

**Tracking Public Attitudes to
Council Service Provision.**

**Tracking Councillors on the
pressure to deliver.**



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APSE Councillors Survey – Councils Under Pressure



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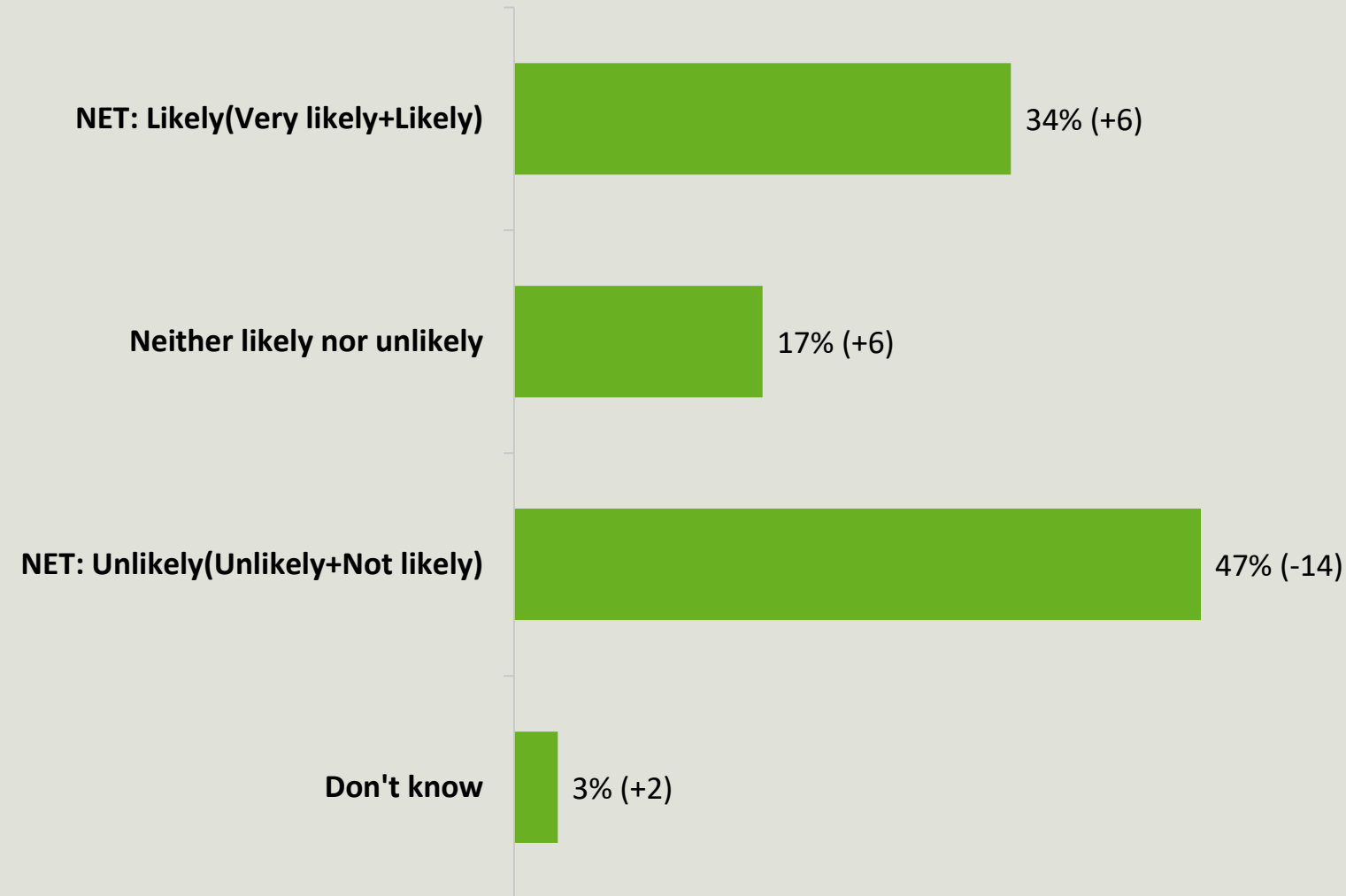
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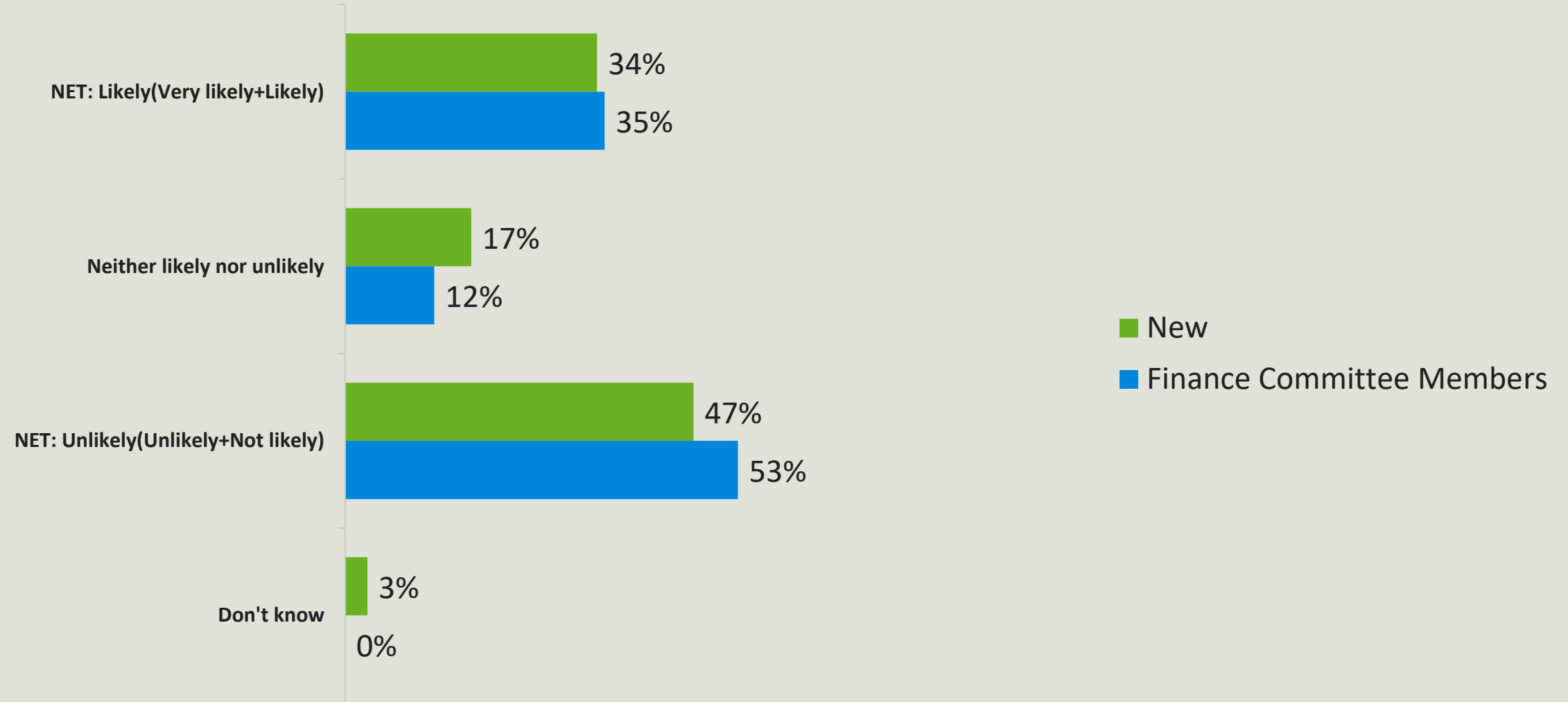
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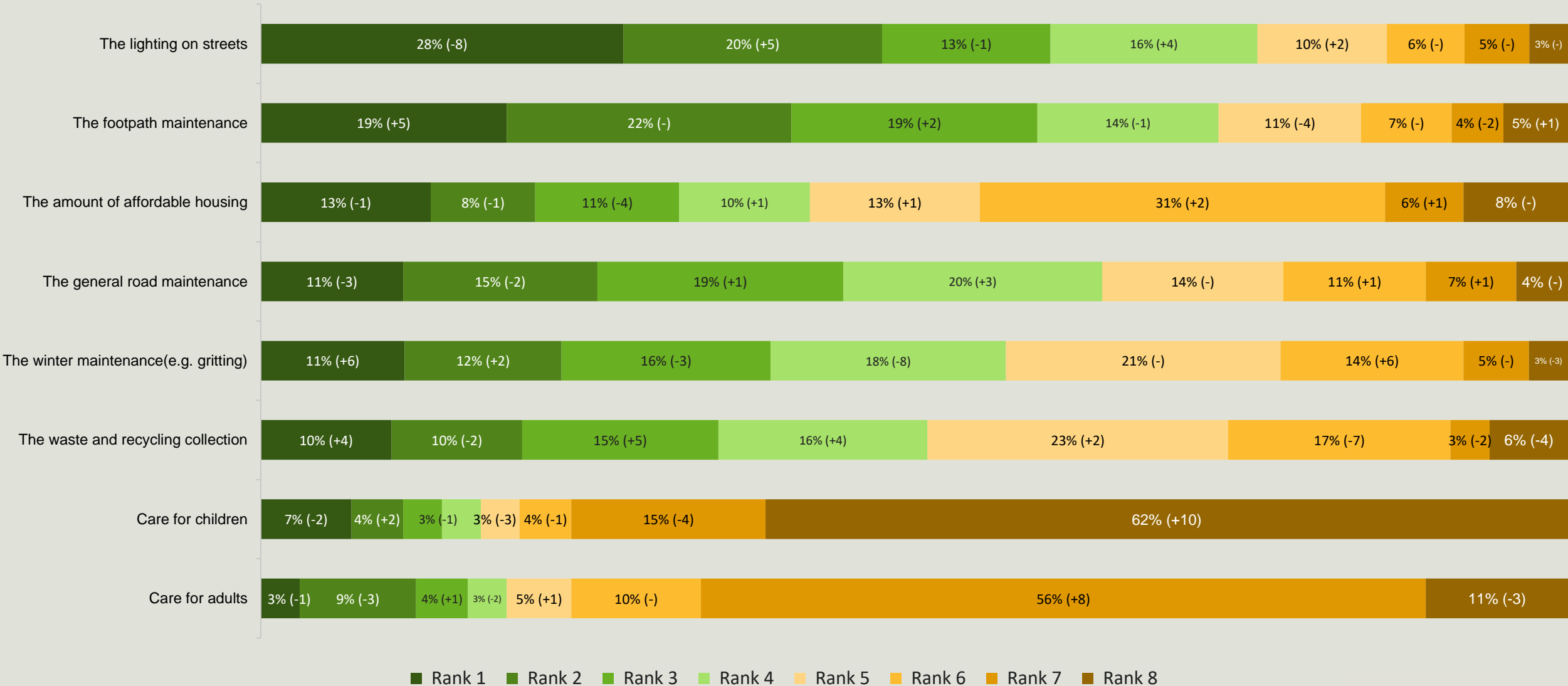


