



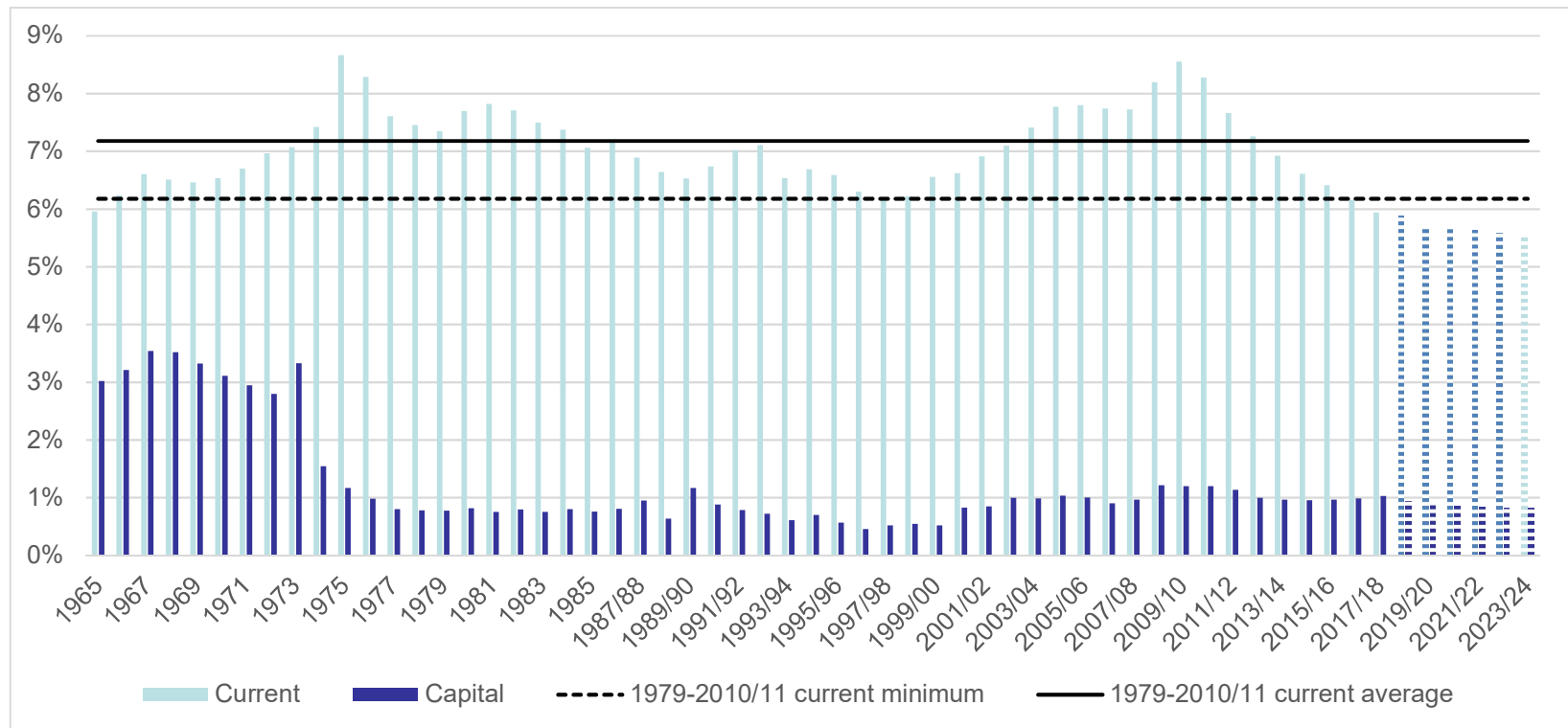
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Fighting for funding for roads, highways and street lighting

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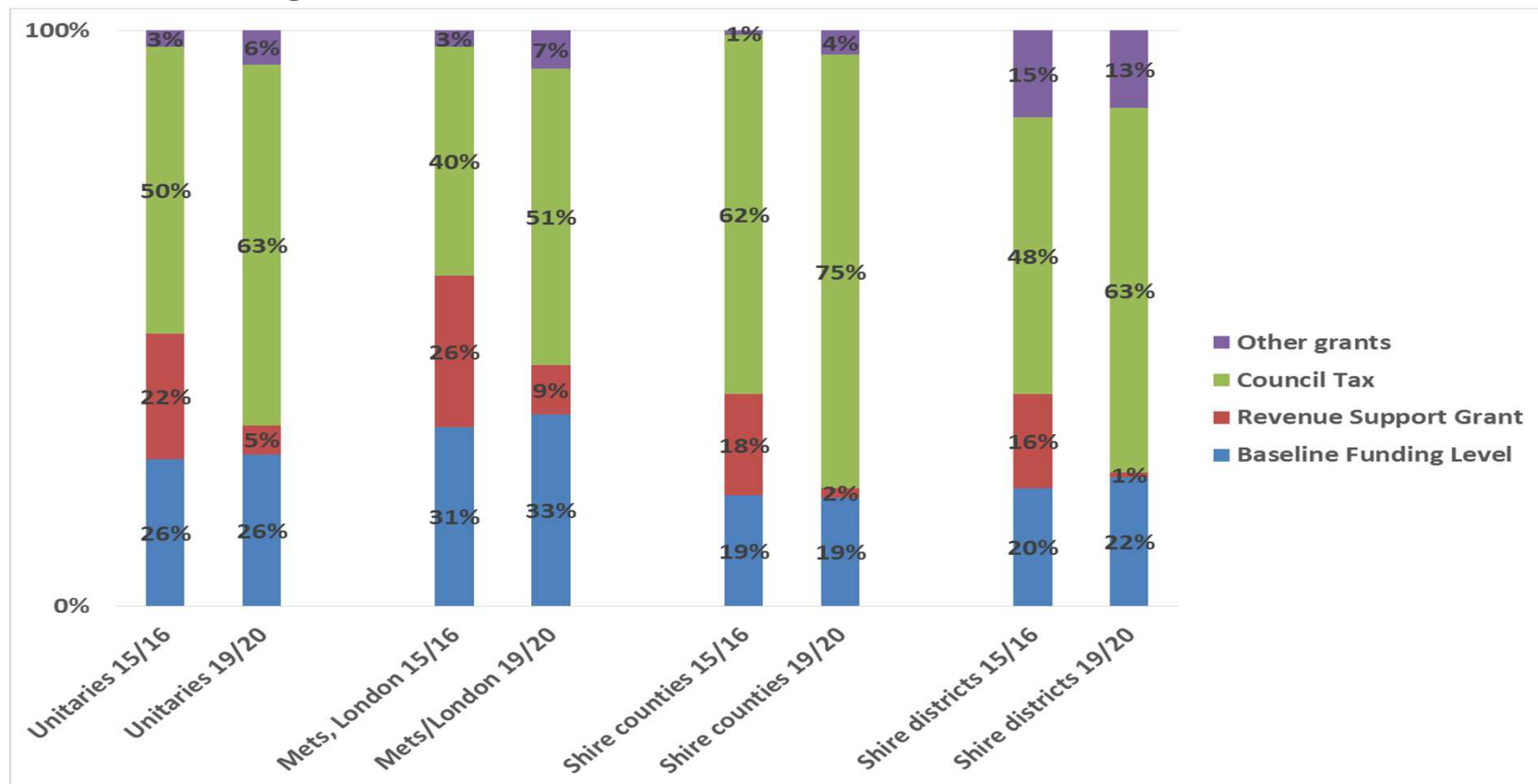


