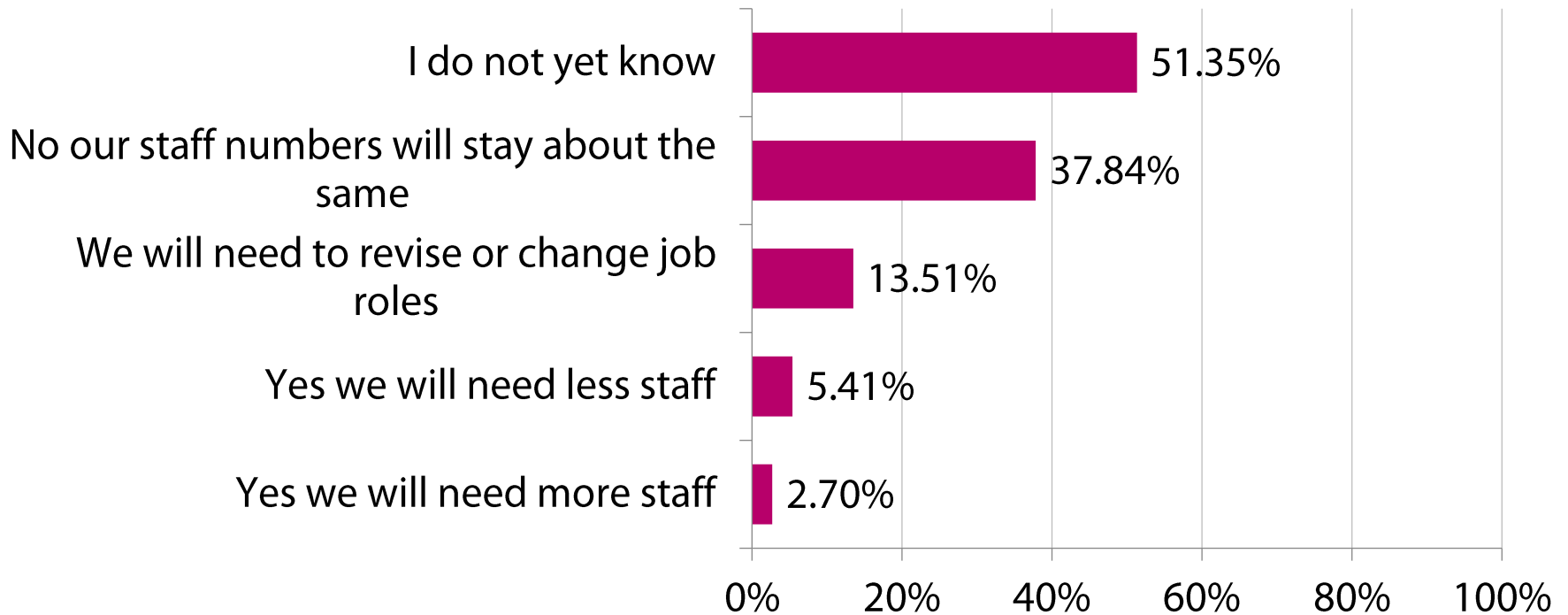
## Have you been able to assess the impact of DRS on other council services and buildings such as schools, hospitality venue hire etc?



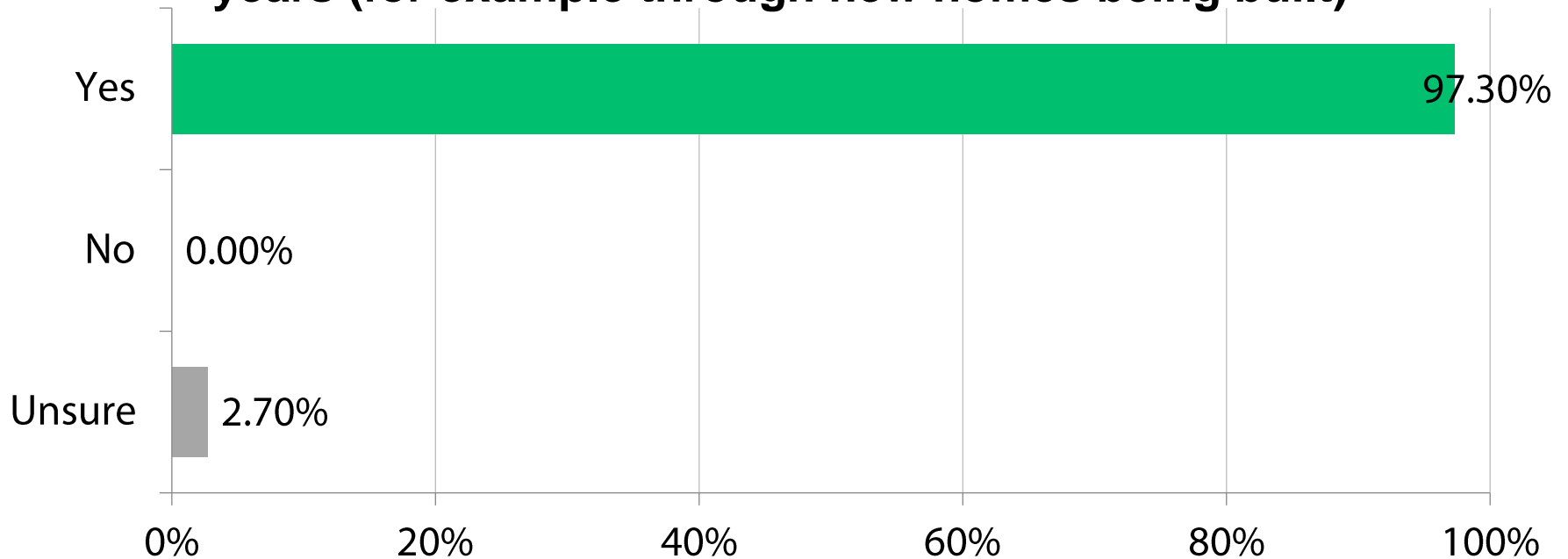
**What do you believe are necessary lead-in times to DRS to enable you to reshape your existing service into one which meets the newer needs of operations under a DRS system?**