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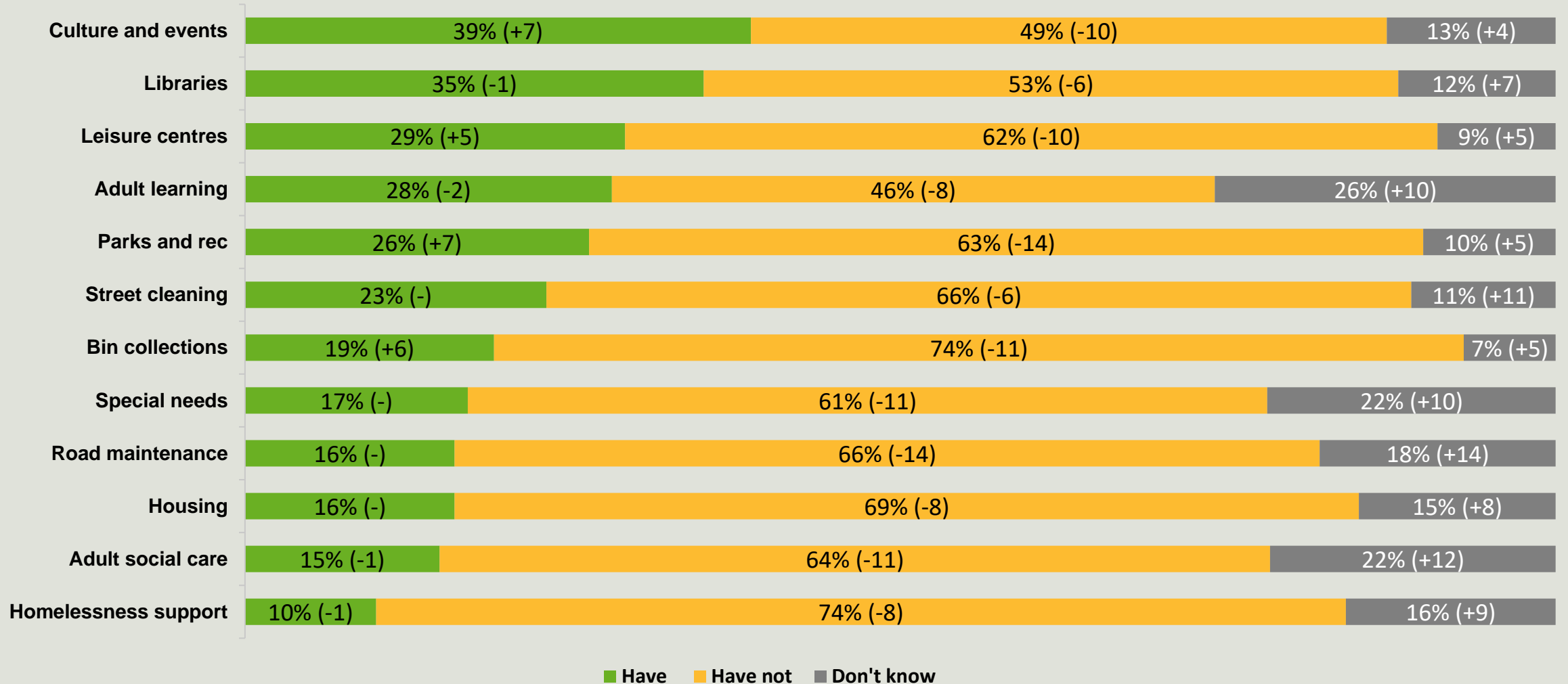


Q2_Summary. One way local authorities try to avoid issuing a section 114 notice (or S.95 in Scotland) is by cutting spending on certain services or stop providing altogether. Please rank each of the following services in order of how comfortable you'd be to see cut if your local authority were facing bankruptcy

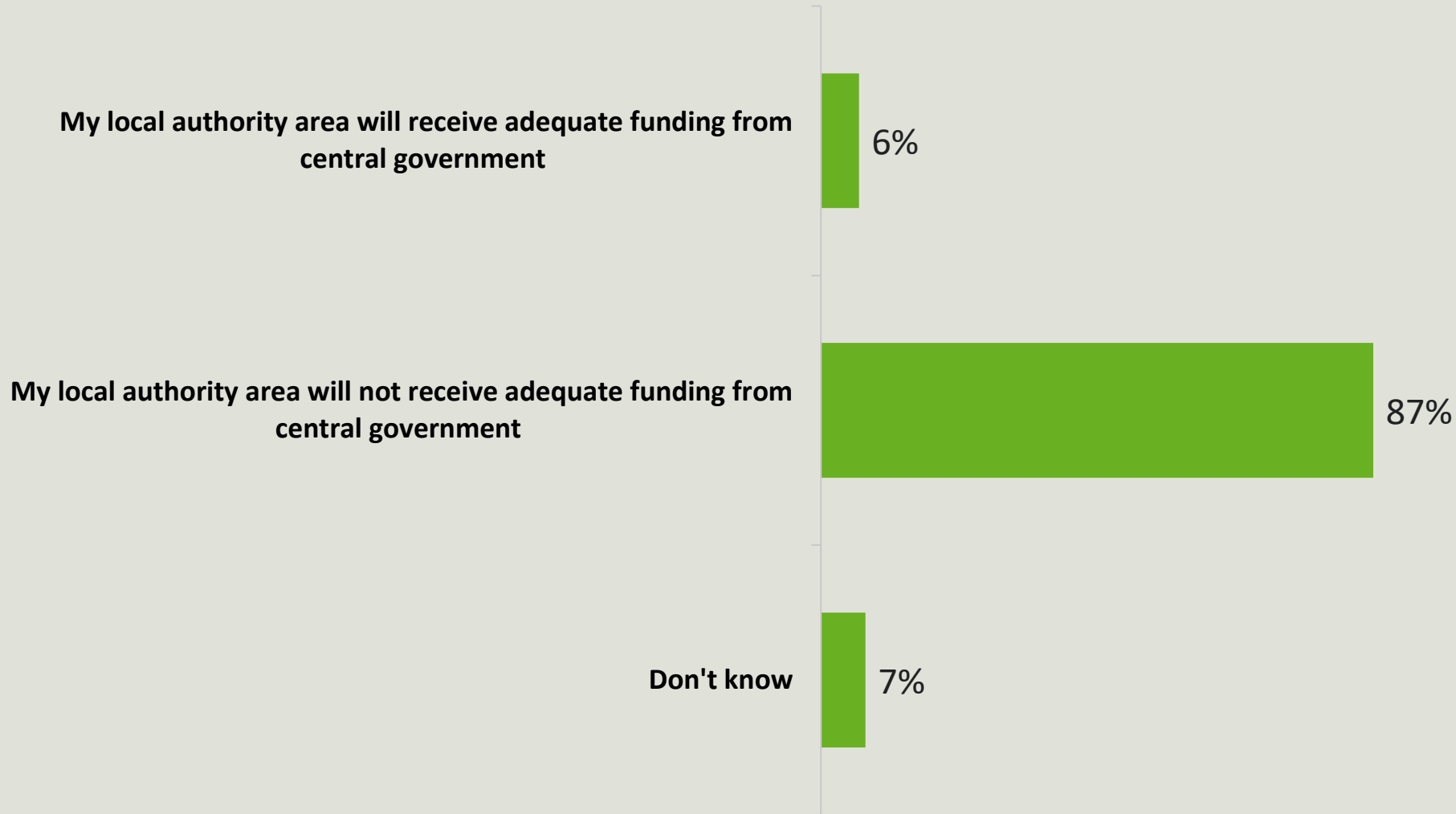


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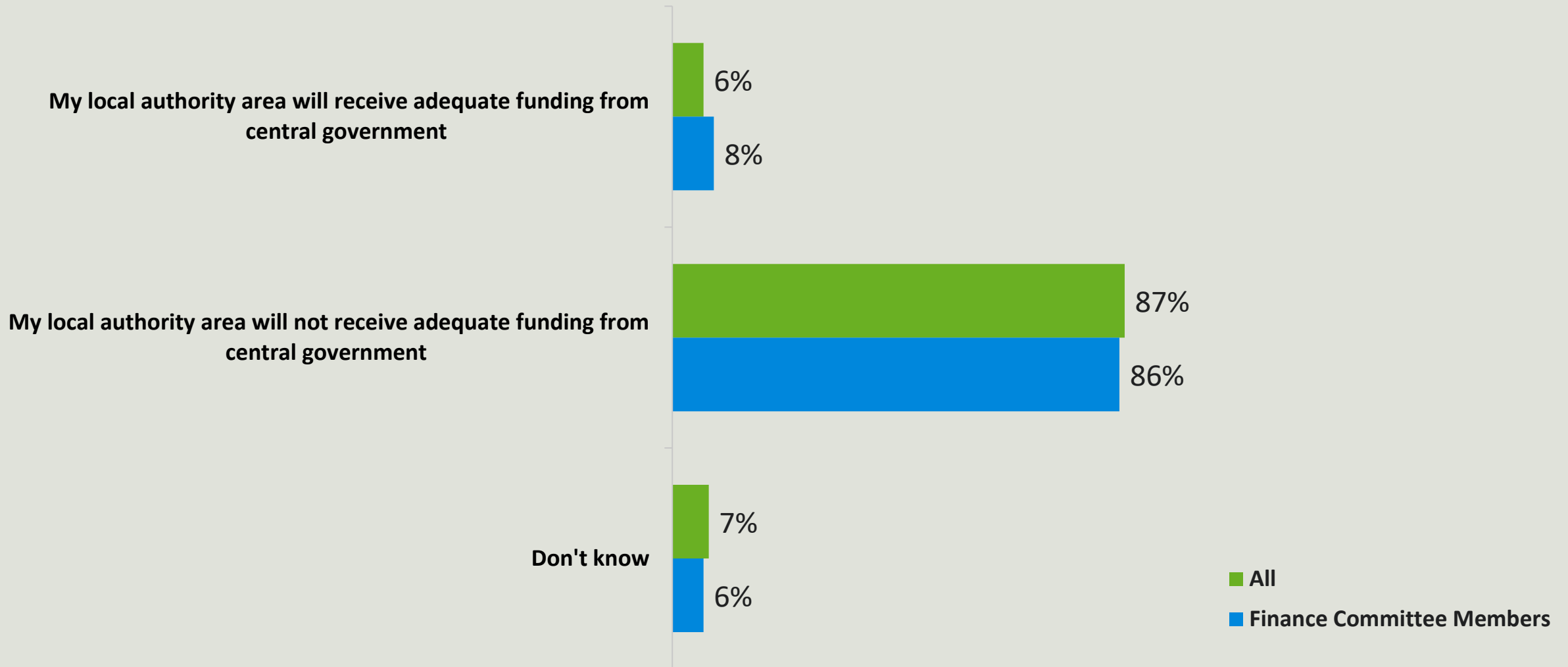
Q3. Which of the following services, if any, has your local authority had to cancel or close since 2010?