UK local government spending as a share of GDP: current spending, already below the 1979-2014 minimum, is projected to go on falling to 2020 and beyond



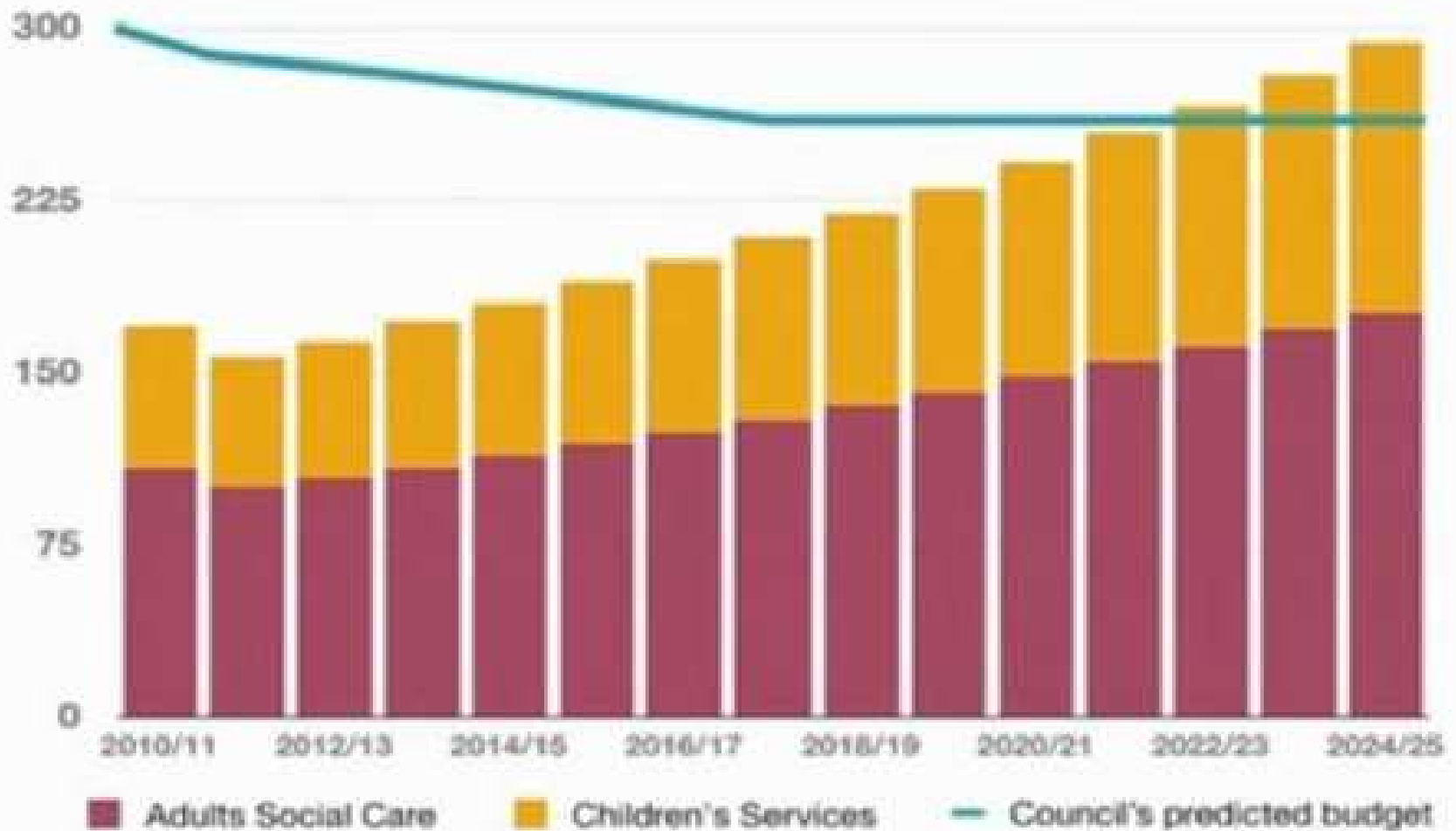


Balance of core spending power 15/16 and 19/20: as RSG shrivels beyond London and the Mets, most LA funding will come from council tax



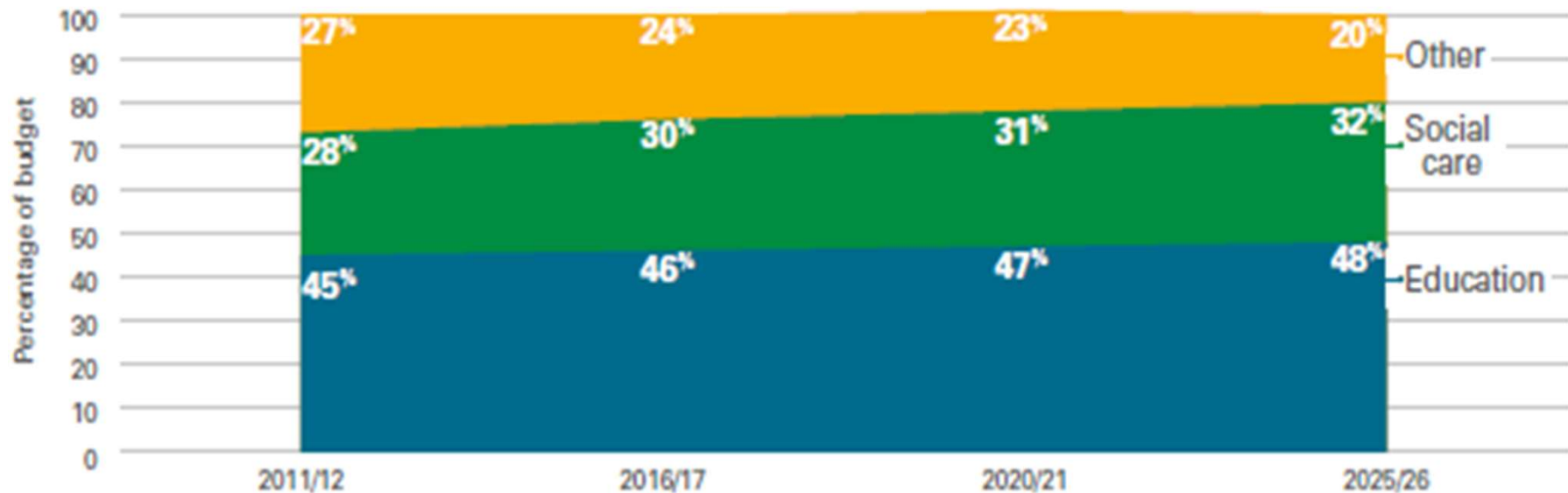


The 'Graph of Doom'





