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# APSE Scotland Roundtable: Reform of Local Governance Proposals

## 28 October 2026

# Scottish Survey on LGR

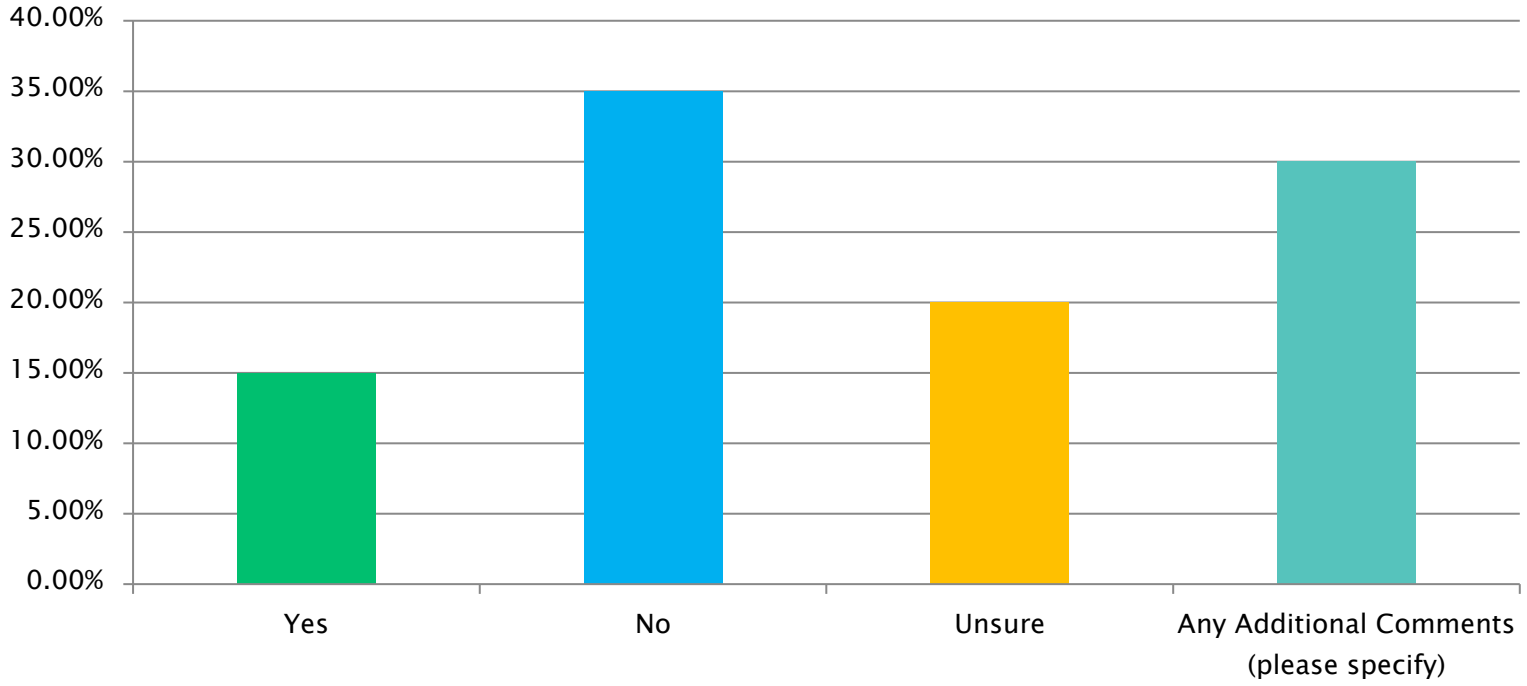
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- Scottish Government's Reform of Local Governance proposals were issued on 21 September
- This was a follow up to their Programme of Government 2026 – 2031 issued on 1 September
- APSE have issued briefings on both announcements. These can be viewed by clicking Briefing 26-59 and Briefing 26-68
