# Councils and Climate Emergency: Survey Results & Discussion

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#### What has changed

- 1. Government for the first time held most responsible for decline in Council services.
- 2. <u>Climate change has emerged as a high local government</u> <u>priority</u>
- 3. The public support Councils being given more funds to deal with climate change.

#### **Key fact 3: Relative Trust in Councils high**

Trust in Councils and Councillors is at it highest relative to Government and Ministers since 2016. Trust in Councils has moderately increased, trust in government and MPs has crashed while many distrust anyone.

<u>Seven and half times</u> as many people trust the local Council over the Government to make decisions about how services are delivered in your local area (Four times 2018).

<u>Eleven times</u> as many trust local Councillors over Government ministers to make decisions about their local area (Seven times 2018).

<u>Nine times</u> trusted Council to provide services in their local area over the government (Five times as many 2018).

<u>Five times</u> as many trusted Council to provide services in their local area over a private company (Four and a half 2018).

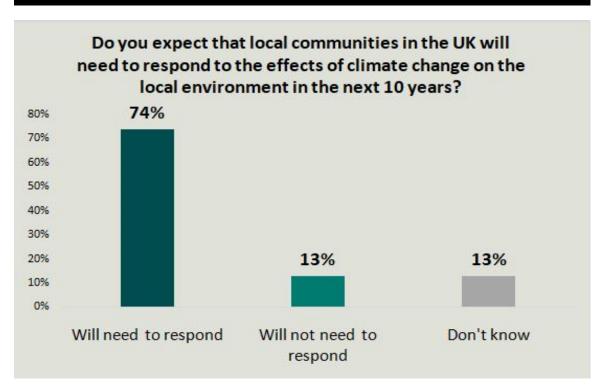
#### **Climate Change now a priority for Councils**

This year we undertook additional questions about Councils and climate change which show that it a priority for the public and they expect Councils to take a leading role in responding to climate change.

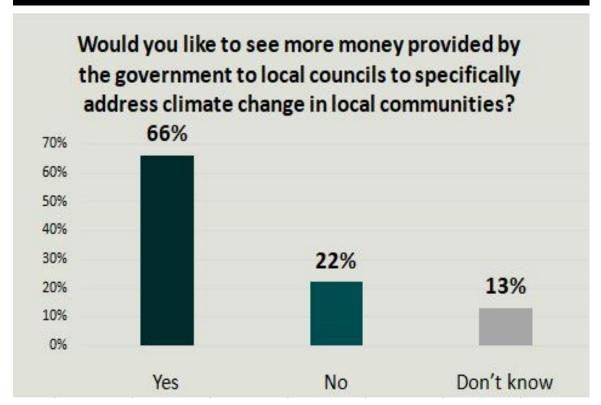
Five Key findings

- 1. 74% expect that local communities will have to respond to the effects of climate change in their area.
- 2. <u>66%</u> support additional money for Councils to respond to climate change locally compared to 22% opposed.
- 3. <u>Equal support</u> for Councils being best placed to combat community effects of climate change with Government at 36% each.
- 4. <u>Top priorities</u> for local climate change action are making <u>homes more energy efficient</u> and <u>improved waste</u> and recycling.
- 5. <u>Climate change is the second highest new spending priority</u> after Social Care and ahead of Housing and Road Maintenance.

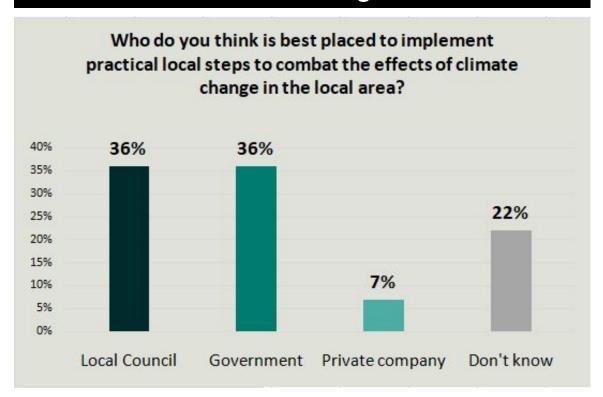
# 74% of people think their local community will need to respond the climate change



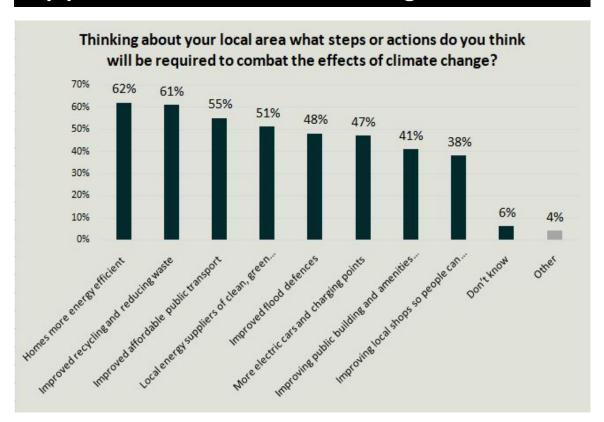
## 66% support more funds for Councils to combat climate change locally