The Graph of McDoom



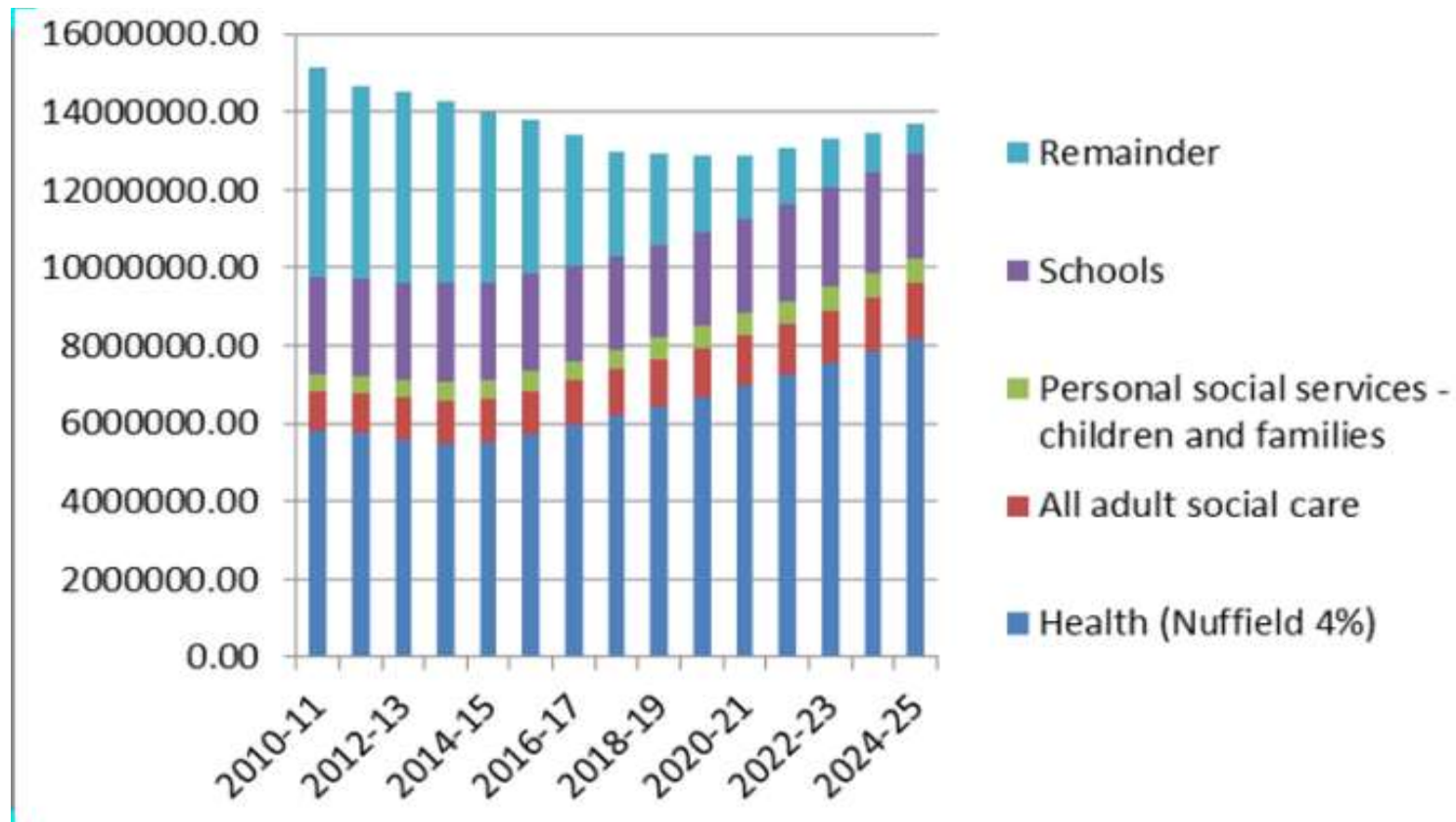
Note: Calculations are based on cash terms.

Source: [Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2016/17](#)  Audit Scotland, November 2016









The Graph of Doom (Wales)





The cost of Covid-19

- Estimated challenge
- Additional cost £4.4B
- Loss of income £2.8B
- Loss of local tax £3.7B
- (C  I  CT  BR ) = £10.9B



Government support... so far

- £1.6B x 2
- £600m social care
- £500m income loss
- CSR irrecoverable debt
- 2020 / 2021 to 2022 / 2023

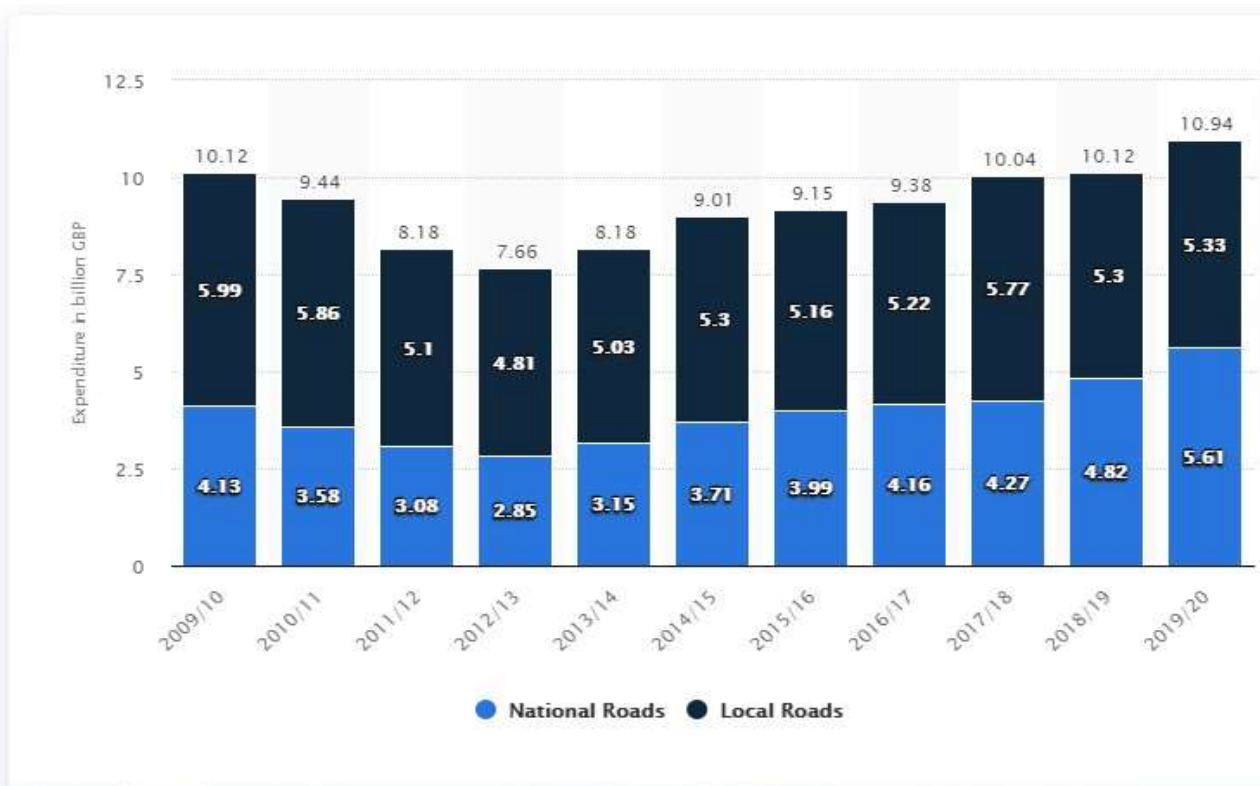


Where are the answers?