- APSE Scotland issued an initial survey to gather responses on the LGR proposals on 9 October
- Responses received have been collated and on the following slides the main themes/ responses are highlighted
- APSE has received 15 responses from 13 different Scottish local authorities so far. 20% of responses were received from elected members with 80% from officers

# Survey Responses (1)

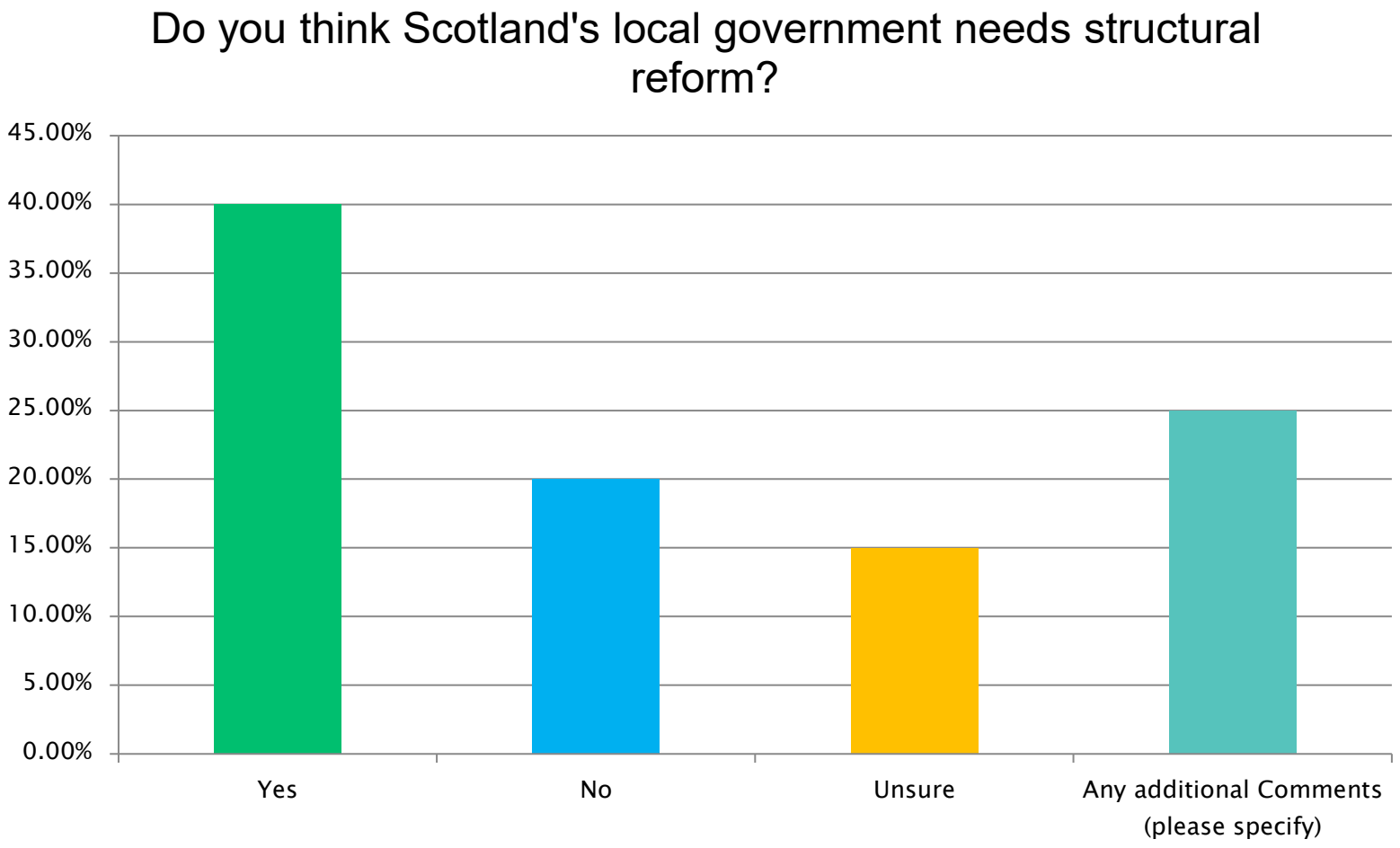
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Do you agree with the following proposition? Scotland's current local government arrangements are replaced