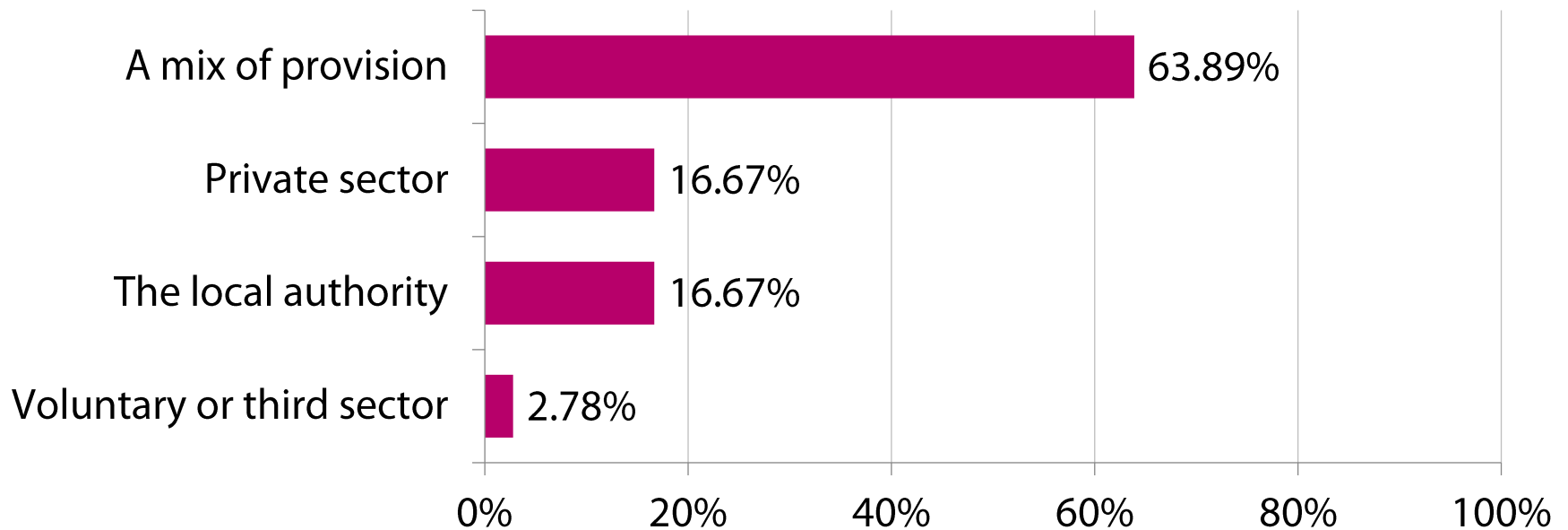
## Do you believe there will be an impact on your workforce numbers? Please tick all that apply.