- Government support 2020 / 2021
- Sustainable local government finance model
- Funding social care solution
- Reserves and self financing?



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Priorities for council spending

What the public think



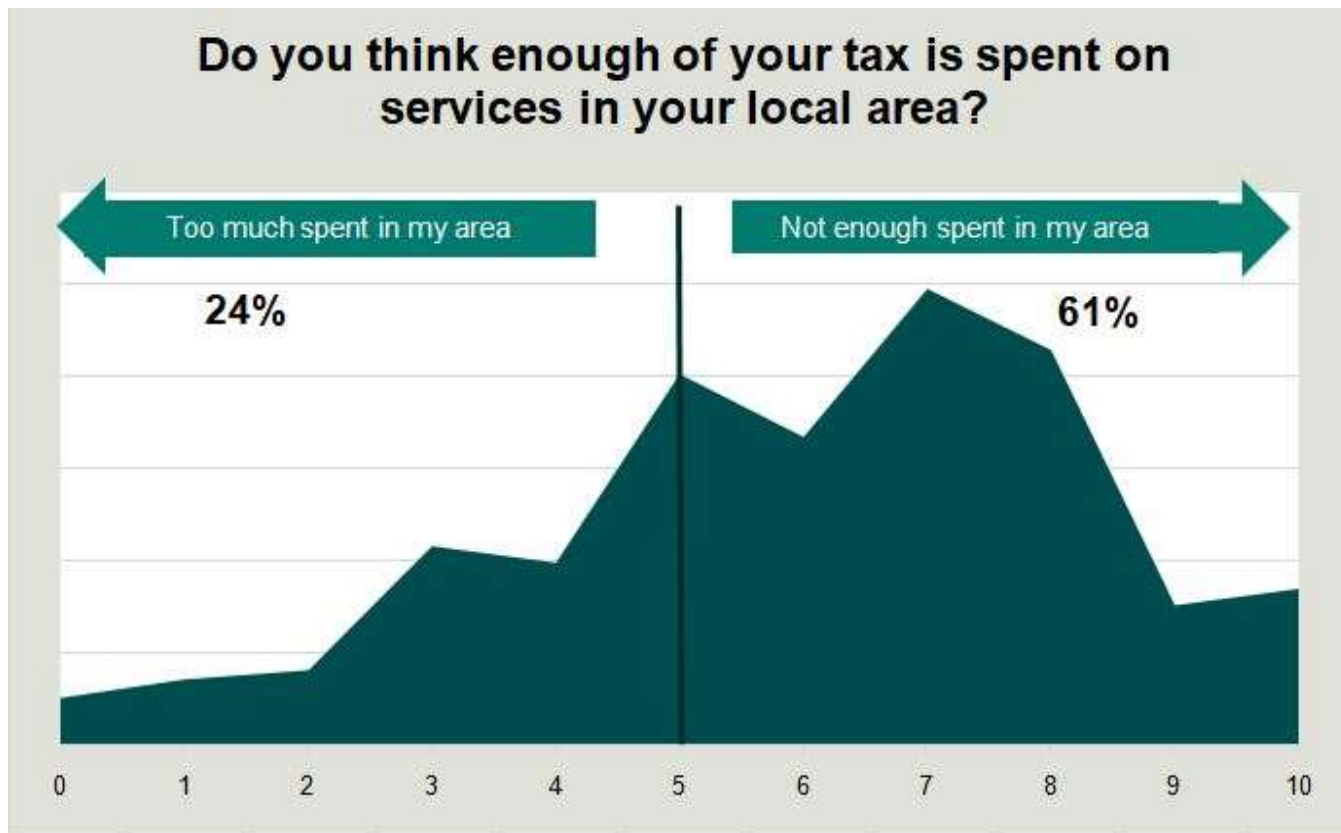
Key fact : Relative trust remains high

Trust in Councils and Councillors is at its 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.

- Seven and half times 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).
- Eleven times as many trust local Councillors over Government ministers to make decisions about their local area (Seven times 2018).
- Nine times trusted Council to provide services in their local area over the government (Five times as many 2018).
- Five times as many trusted Council to provide services in their local area over a private company (Four and a half 2018).