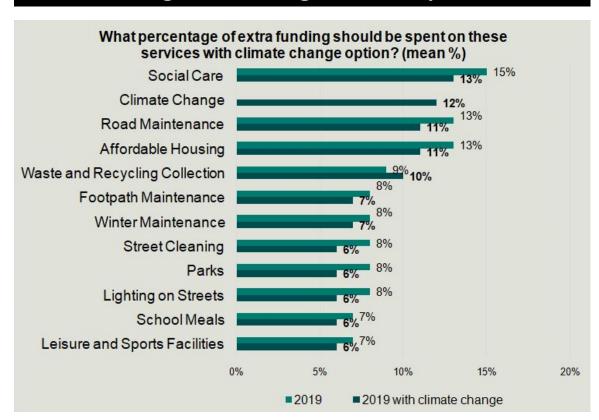
## Councils and government equally best placed to combat effects of Climate change

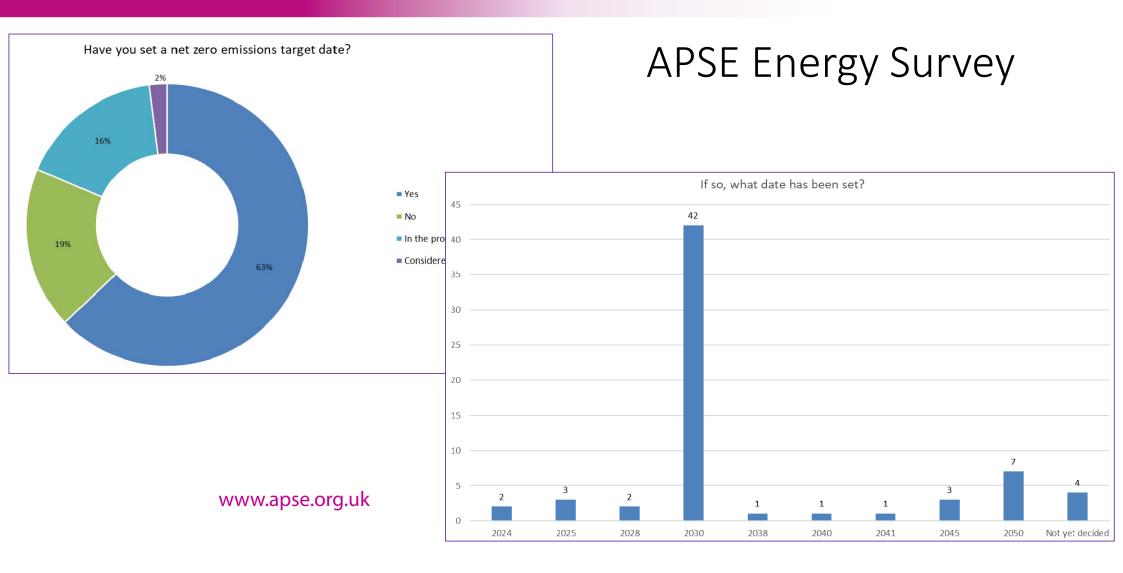


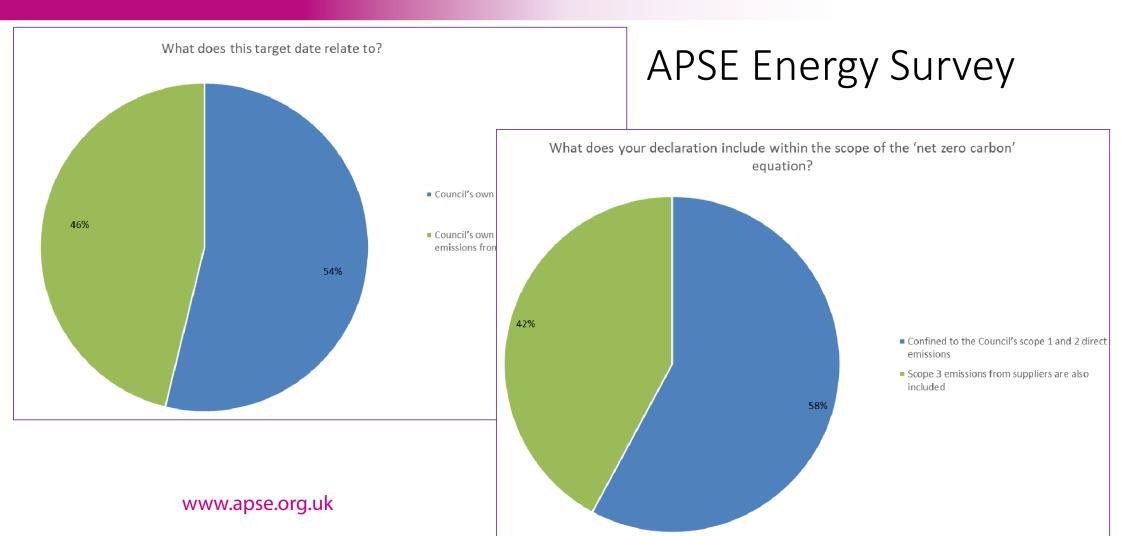
#### Top priorities for local climate change action