with a smaller number (6 to 10) of regional authorities focussing on strategic decision-making, with a substantial number (120-160) of community aut



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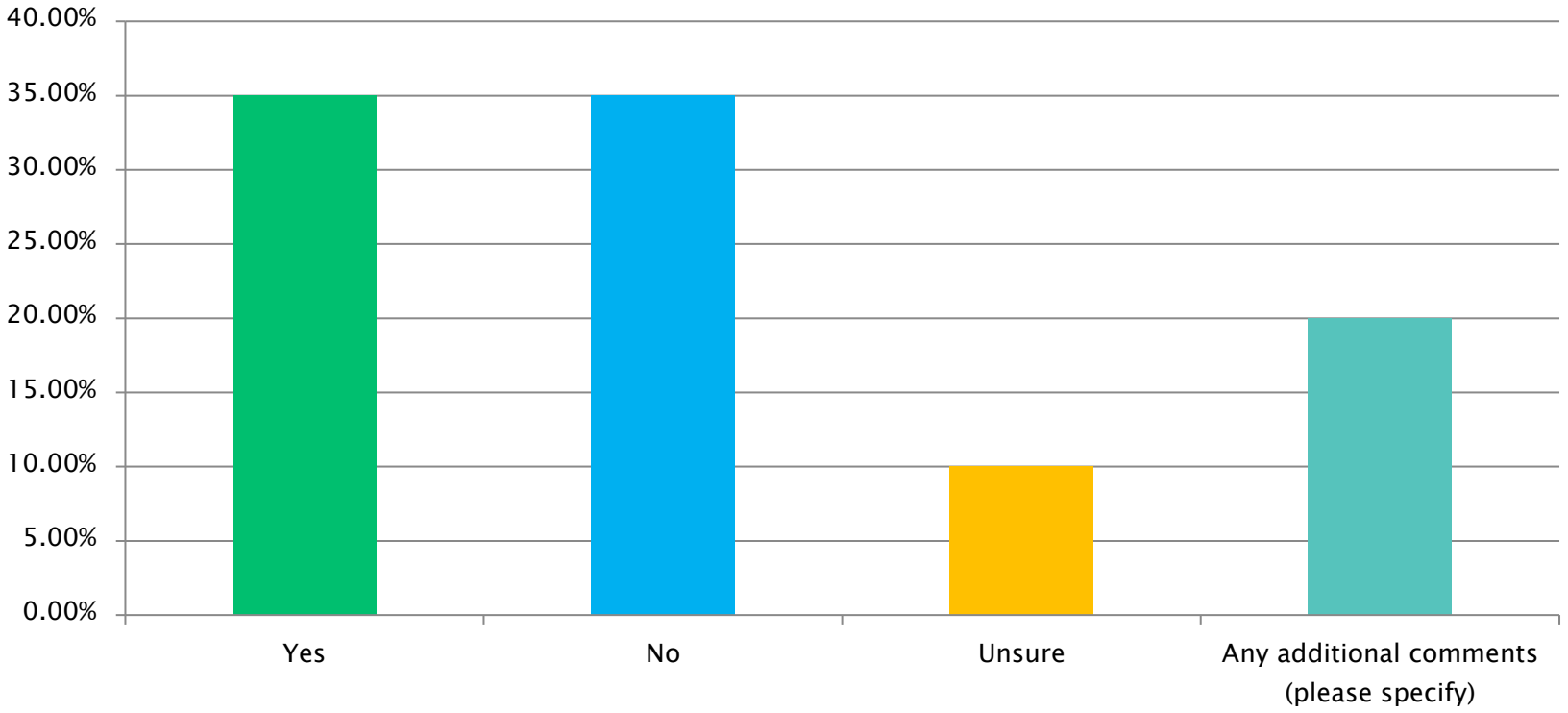
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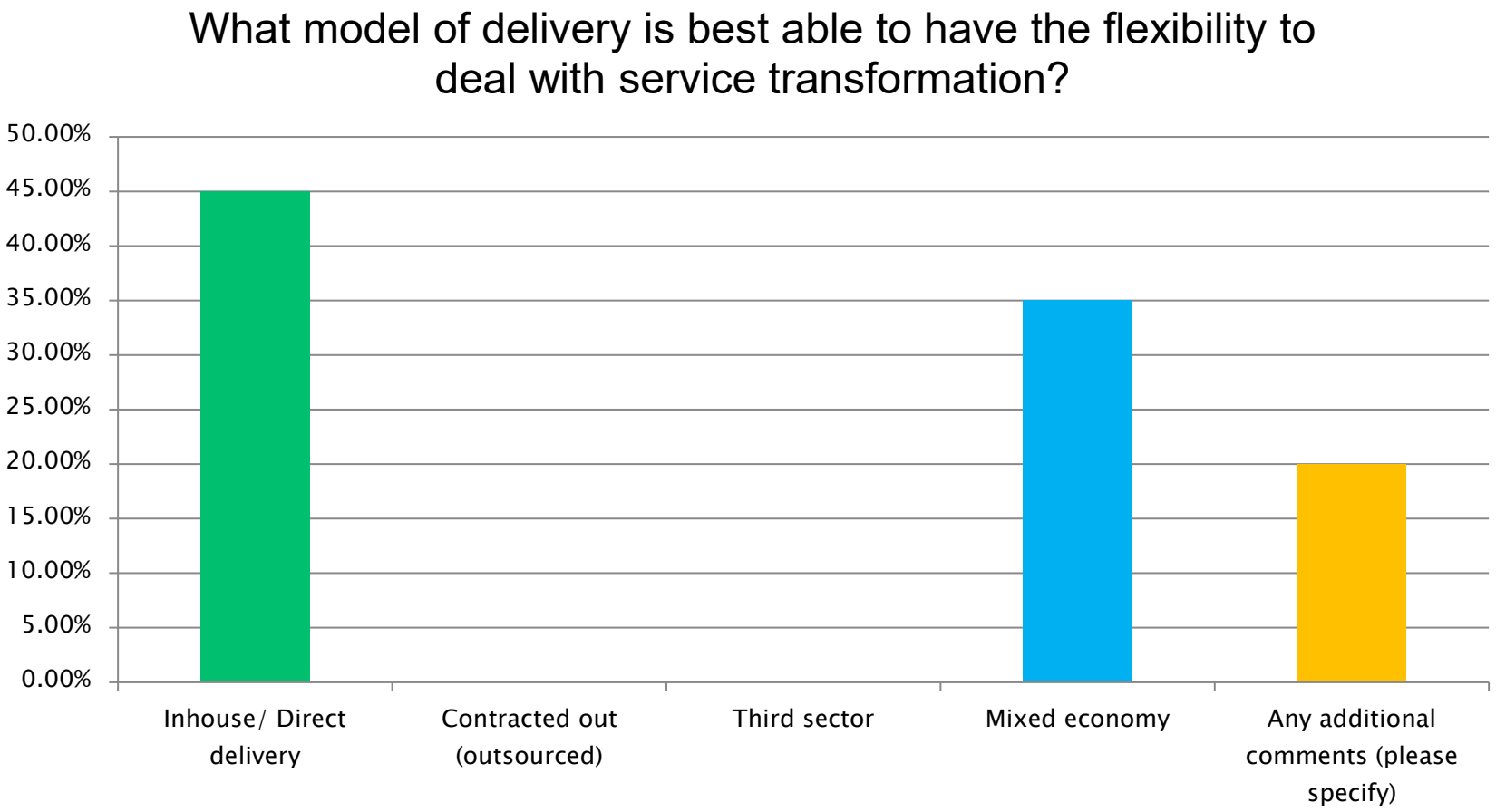
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Do you think reform can take place without structural change via transformation such as shared services (e.g. public to public innovations, joint boards and joint committees)?