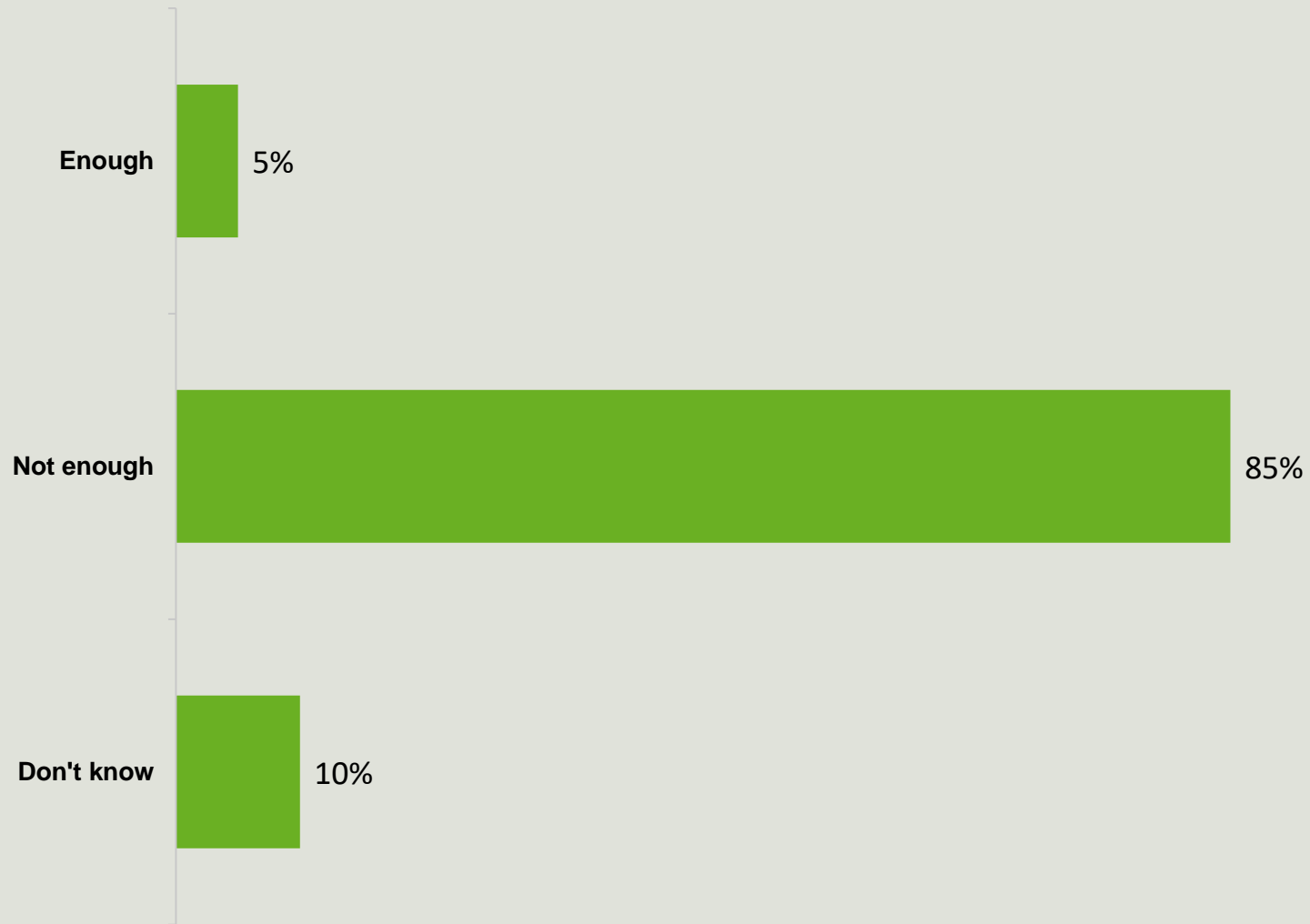
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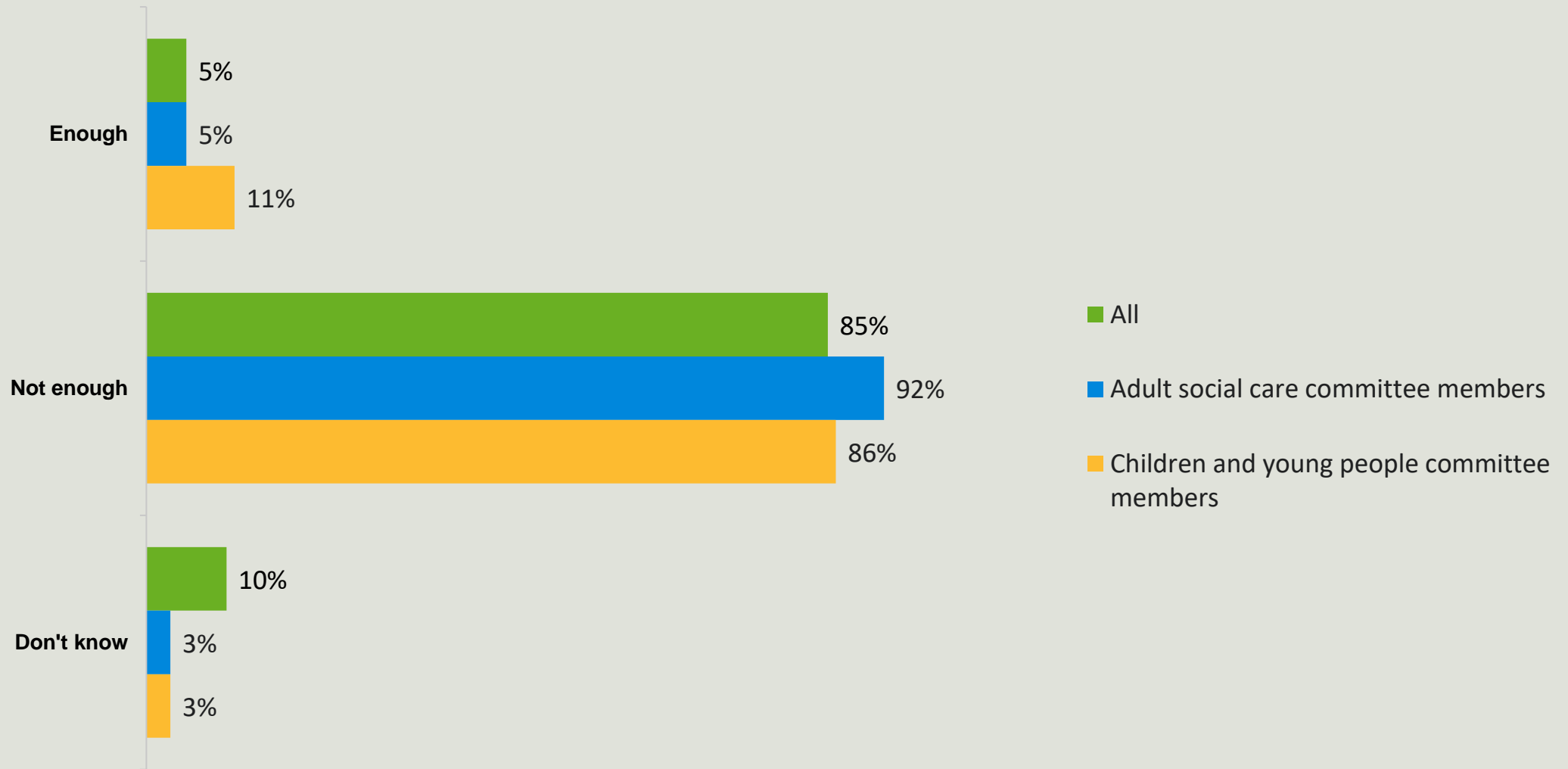


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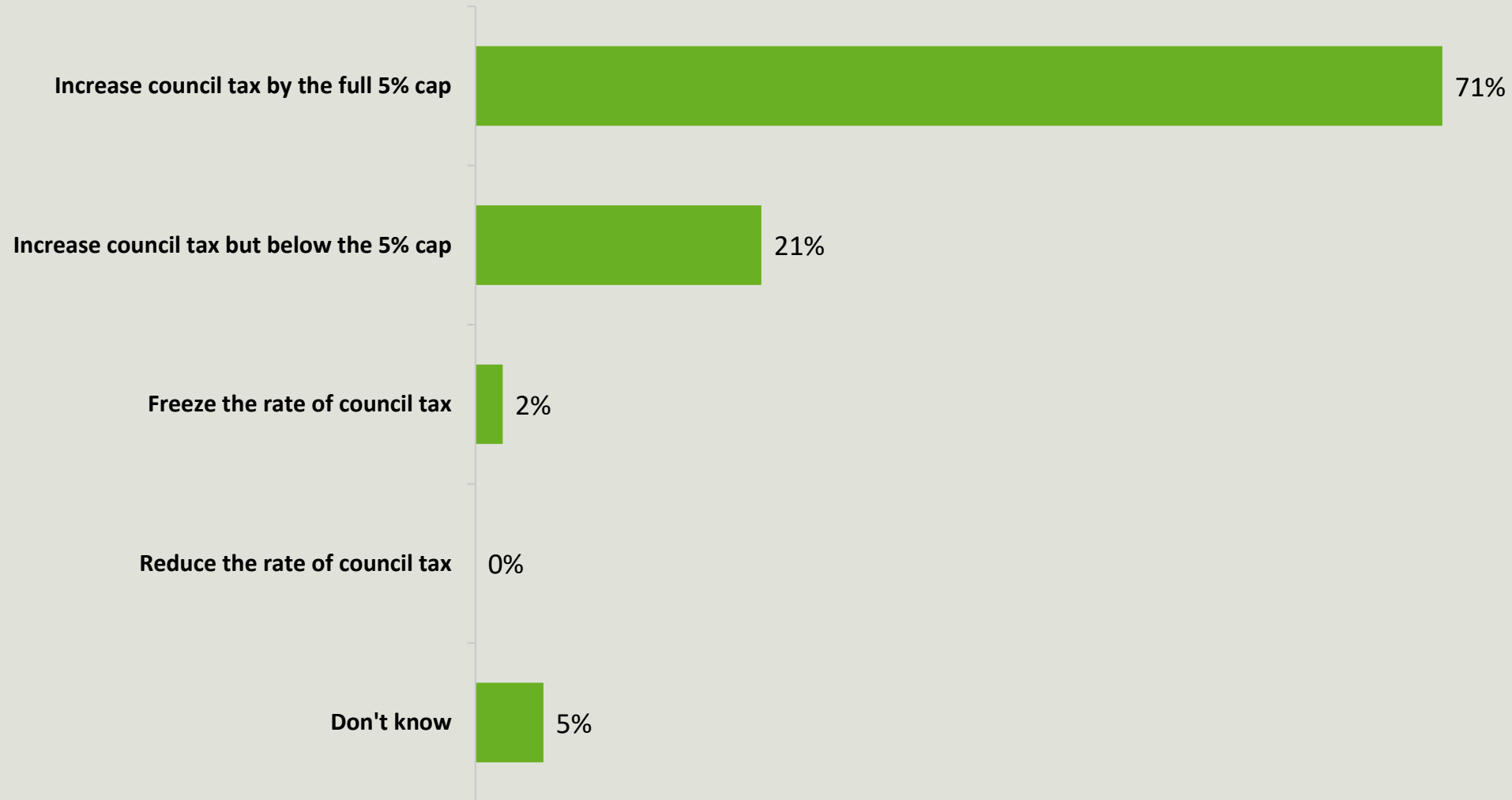


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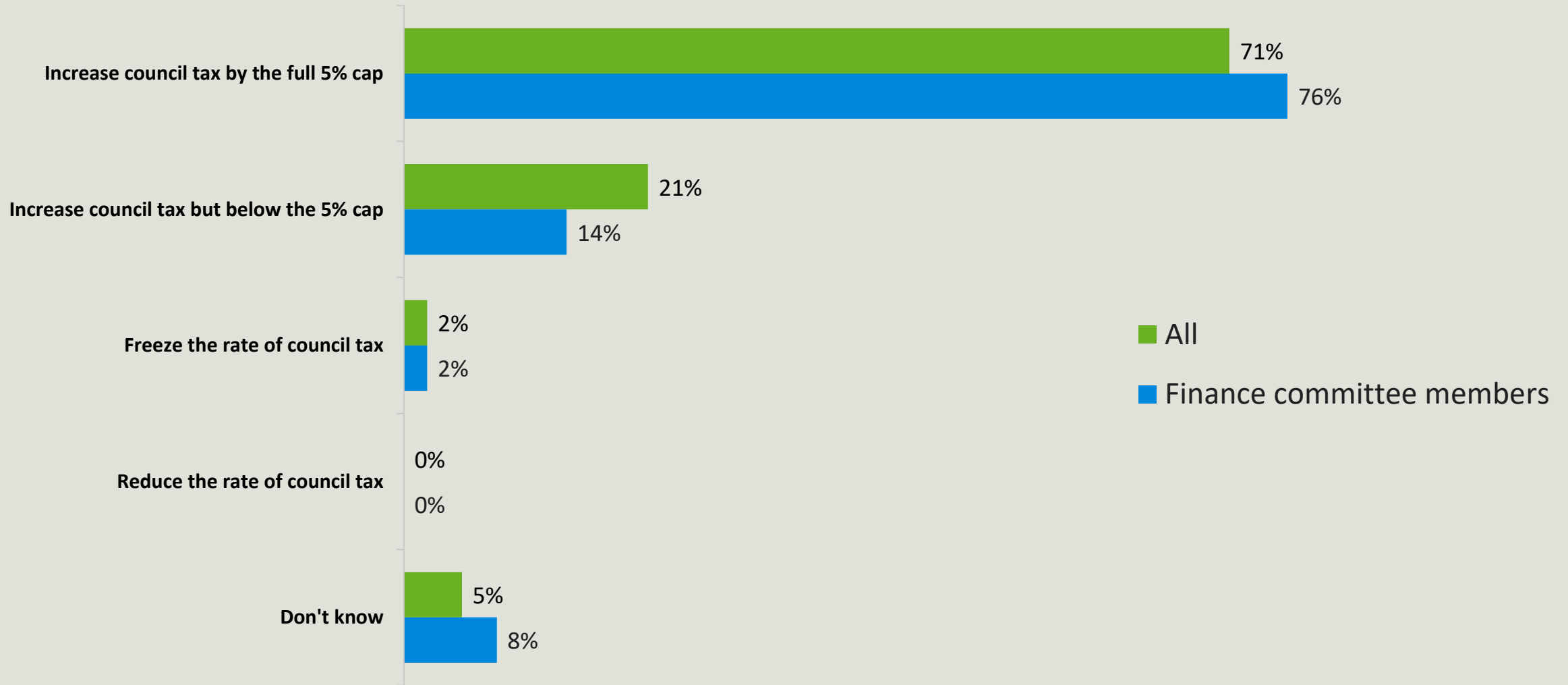
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Public Opinion of Council Services in 2024?