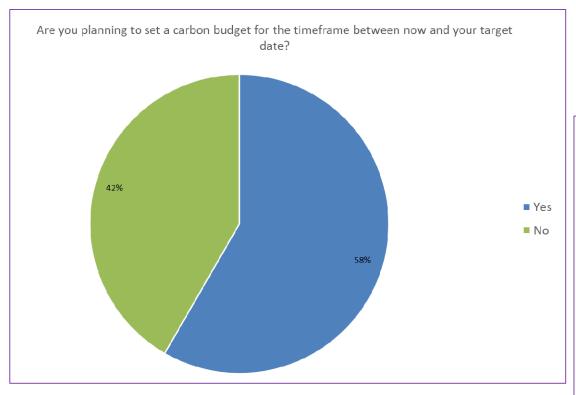


#### **Climate change Second highest new spend**

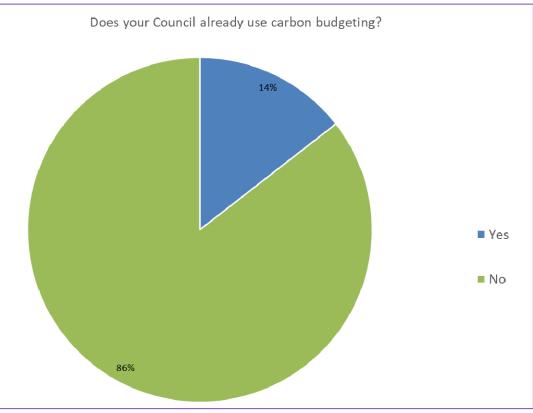


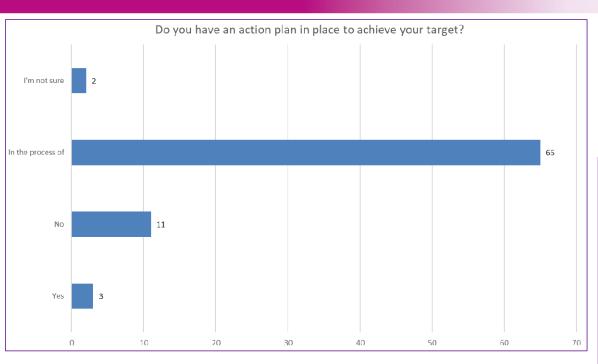




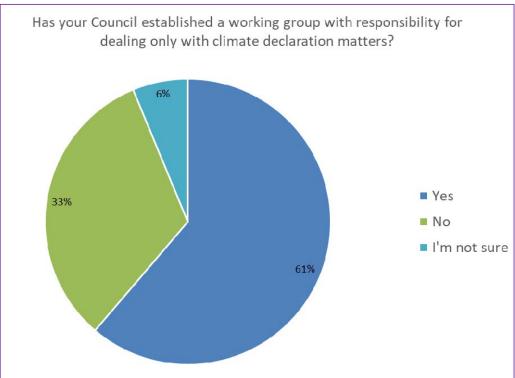


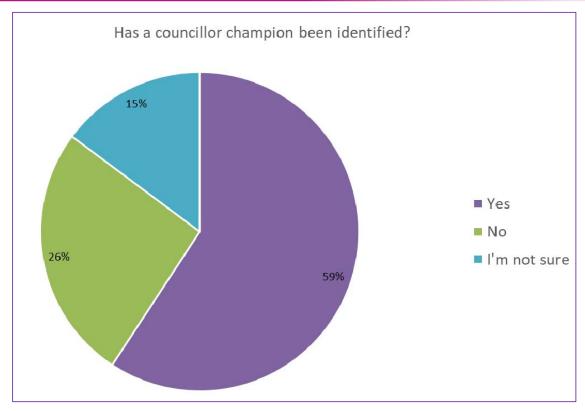
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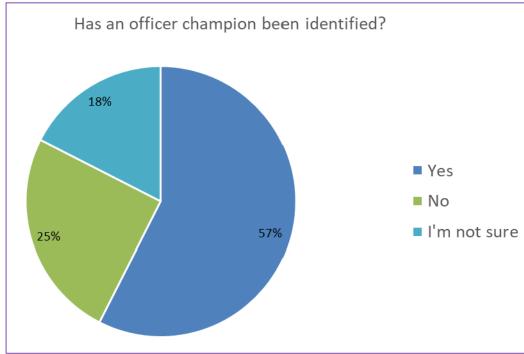