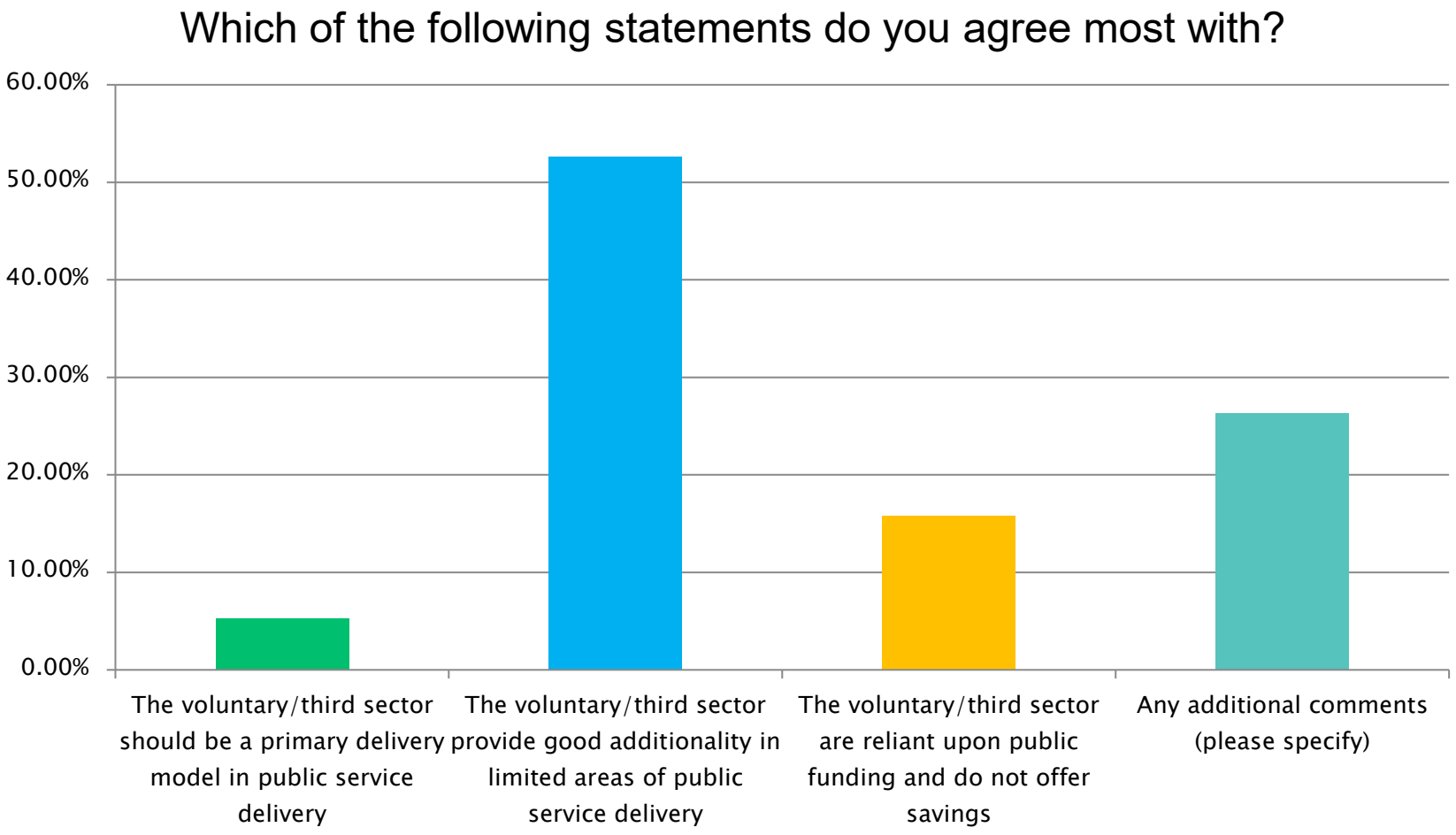
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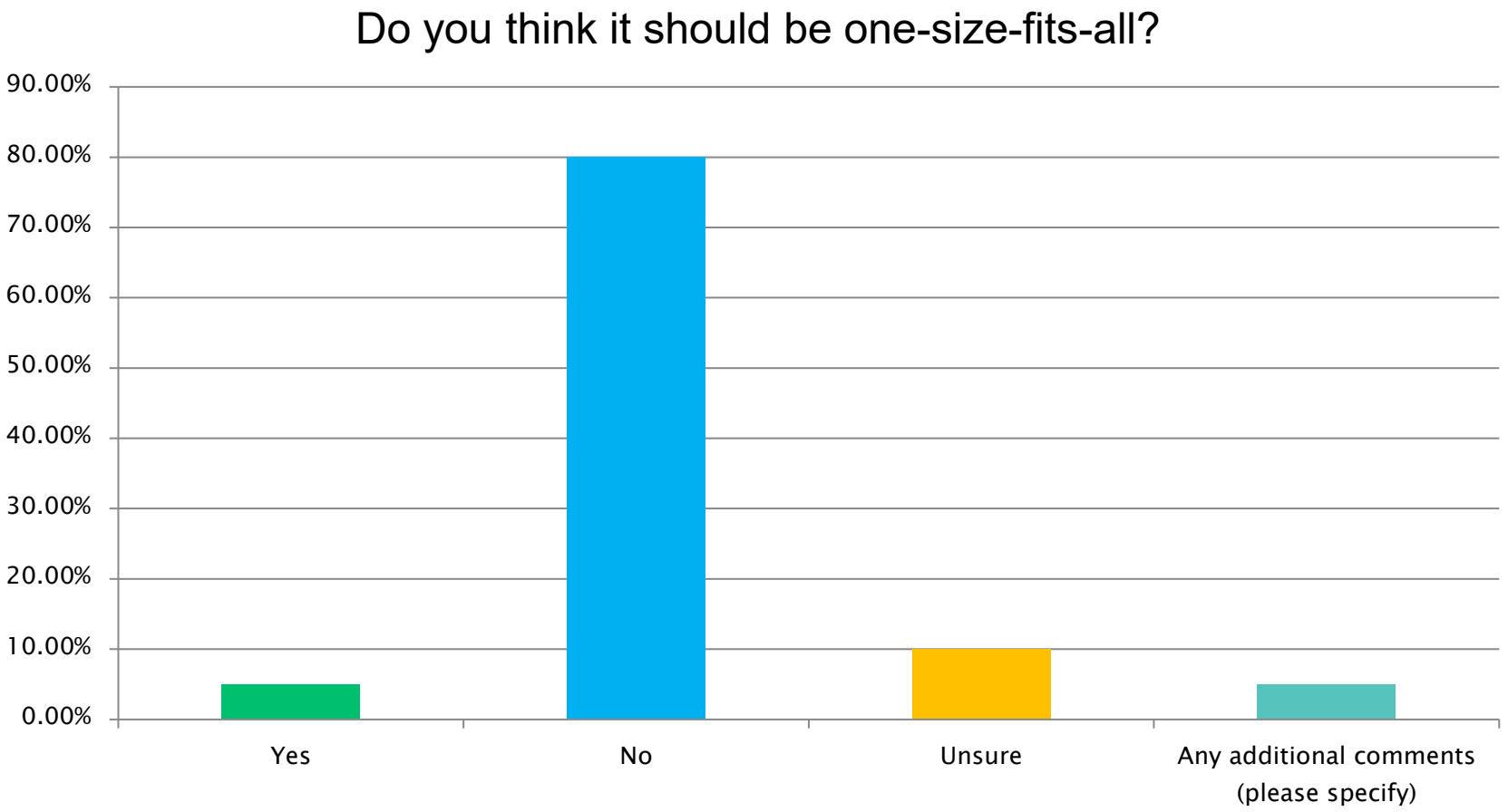
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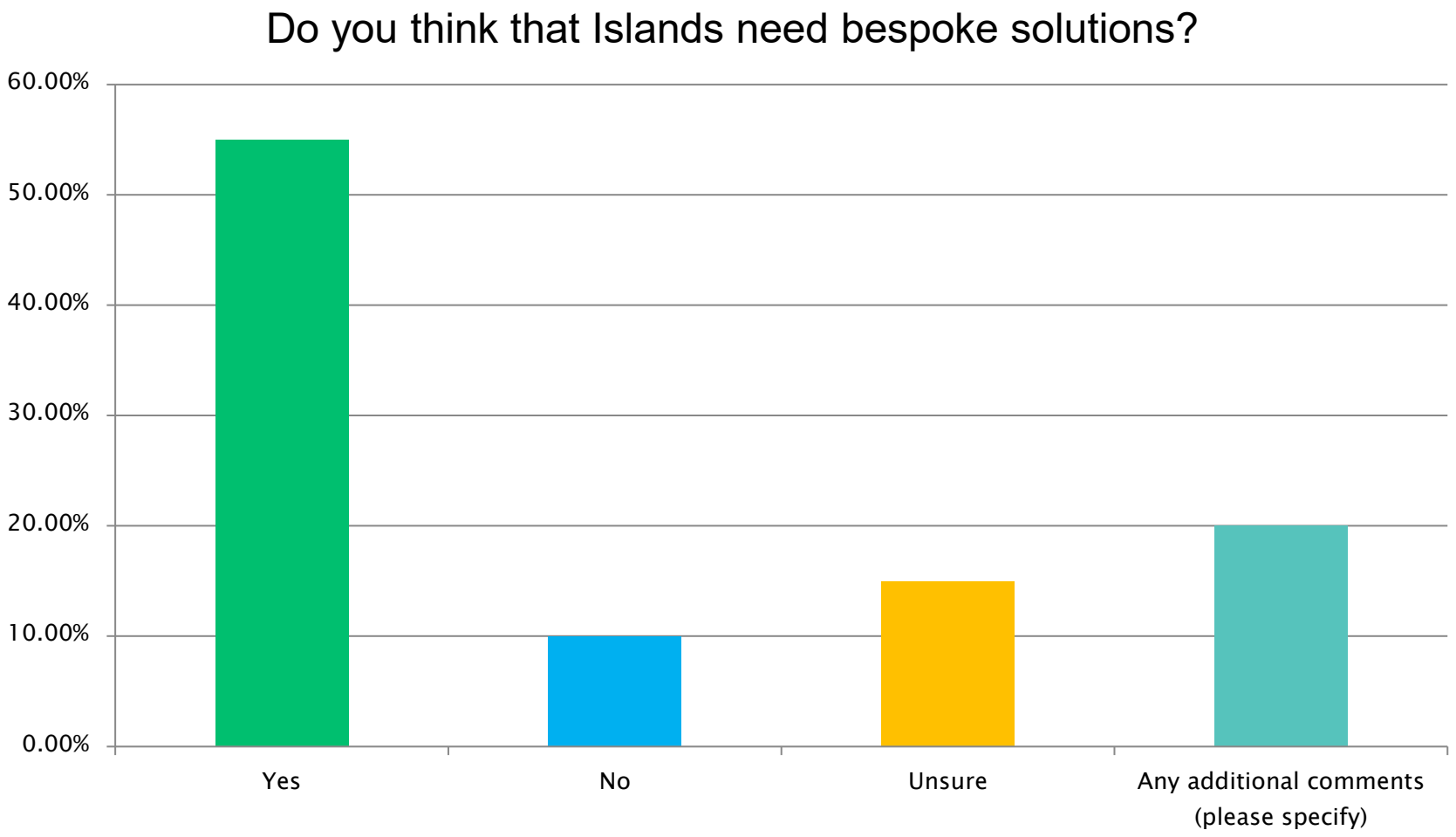