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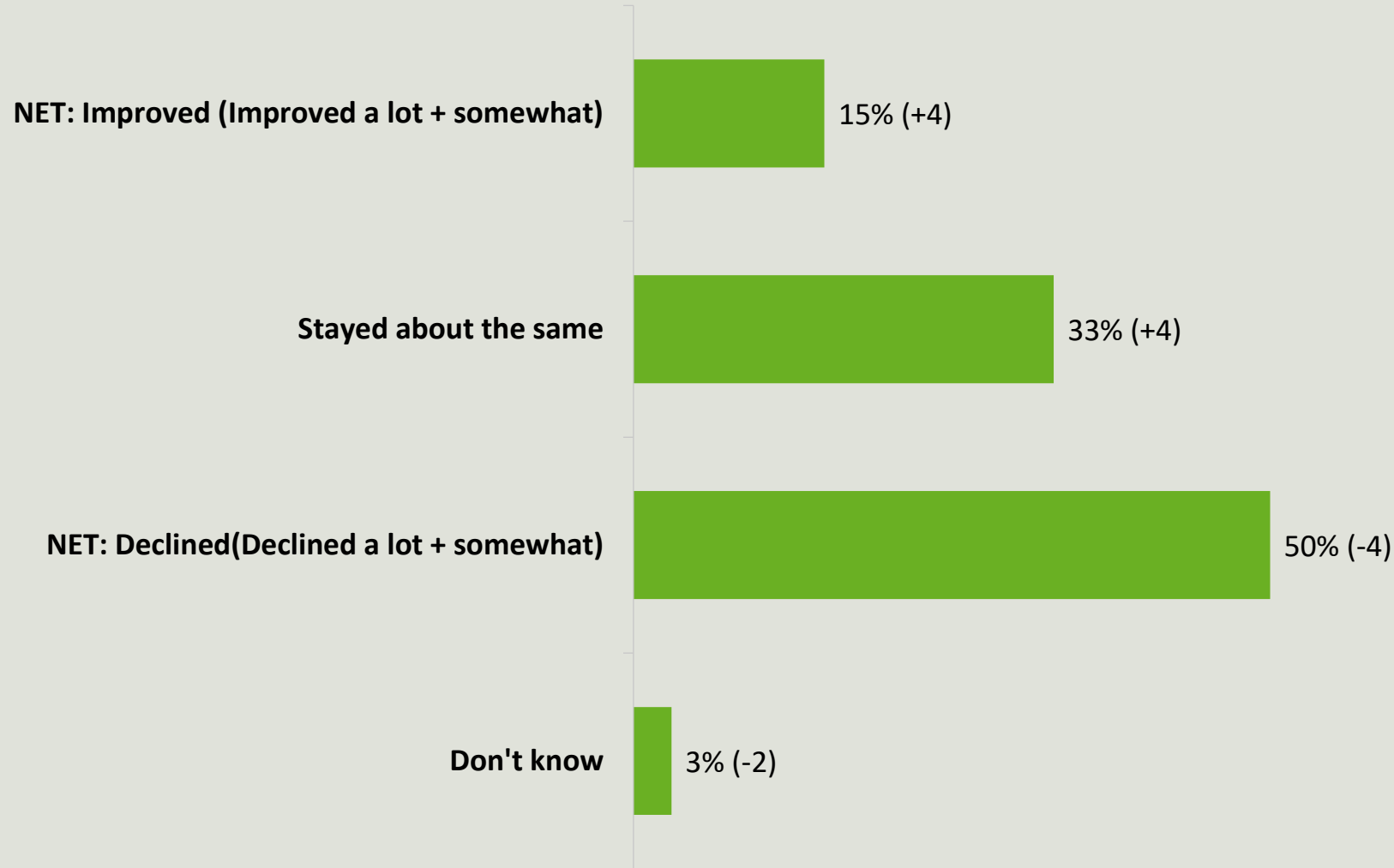
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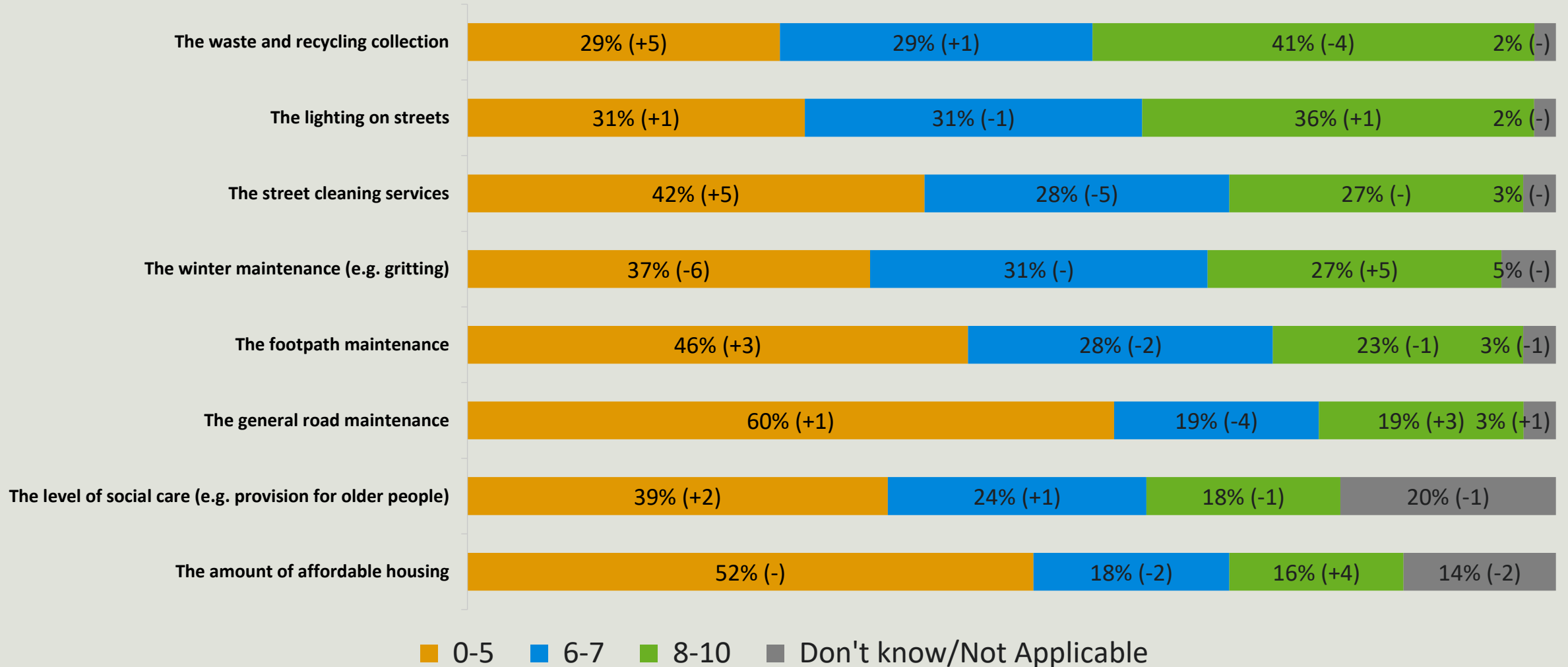
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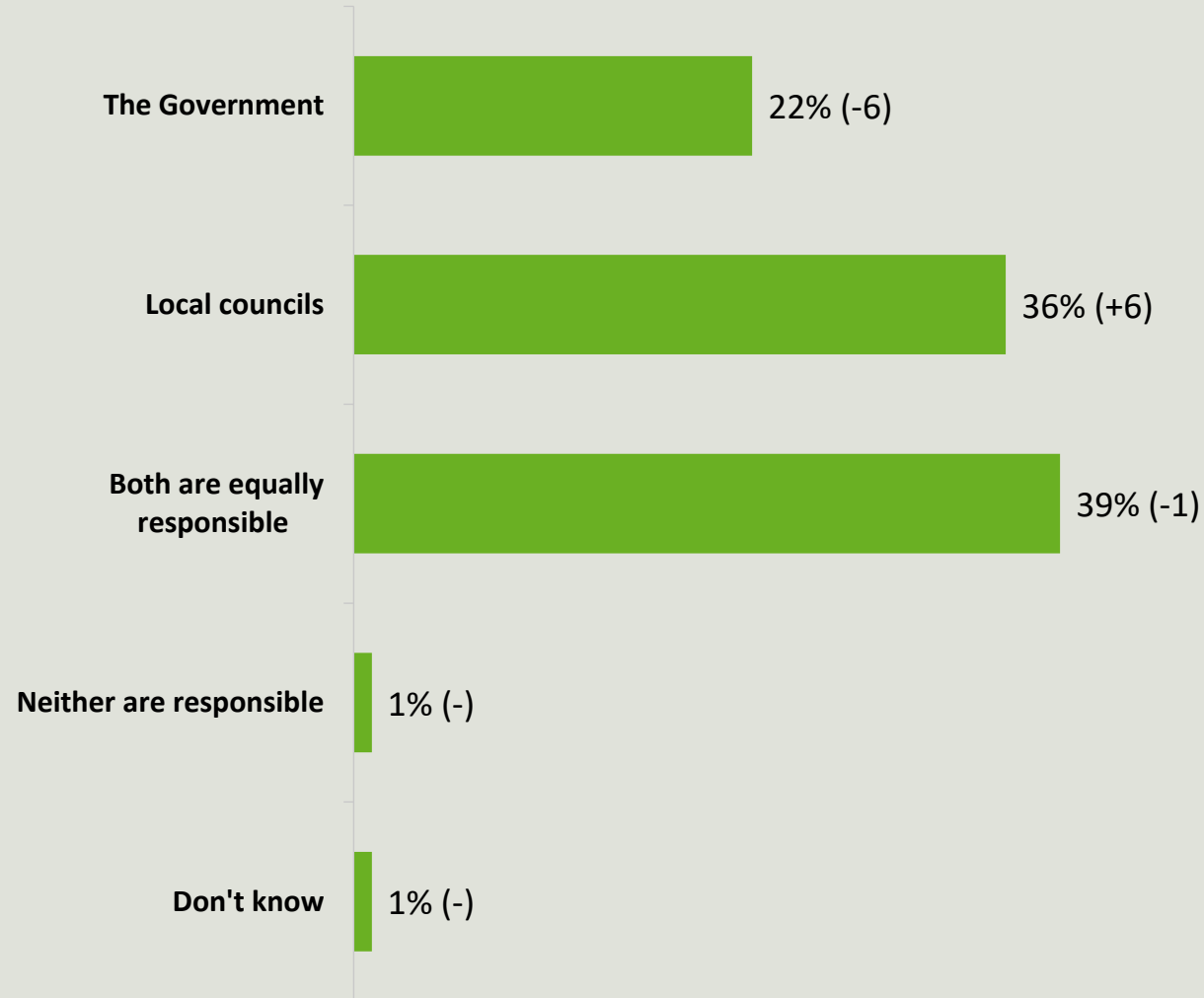
Q17. Do you think that local services have declined or improved in your local area in recent years?



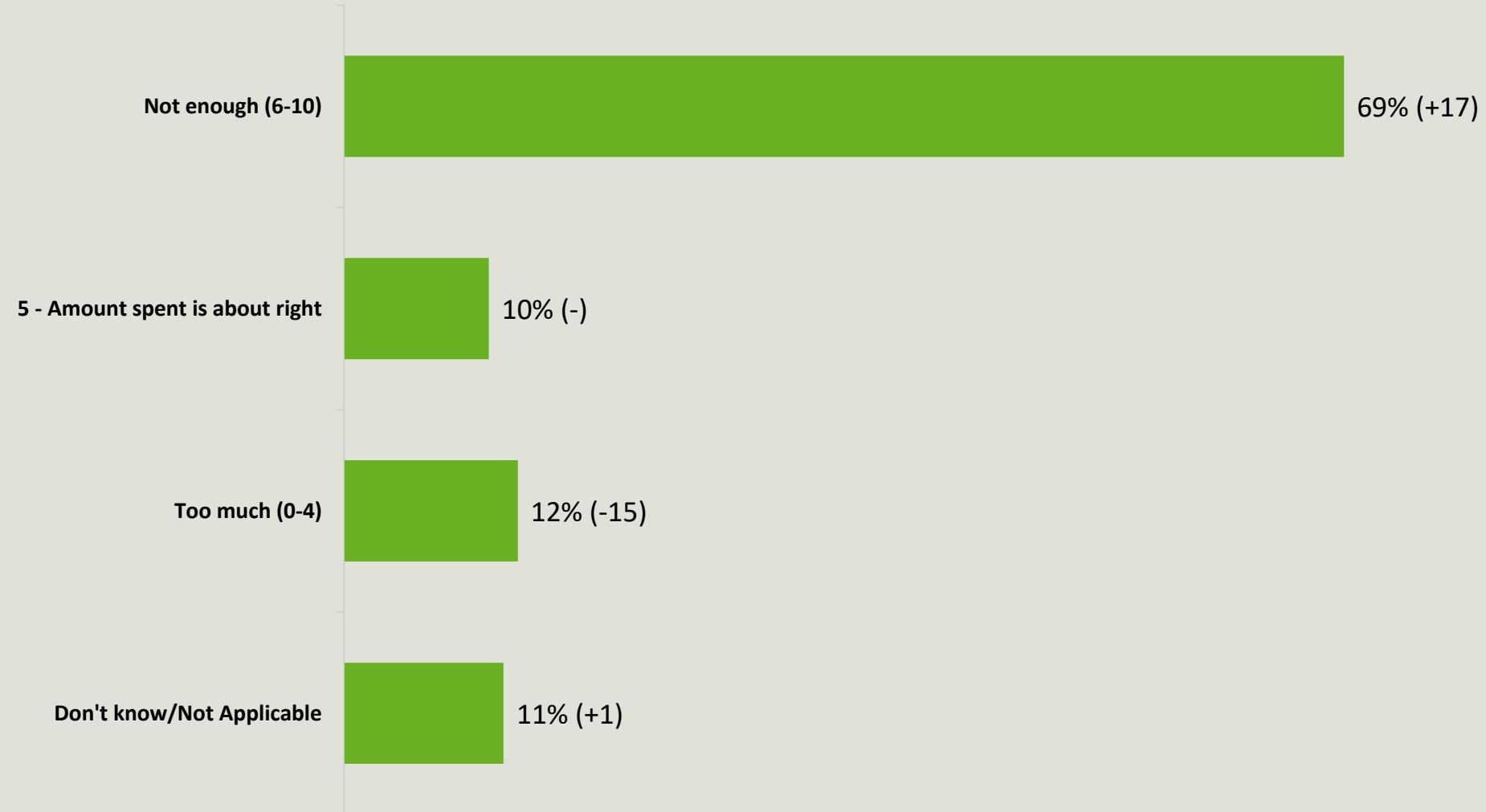
Q9_Q16_Summary. On a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning very dissatisfied and 10 meaning very satisfied, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following services in your local area?