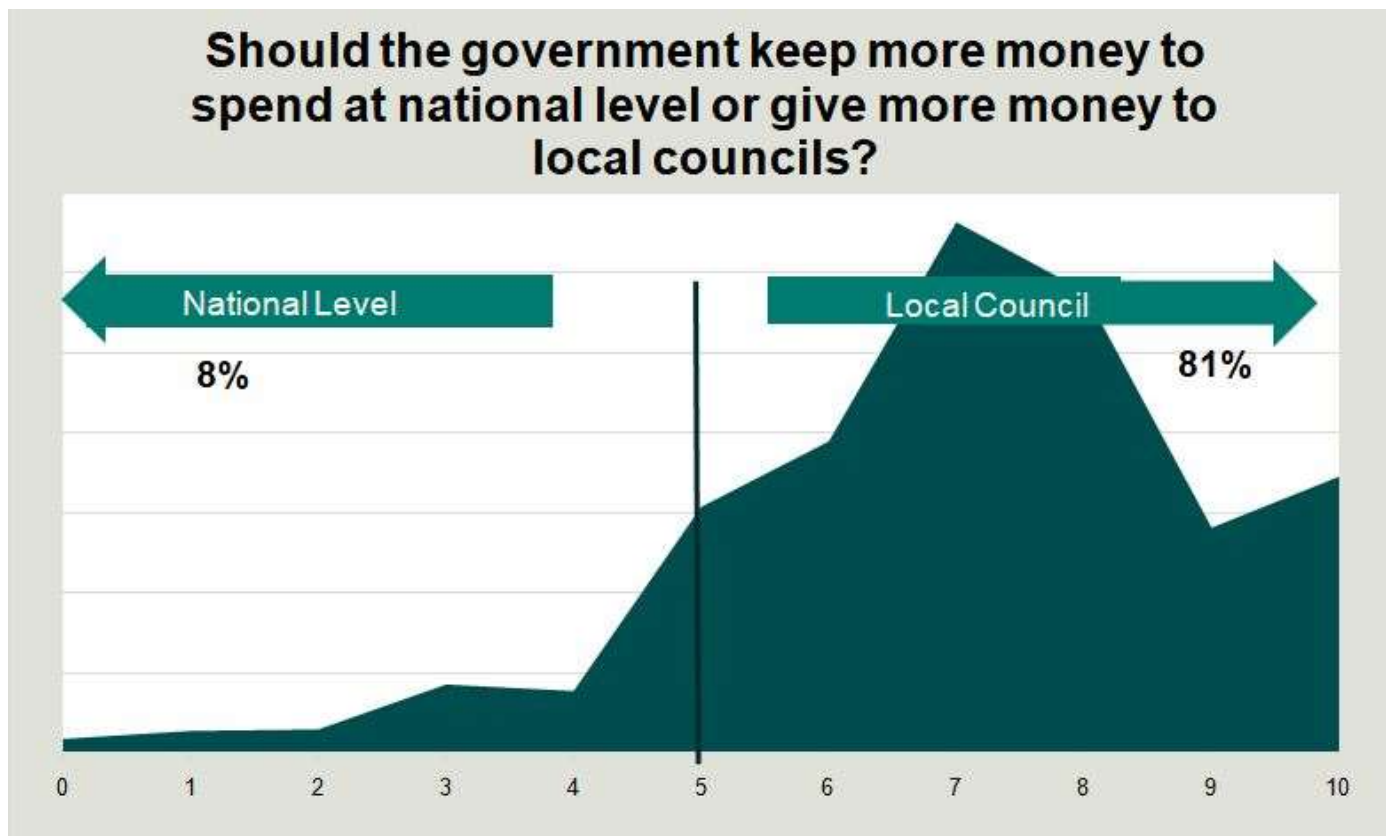


Enough of your taxes spent in the your area?



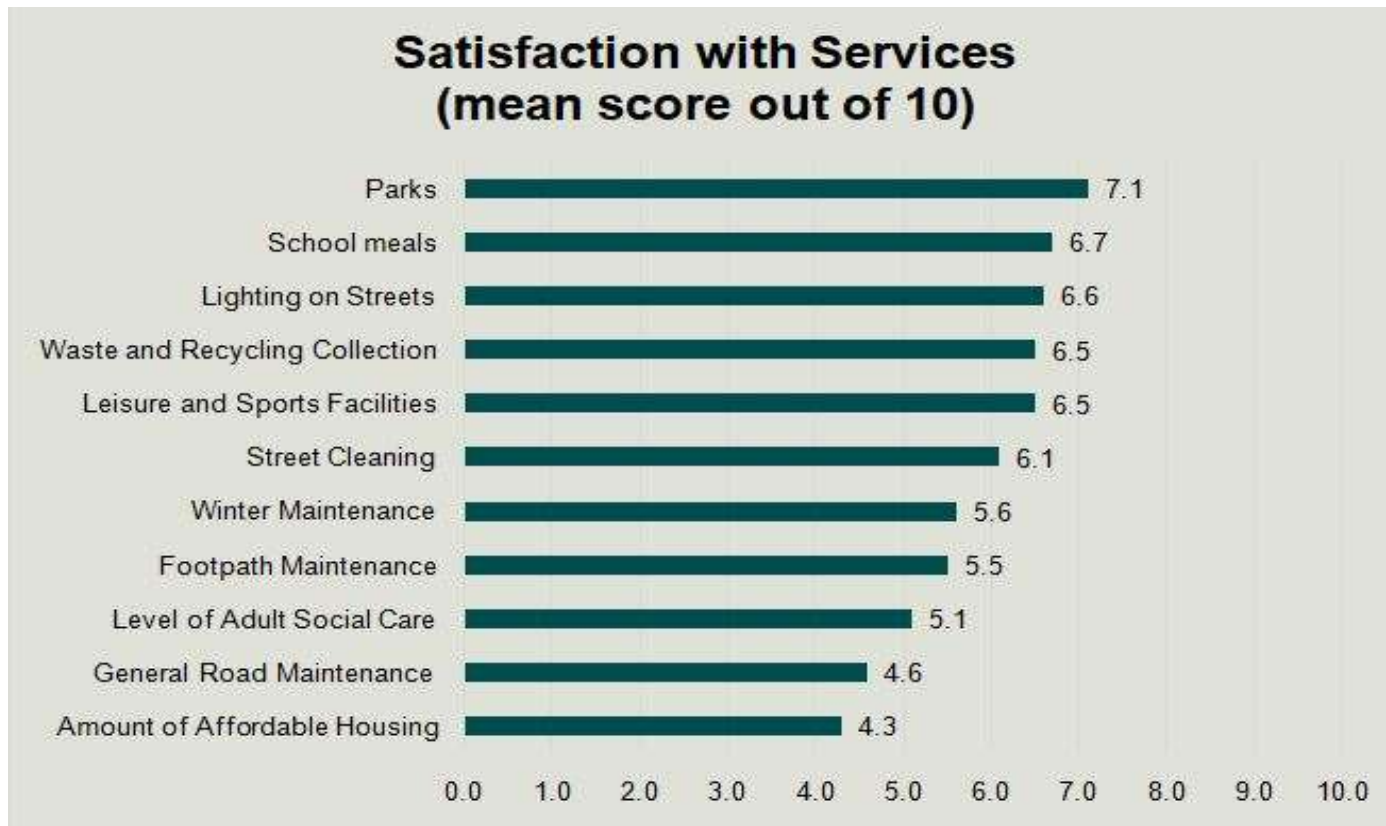


Should Government give Councils more funds?