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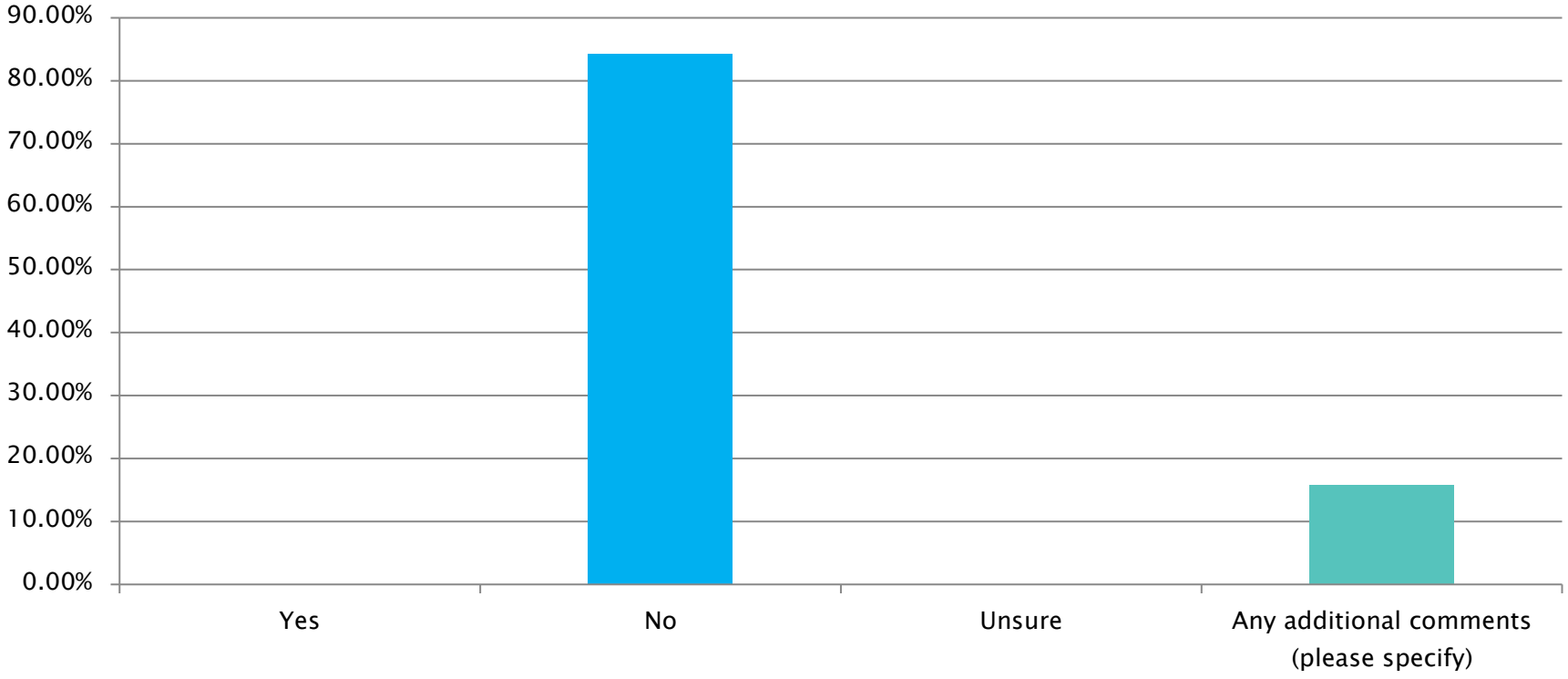
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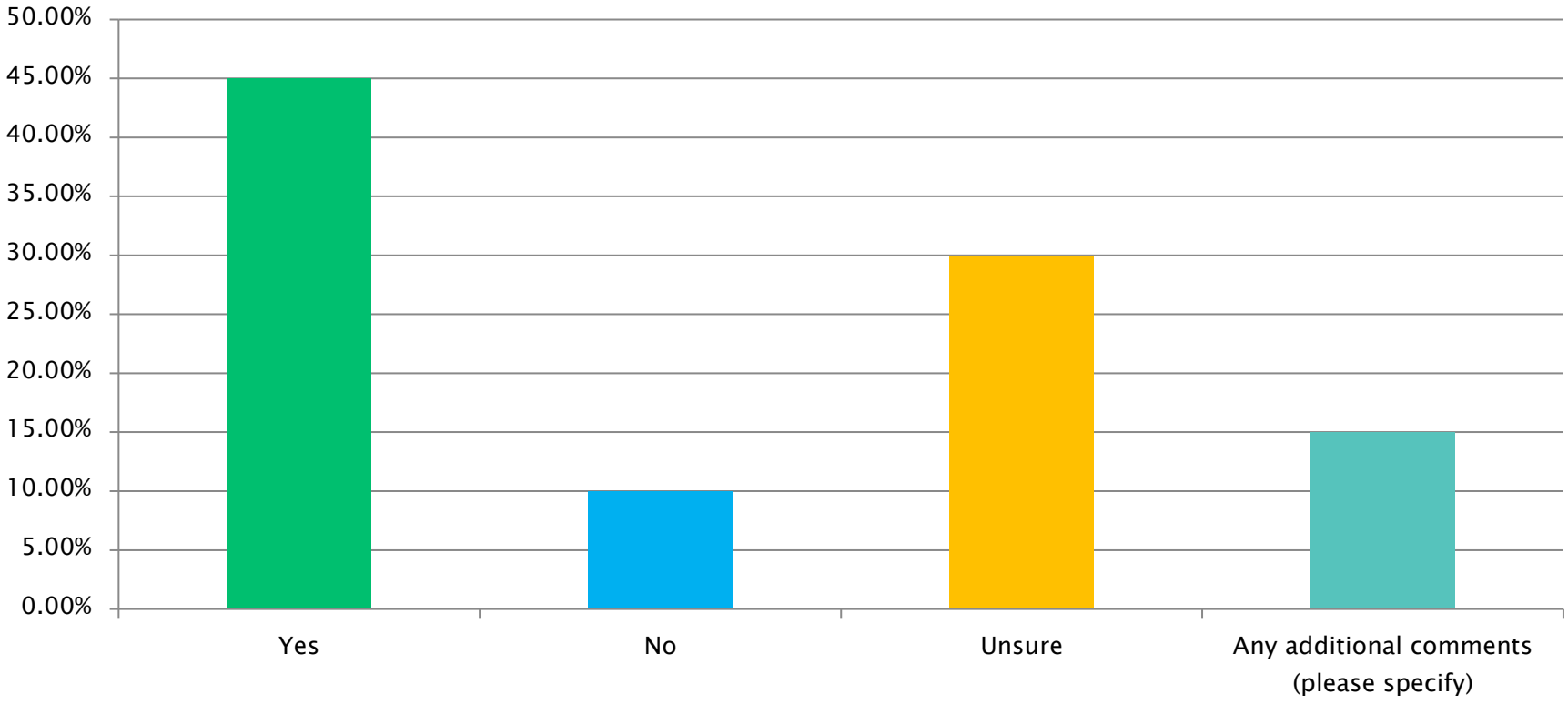
Do you think that the timeline of "before the end of 2026" is sufficient to engage with partners, "to find as much common ground as is possible and reach a shared direction" about solutions?