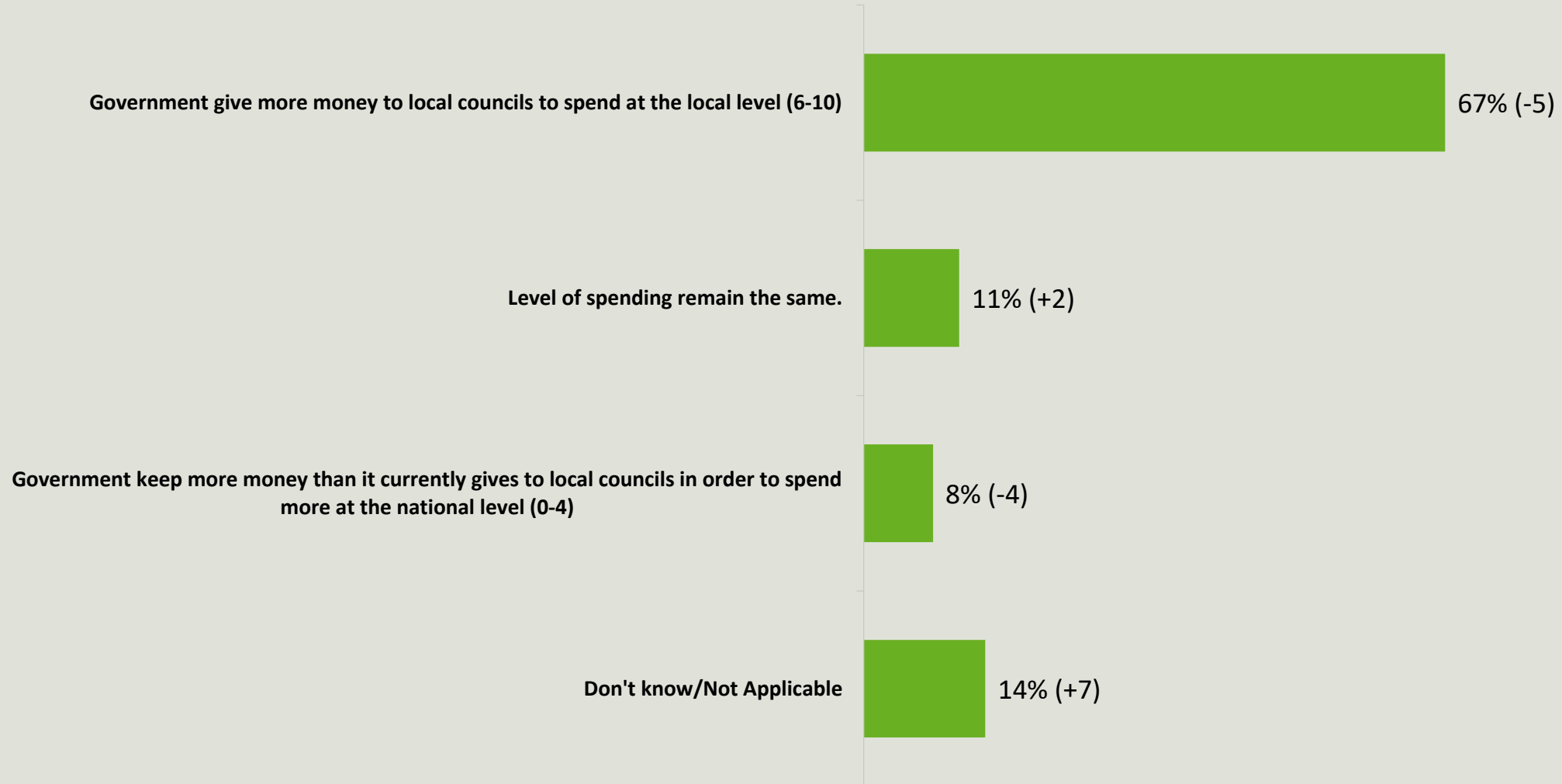
Q18. You said that local services have declined in your local area in recent years. Who do you think is the most responsible for this?



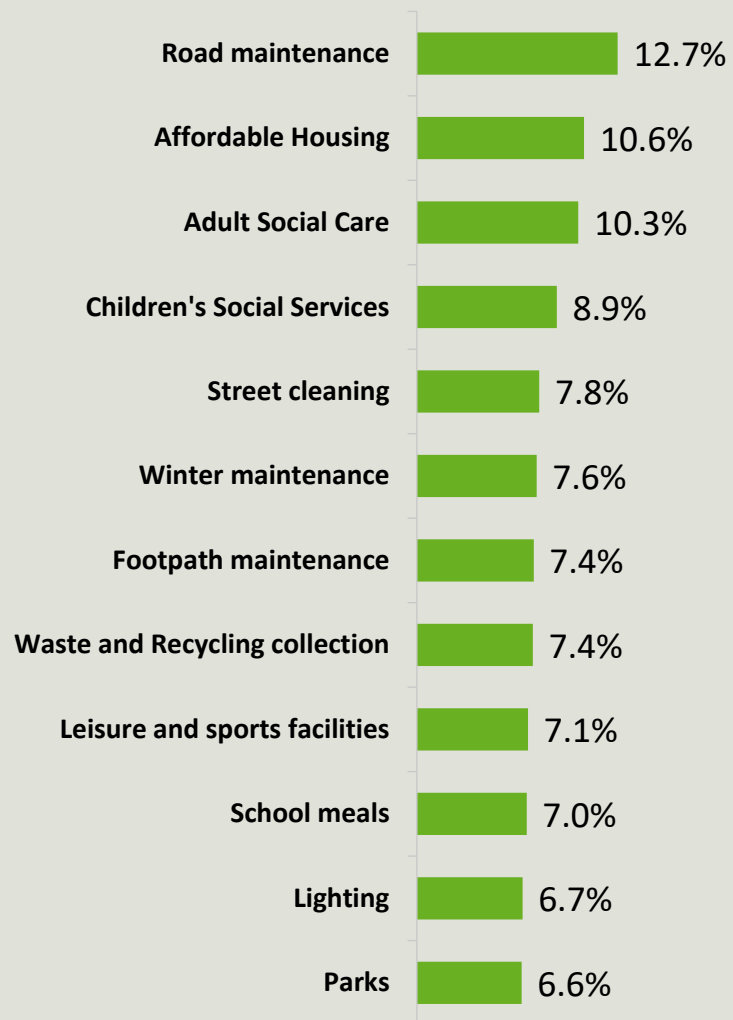
Q19. On a scale from 0 to 10, do you think that enough of your tax is spent on services in your local area?



Table_Q20. Please place yourself on the 0-10 scale below with respect to your opinion on spending in your local area. 0 means that you would like to see the government keep more money than it currently gives to local councils in order to spend more at the national level and 10 means that you would like to see the government give more money to local councils to spend at the local level. 5 means that you would like to see the level of spending remain the same.



Table_Q21_Q32_Summary. You stated that you would like to see MORE money given to local councils than is done so currently. If you had the choice, what percentage of the extra money would be spent on each of the 12 services below?



APSE Councillors Survey – Housing / Affordable Housing – In Line With the Public?