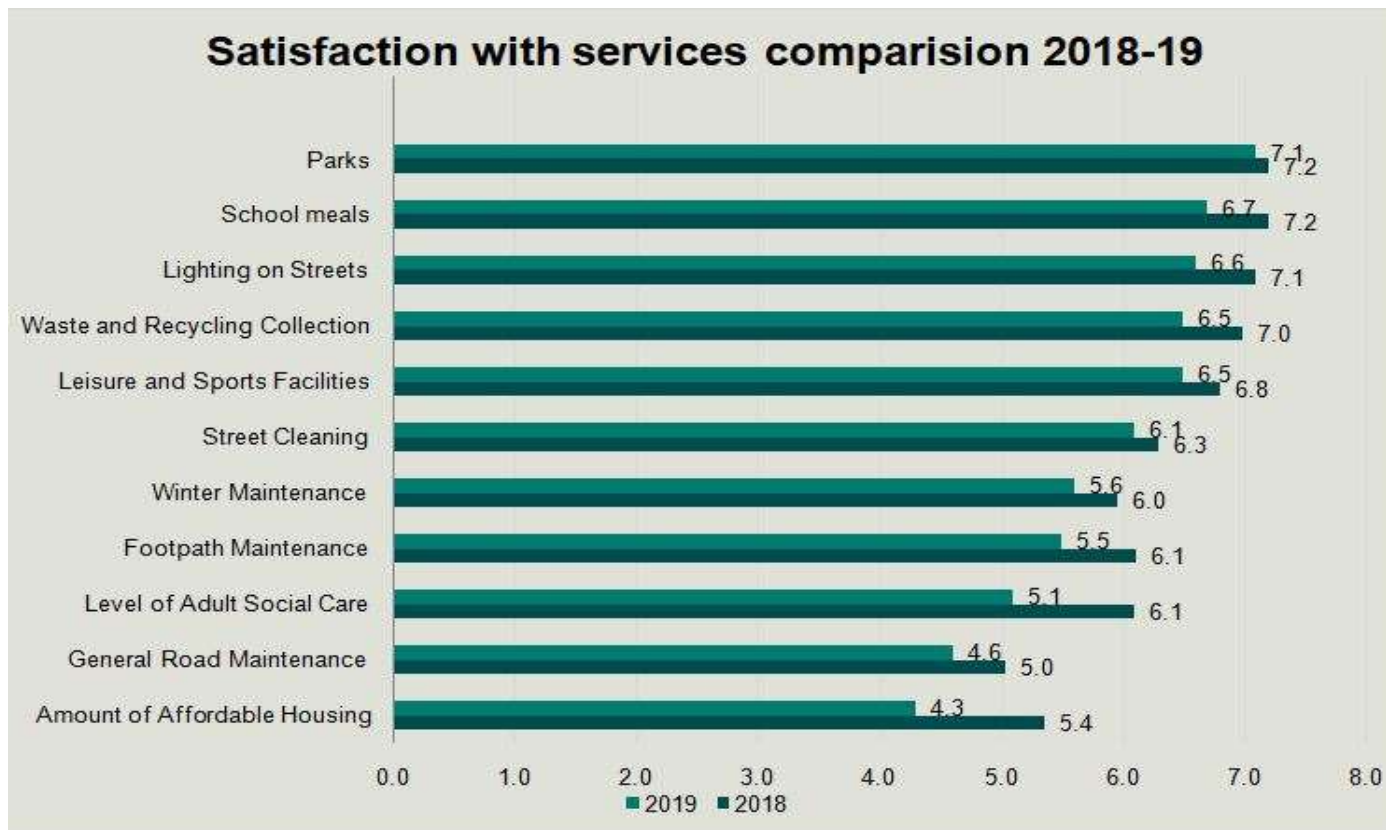


Satisfaction levels vary between services

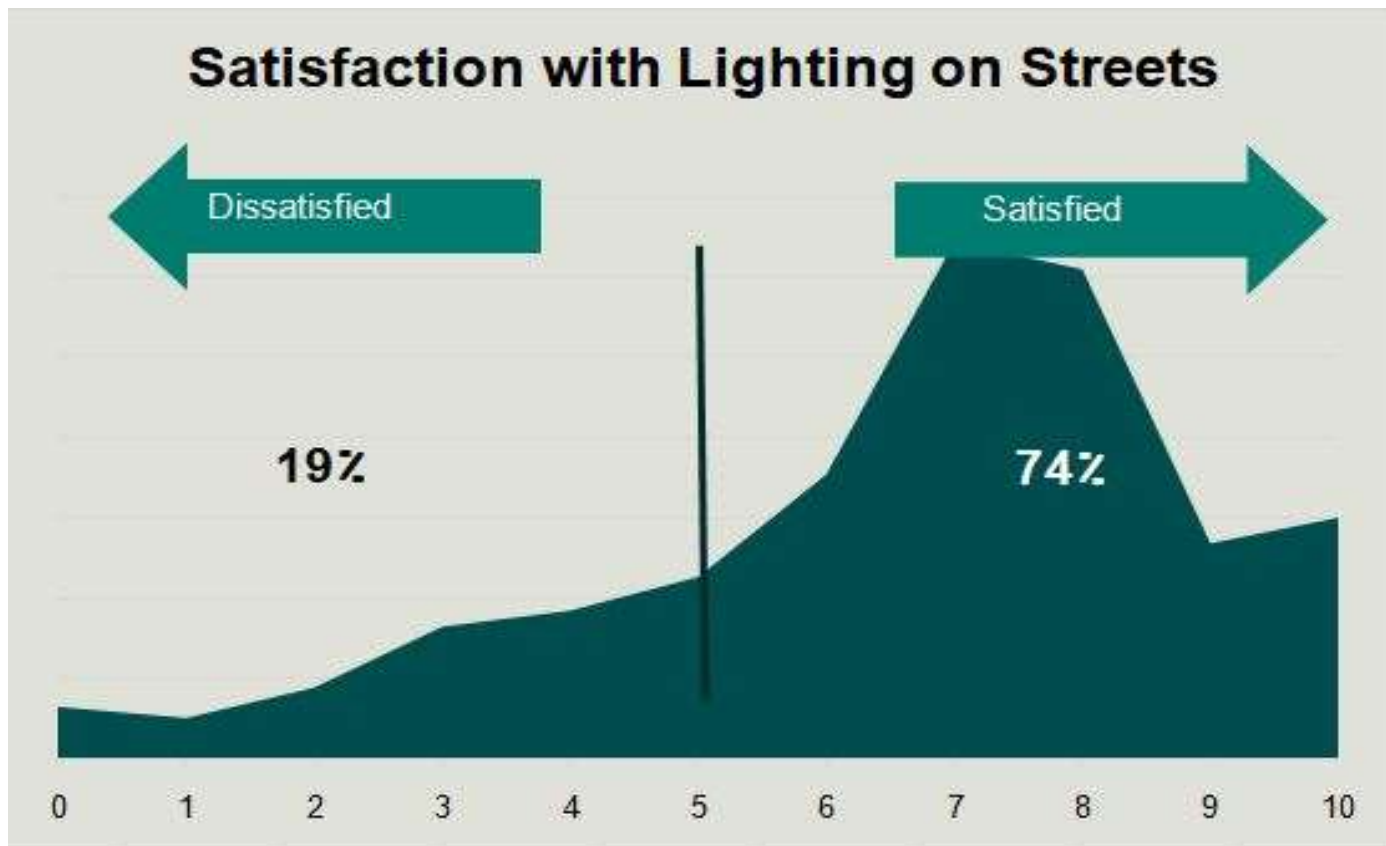




Satisfaction declining compared to last year



Street Lighting





Winter Maintenance



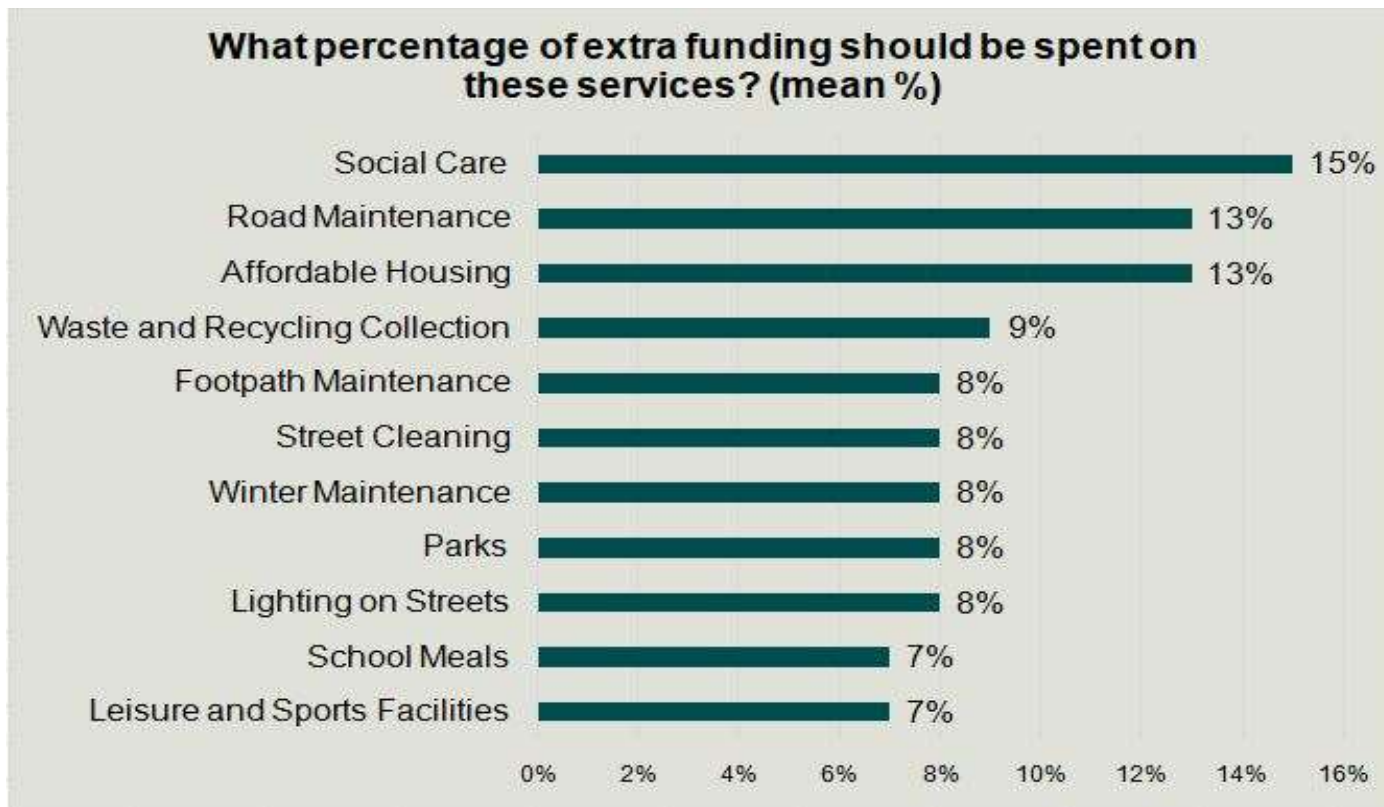


Road maintenance



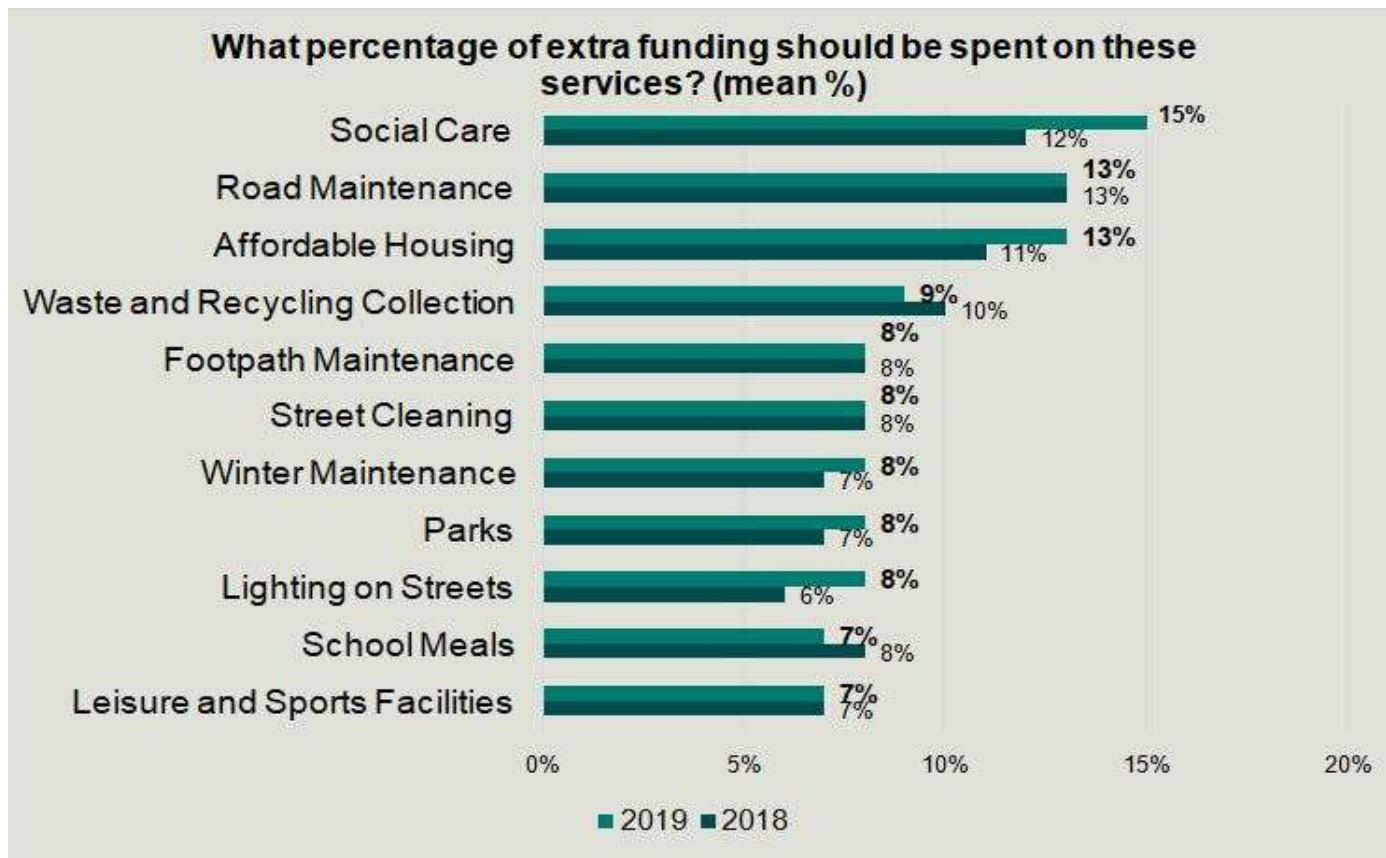


How the public would like extra funds spent





How the public priorities compare to last year





Climate Change now a priority for Councils