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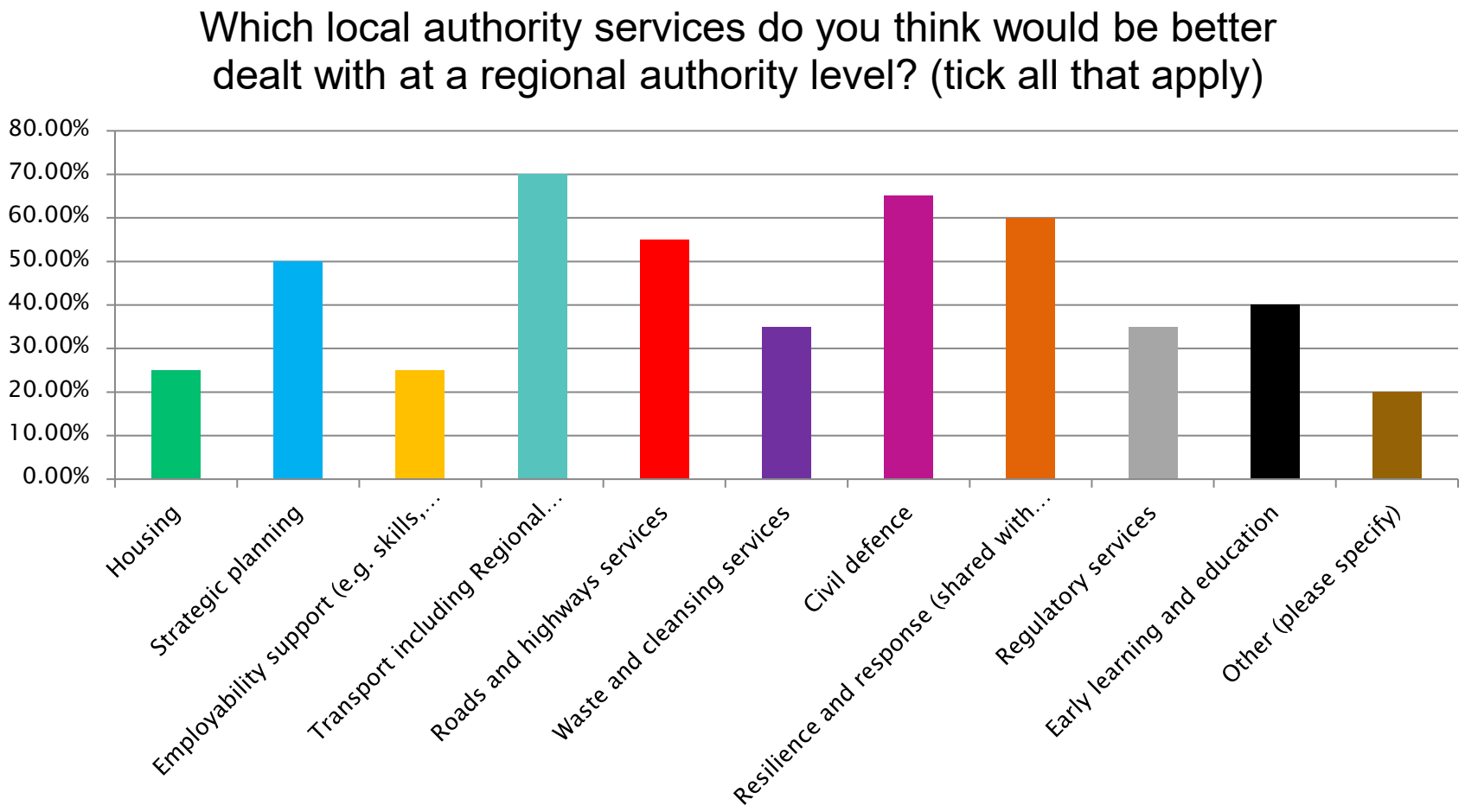
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Do you agree that:Councillors should continue to be elected at the current ward level, sitting on both the community authority and on the associated regional authority.