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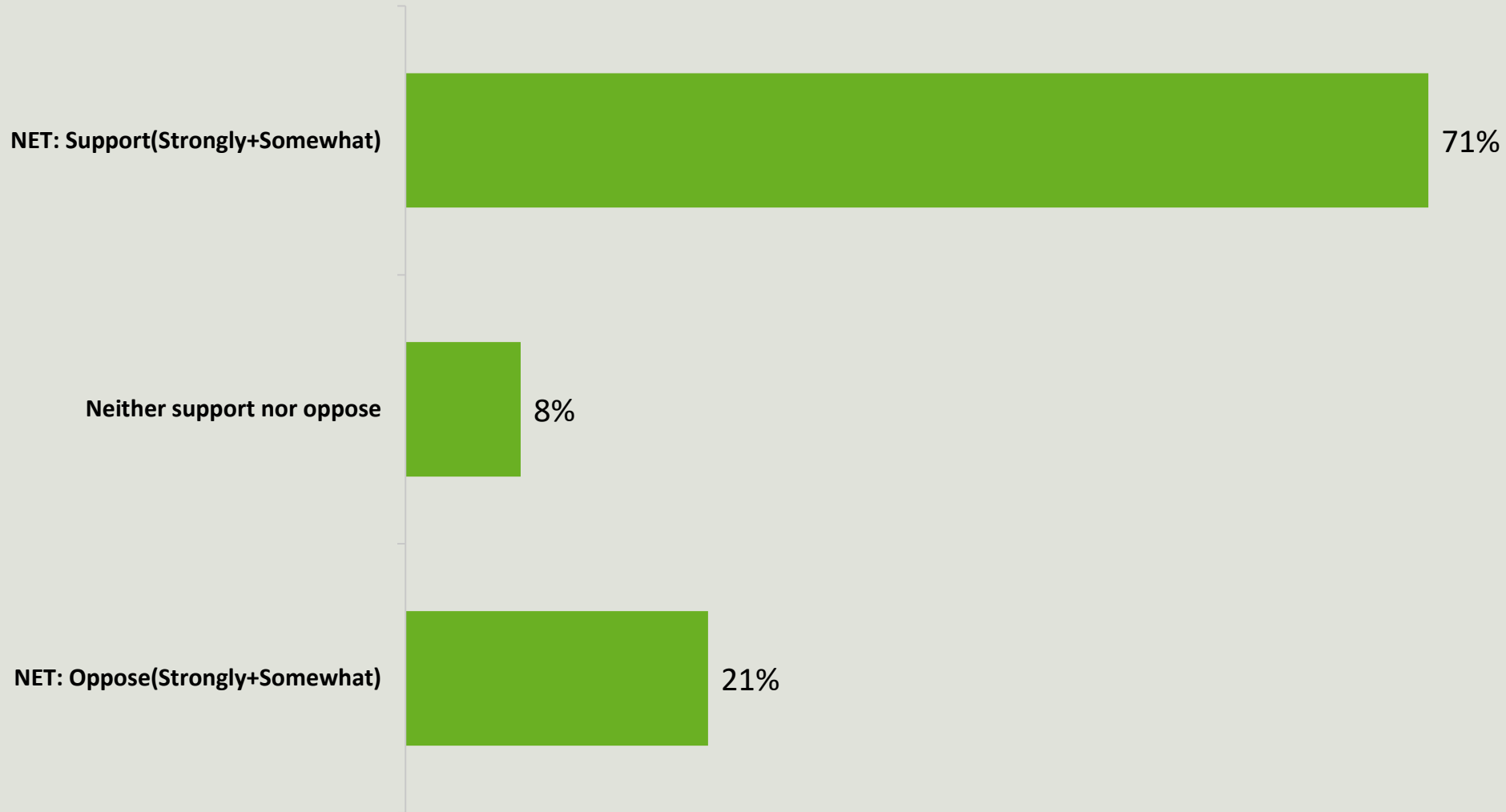
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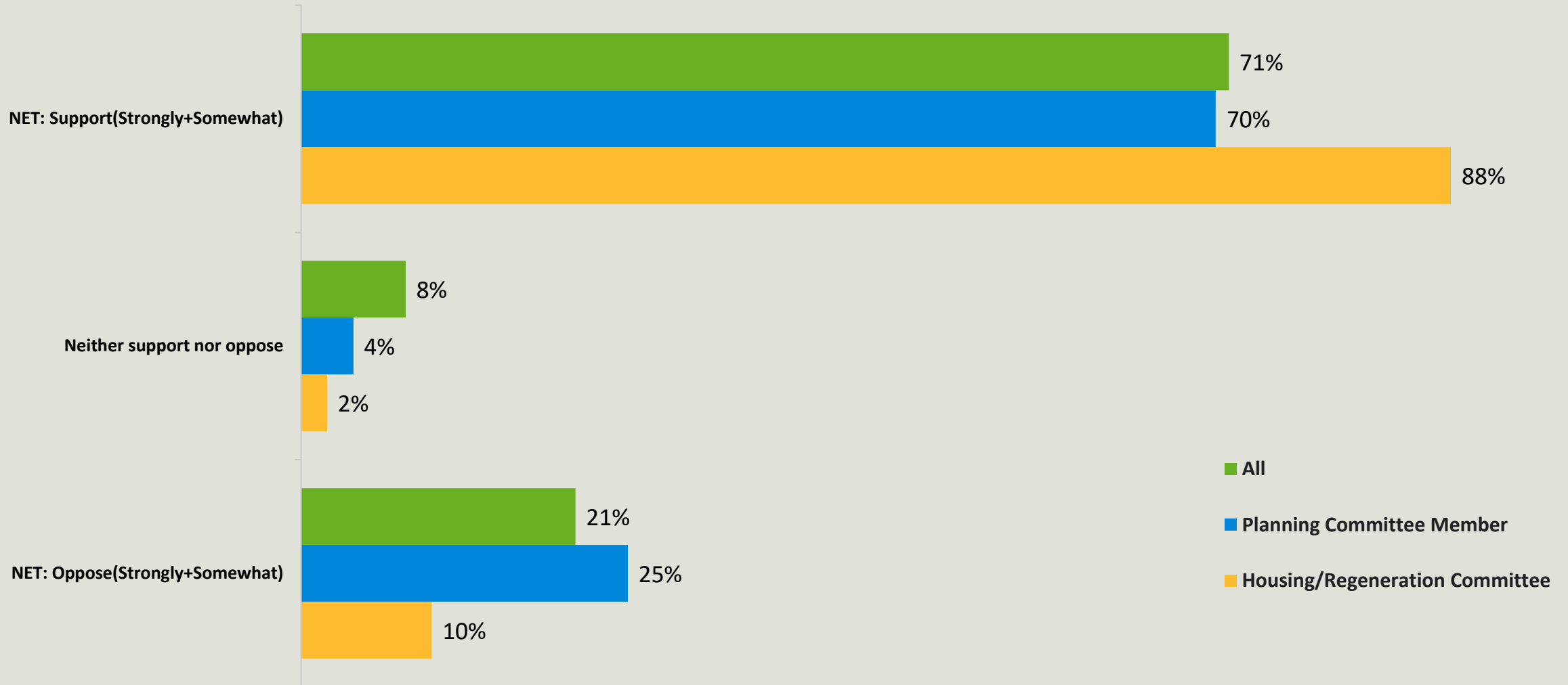
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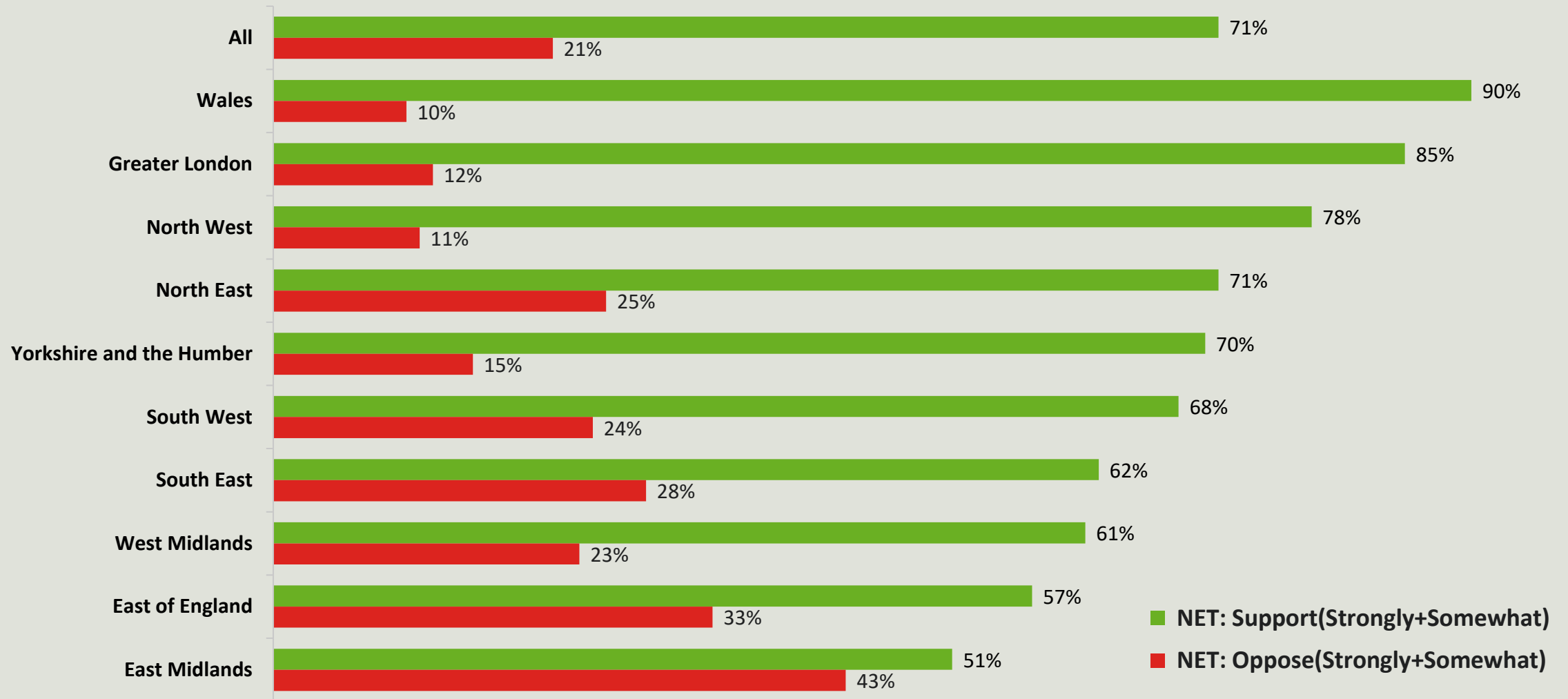
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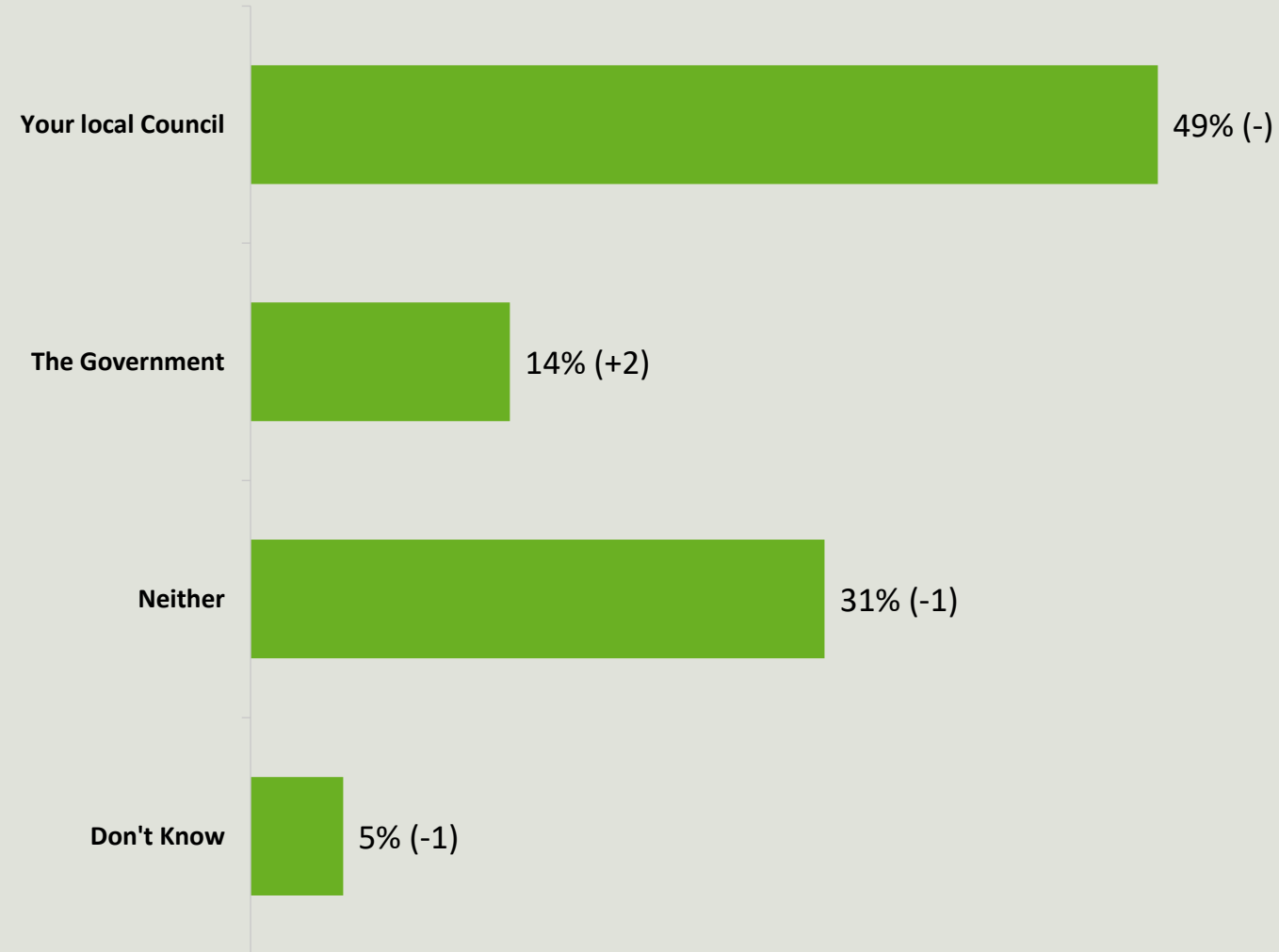
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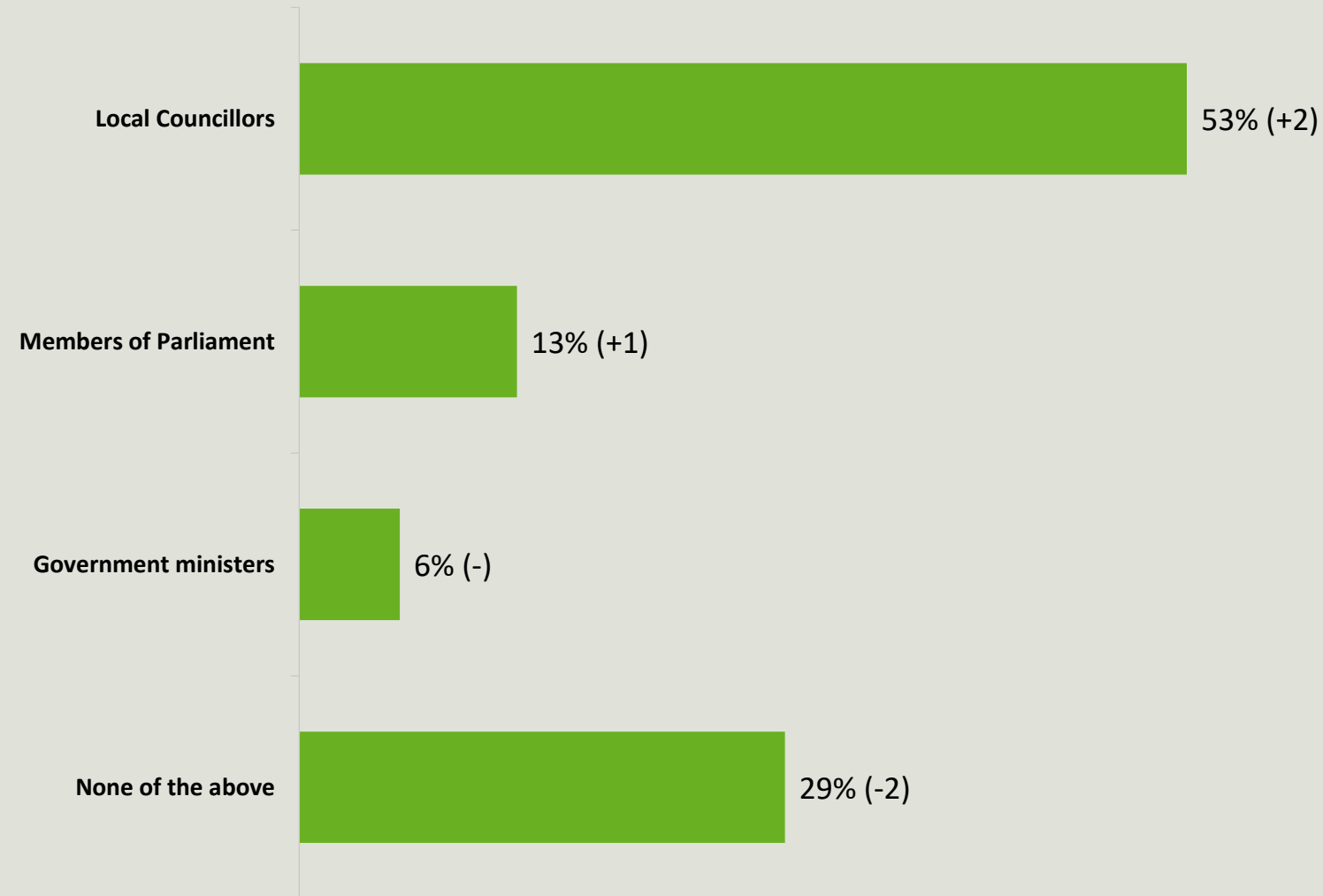
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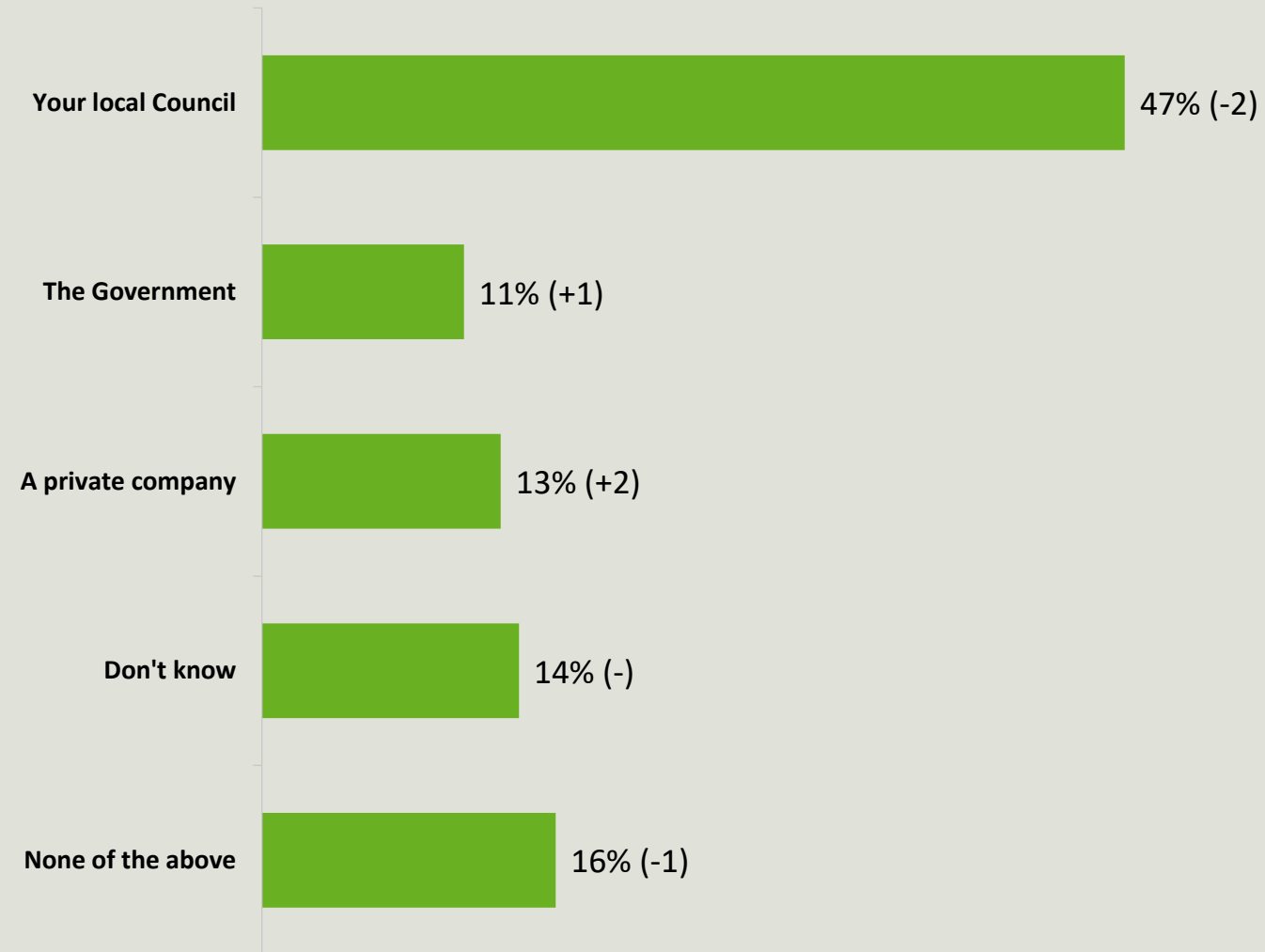
Q57. Who do you trust the most to make decisions about how services are delivered in your local area?