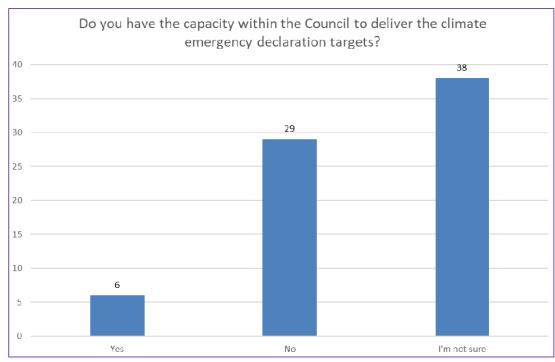
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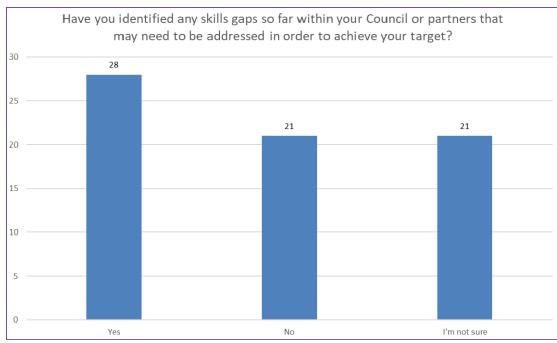


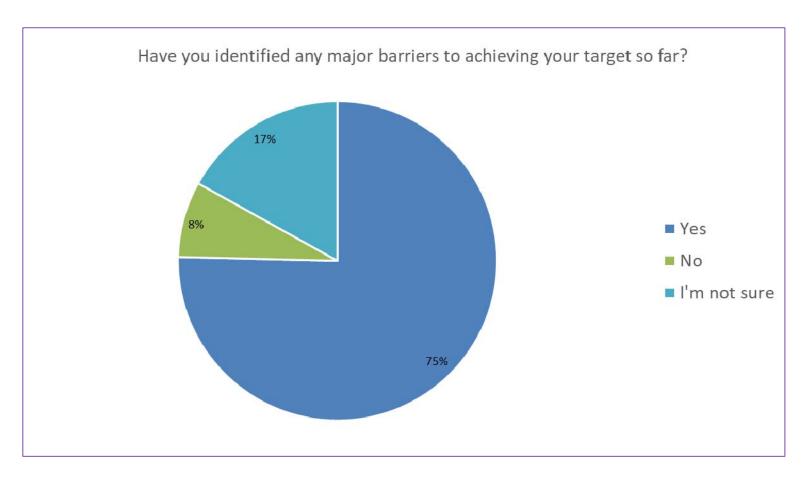
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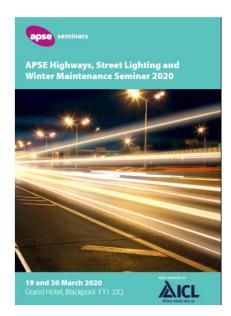


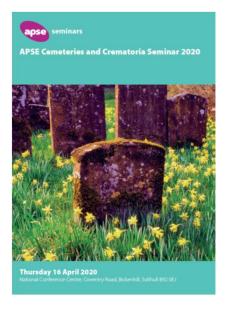
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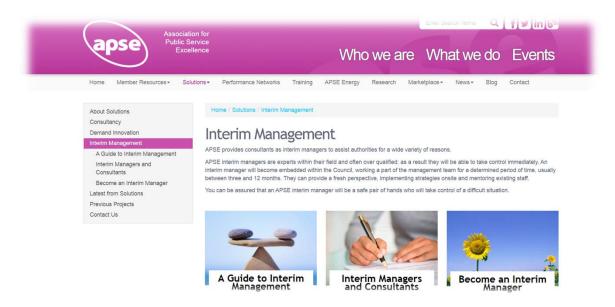








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 APSE Training – new course now online including Carbon Literacy Training - Contact Fiona Sutton Wilson for details (FSuttonWilson@apse.org.uk)

• APSE Performance Networks - the new portal is now at the testing stage! Found out more here:

#### New APSE performance networks database

APSE continues to work with CAMMS to develop a new database for performance networks to make it easier to report and analyse data and to build a platform for future web-enabled services

We launched the new web portal at the Blackpool 2018 conference. This includes individual log-ins and allows for more reports and analysis to be uploaded onto the web. This has initially been rolled out to corporate and service nominated contacts although you now have the ability to add other users on so that they can have a role in inputting data, reviewing the reports or both



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