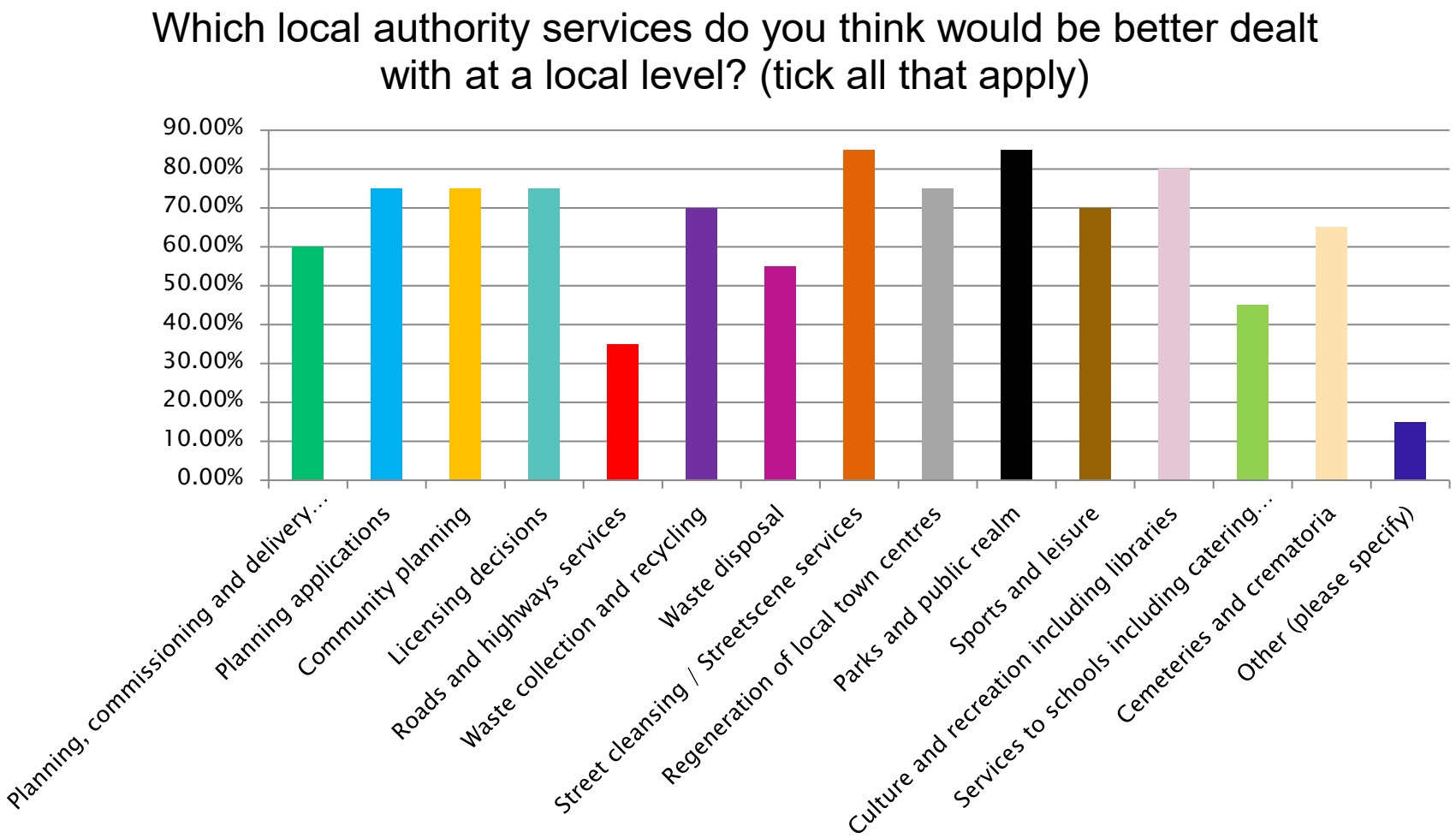
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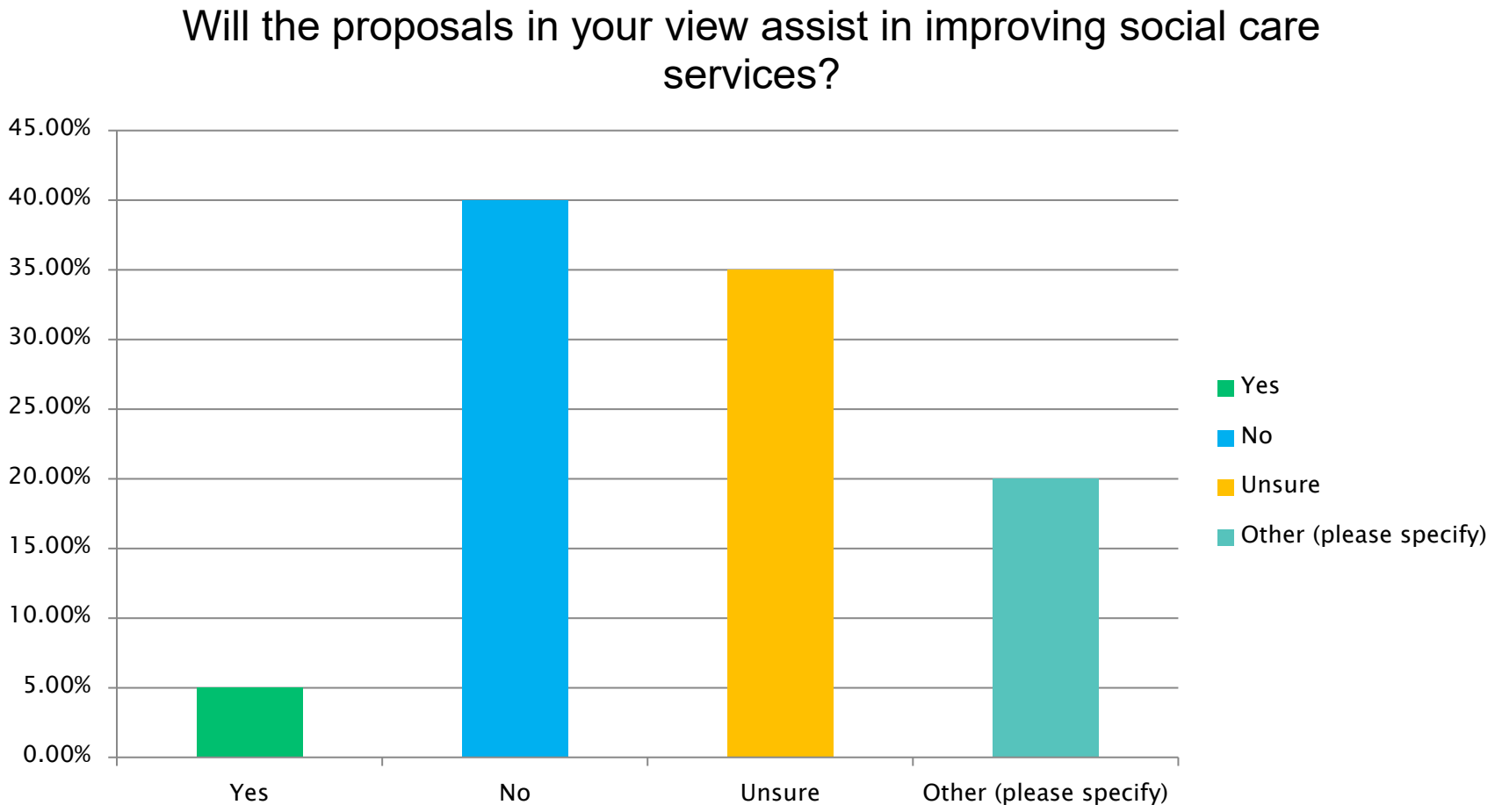
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# Survey Responses (12)

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