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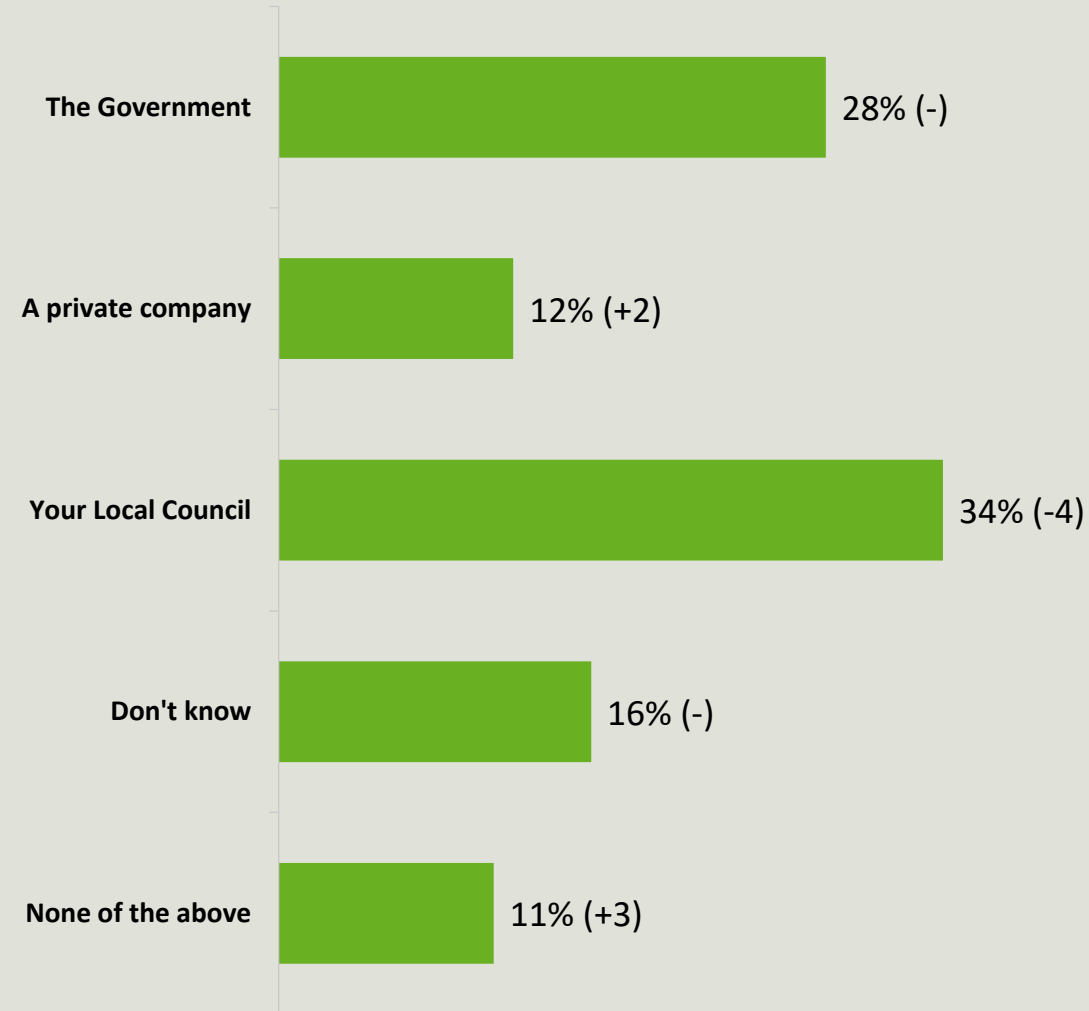
APSE Public Opinion Survey – Climate Change & Councils