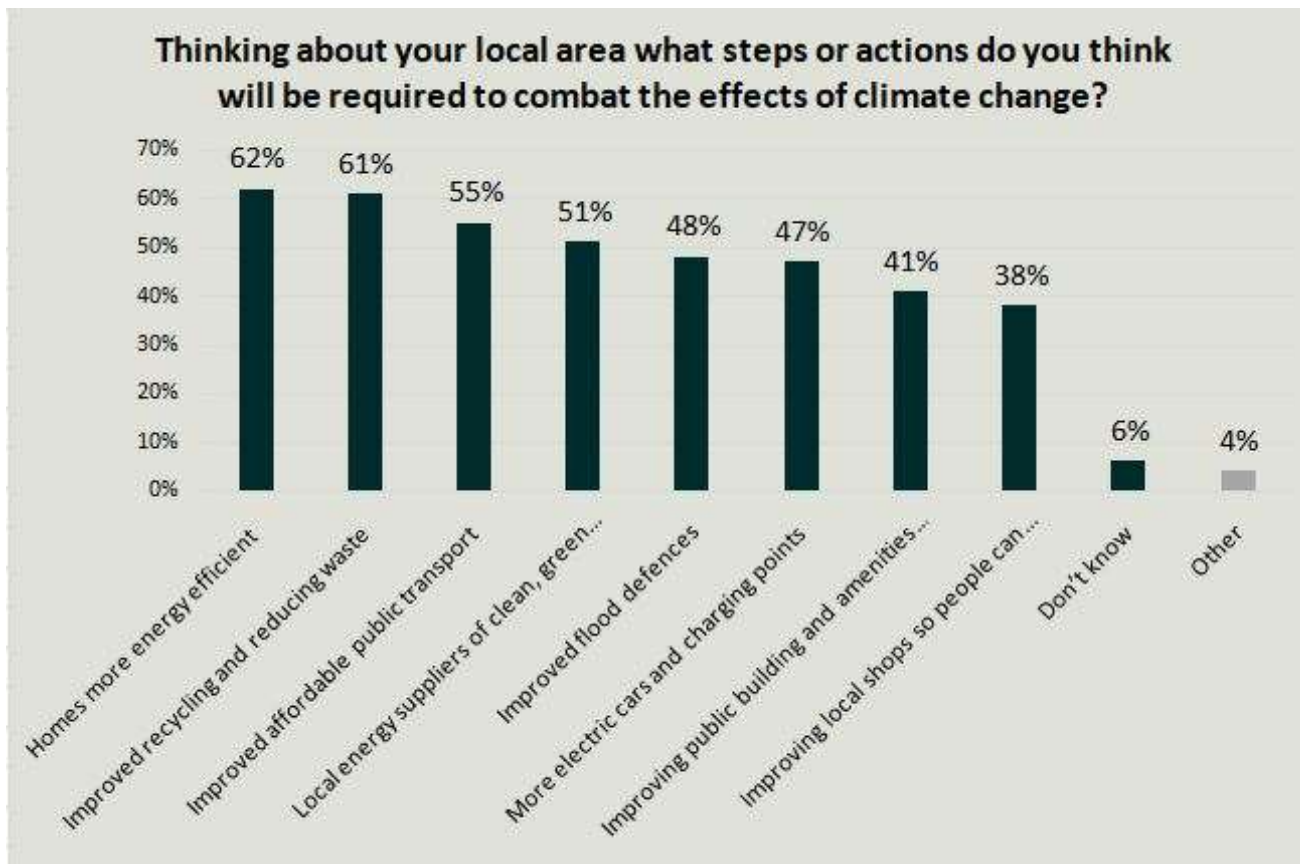
This year we undertook additional questions about Councils and climate change which show that it's a priority for the public and they expect Councils to take a leading role in responding to climate change.

Five Key findings

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

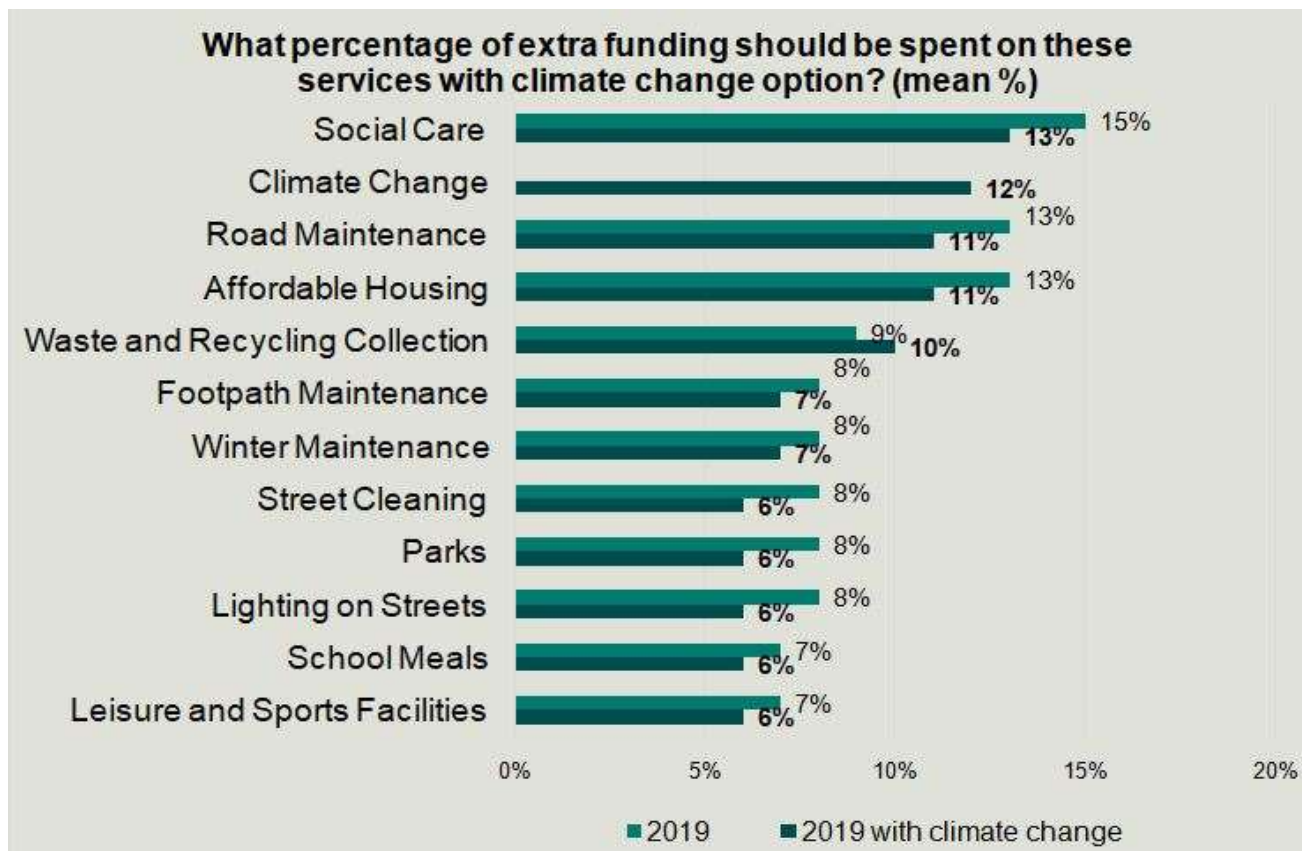


Top priorities for local climate change action





Climate change Second highest new spend





Conclusions

- Budgets continuing to drop up to and beyond 2020
- Sector response been good in terms of cost reduction, efficiency and improving productivity
- Recovery from Covid still an unknown
- Public **currently** supportive of council roads services
- Need to be part of the transition taking place re climate emergency or will be left behind
- Need to fight for funding in CSR

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