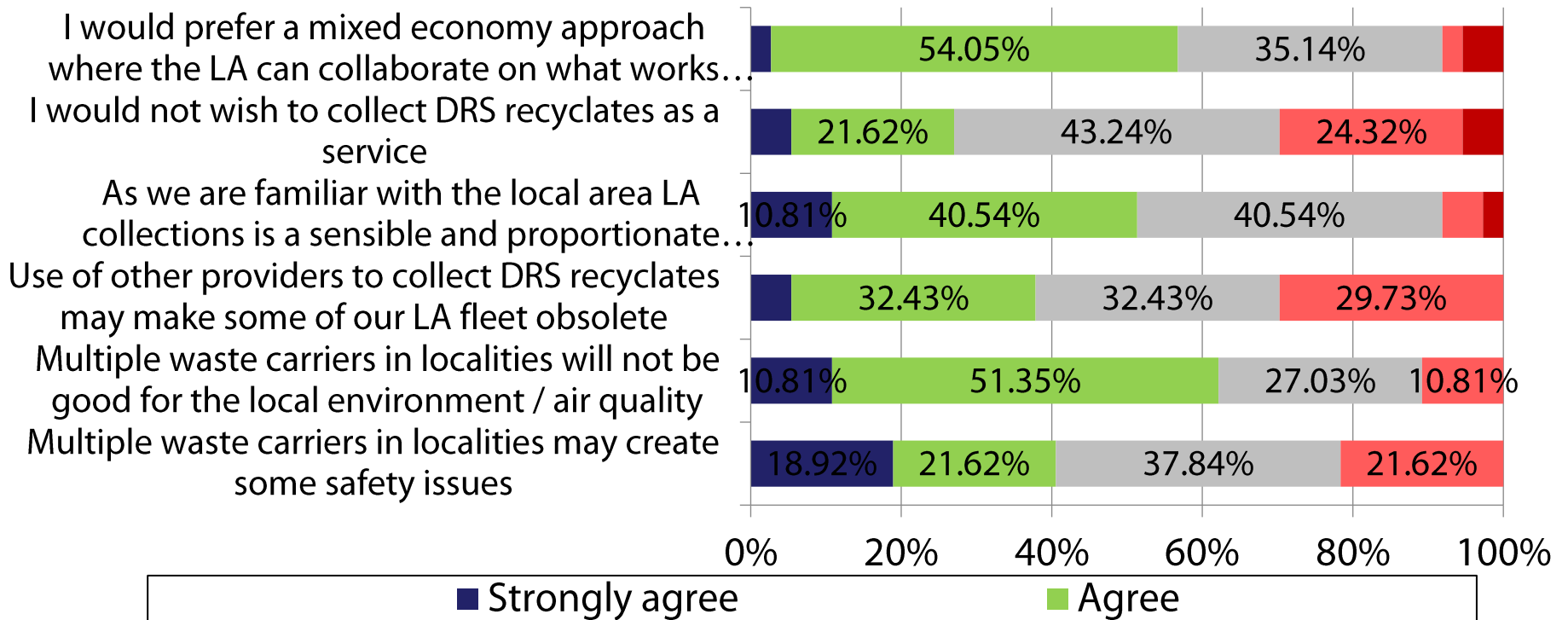
### Thinking about your council area is it likely that household numbers will increase within the next five years (for example through new homes being built)



# Who do you feel is best placed to operate the DRS scheme (collecting returns from premises and taking the recyclates to sorting or treatment sites)



## Thinking about the commissioning of DRS collection services from within your area please tick any of the following you agree with.





# What are we calling for?

# 1 Go Live Date

We recommend that local councils continue to be kept fully informed, as well as consulted, on the progress of the implementation of the DRS, in order to enable changes and modifications to services to ensure a planned and smooth transition for the introduction of the scheme.



## 2 Support for revised compositional analysis

We recommend that all councils are offered support to create new data based on up-to-date compositional analysis.

Whilst we recognise existing compositional analysis may still be reasonably valid in some areas this is not universal and appropriate targeted support should be available to all councils to ensure that the data being used, to drive decisions, including operational and financial modelling, is fit for purpose.

## 3 Modelling Software

Modelling software to gauge the impact of changed assumptions

We recommend access to suitable software for all local councils to enable real time decision making and forward planning.

This would be a low-cost solution but provide the opportunity to plan for changes with different scenarios.

This avoids decisions being made on out of date, inappropriate or unrealistic assumptions

## 4 Charter review

Charter review to consider the views of local councils

We recommend that the Charter and associated Code of Practice is reviewed with full consideration of the potential impact of the DRS on the ability of local authorities to comply with a code designed in a pre-DRS era

## 5 VAT on Deposits

We would respectfully request that the Scottish Minister for Finance and the Economy, Kate Forbes, MSP and Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity write to their counterparts in Westminster to demand an urgent resolution to this matter.

## 6 Contract advice and securing Best Value

We recommend that urgent advice is provided to local councils, which is consistent with their Best Value Duty, and which provides assurances on contractual issues; including the potential for compensation sums to current contractors / service providers.

Arguments of Force Majeure may not hold since this is a creature of the contract itself and not a common law issue.

It is therefore essential that advice is provided in a timely and consistent way.

# Implications for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

- Lack of UK consistency
- Issues of Glass in Scotland/Wales compared to England
- ‘Take back’ obligations’
- Quality of recyclables
- Carbon footprint of operating return sites
- VAT issue not yet resolved!

# The known unknowns....

- Efficacy of the scheme
- Interface with EPR – disamenity of litter and cost assumptions
- Impact on the poorest (who pays the most?)
- Impact on retailer / manufacturers across the UK and reverse logistics
- Could reverse vending / URS play a bigger part?

# DRS .....coming to a council near you!





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