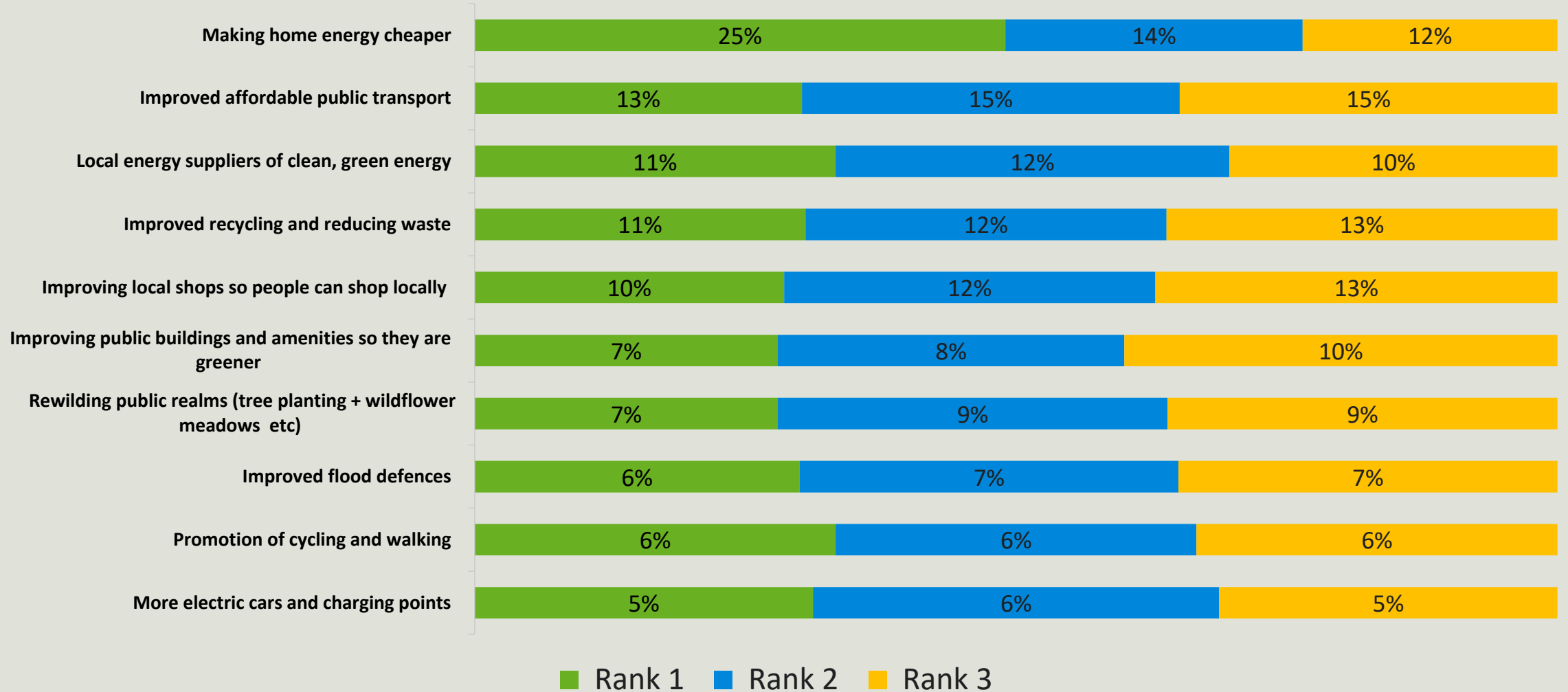
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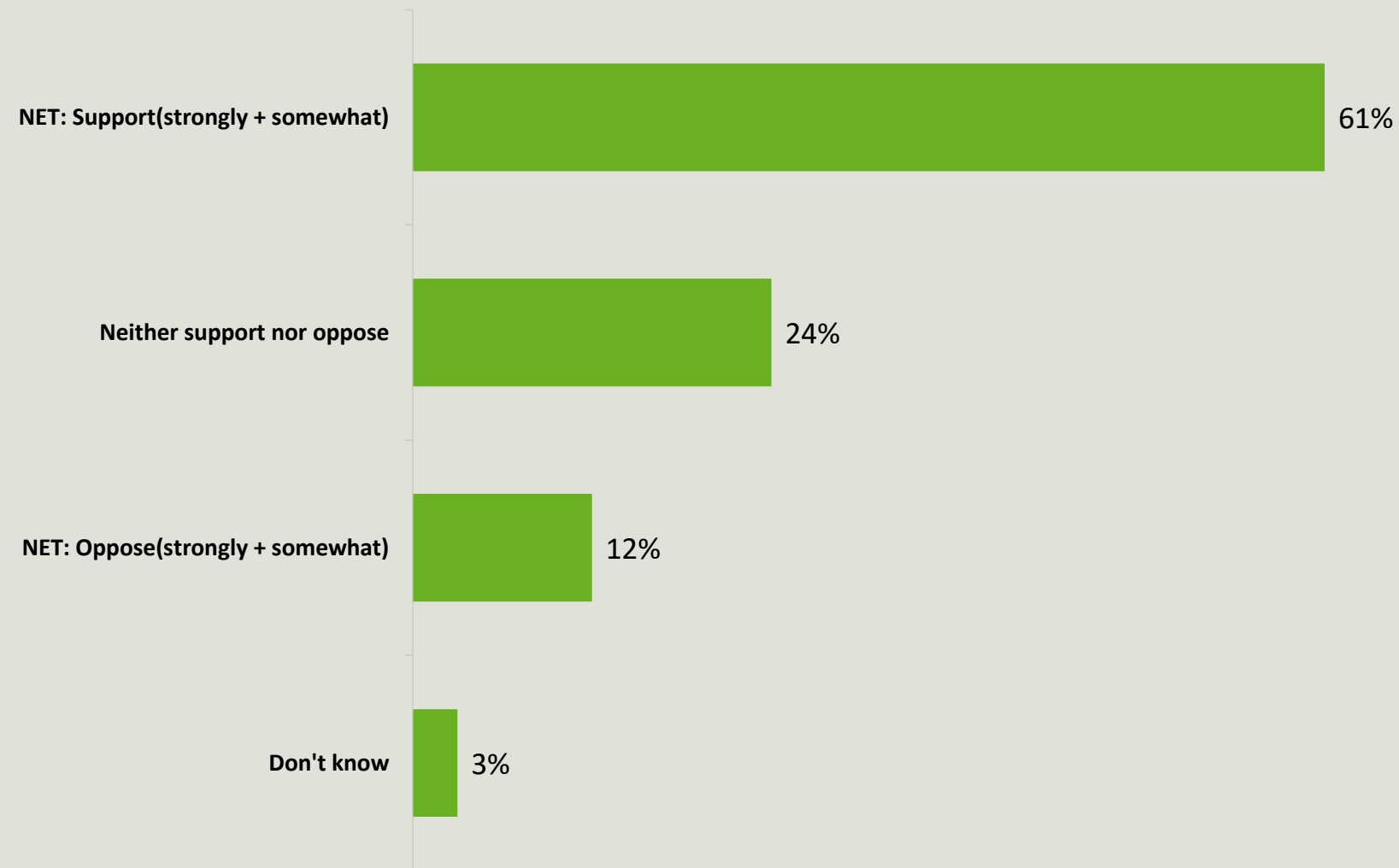
Q60 . Who do you think is best placed to implement practical local steps to combat the effects of climate change in the local area?



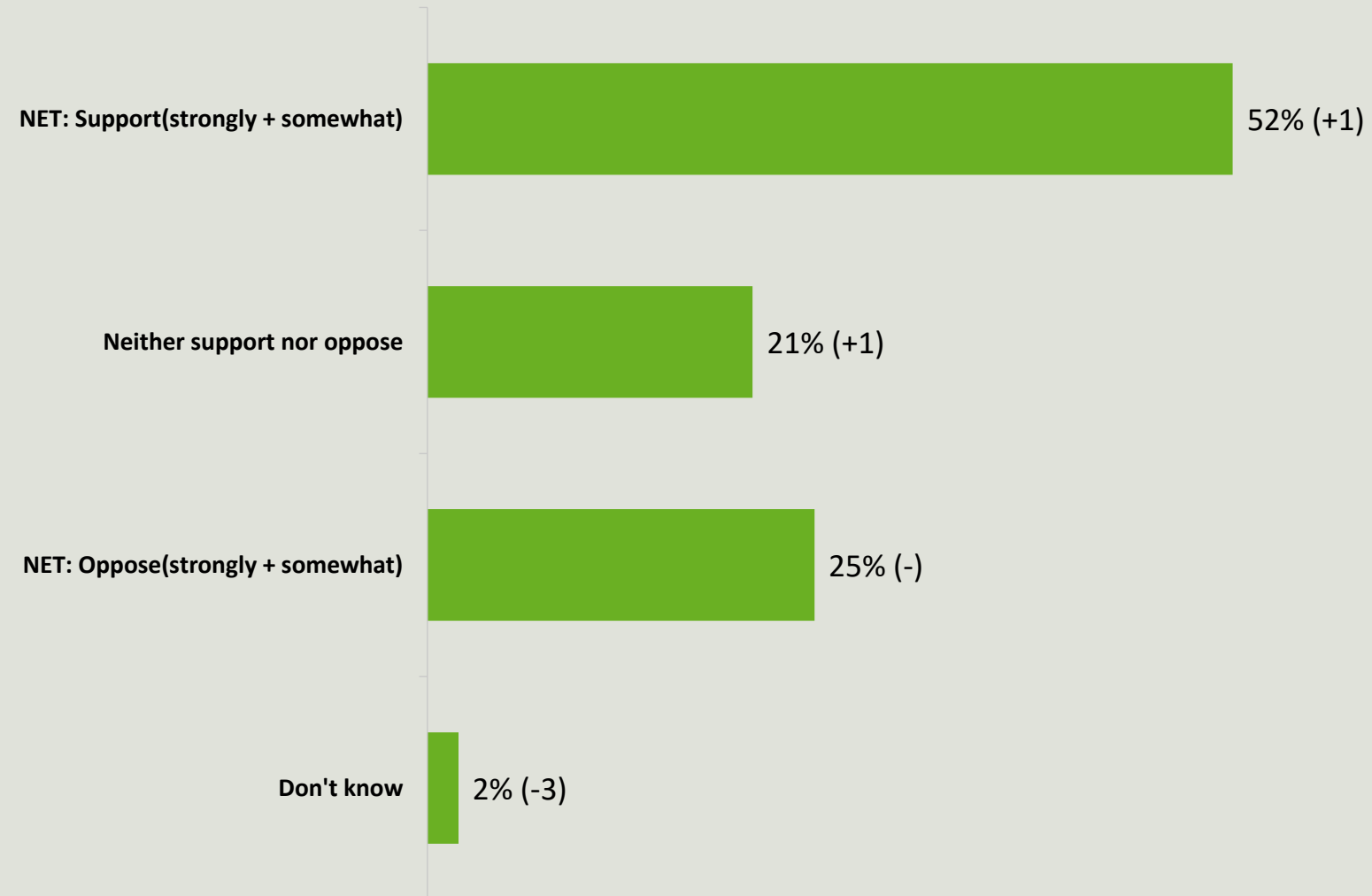
Q61_Q70_Summary. Thinking about your local area and the steps required to combat the effects of climate change, what are your top 3 priorities? Please rank your top 3 in order of preference



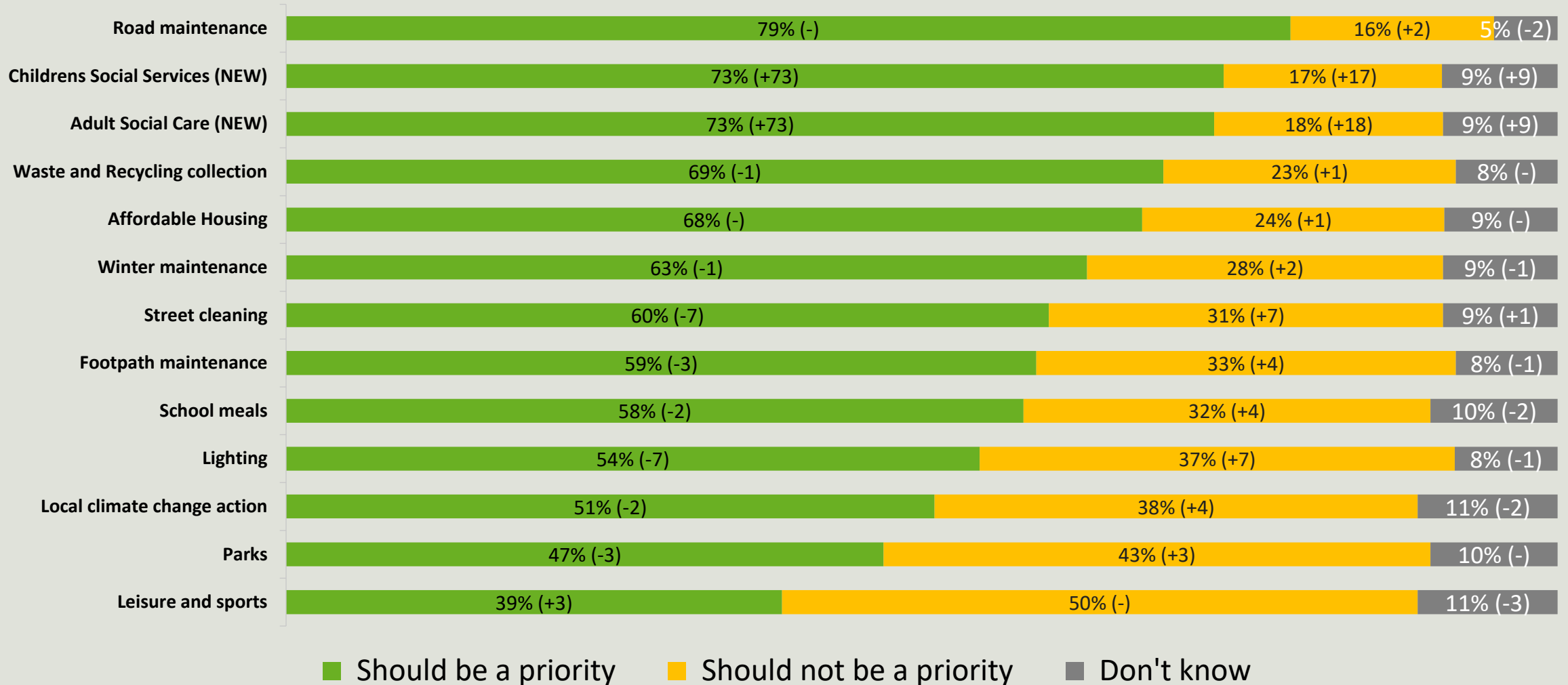
Q85. To what extent do you support or oppose councils introducing policies and schemes that are designed to directly address air pollution and improve health?



Q84. In some towns and cities, various schemes designed to reduce congestion and emissions from cars have been introduced, sometimes known as Low-traffic neighbourhoods. Other schemes such as Ultra-low emission zone and congestion charge have been introduced in London. Supporters say they help create greener and healthier towns and cities. Opponents say they are an unnecessary burden on drivers. To what extent do you support or oppose such schemes for the purposes of improving health?



PUBLIC PROTECTION PRIORITIES Q71-Q83. If the local government was making cuts to public services, should the following be a priority to protect?



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