

# APSE Transport Network

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# Transport & Vehicle Maintenance

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## **Principles of Fleet Management**

Wednesday 20 May, 10:00 – 16:00 (MS Teams)

## **Principles of Managing Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles**

Wednesday 03 June, 10:00 – 16:00 (MS Teams)

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today!





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## Upcoming events

### Roundtable – The future of school crossing patrols

- Tuesday 12 May 10:30, online, free for all members



### APSE Energy Event – Nottingham

including Depot and EfW visit

- Thursday 21 May – FREE for Energy Members / £125 for others



### APSE Energy Webinar – Fleet Decarbonisation Strategy & LGR

- Tuesday 9 June – FREE for Energy Members only



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**Save the date!**

**Waste and Recycling Seminar 2026**

**Thursday 18 June 2026**

**Sheffield Town Hall**





# Fuelling concerns – what you said!

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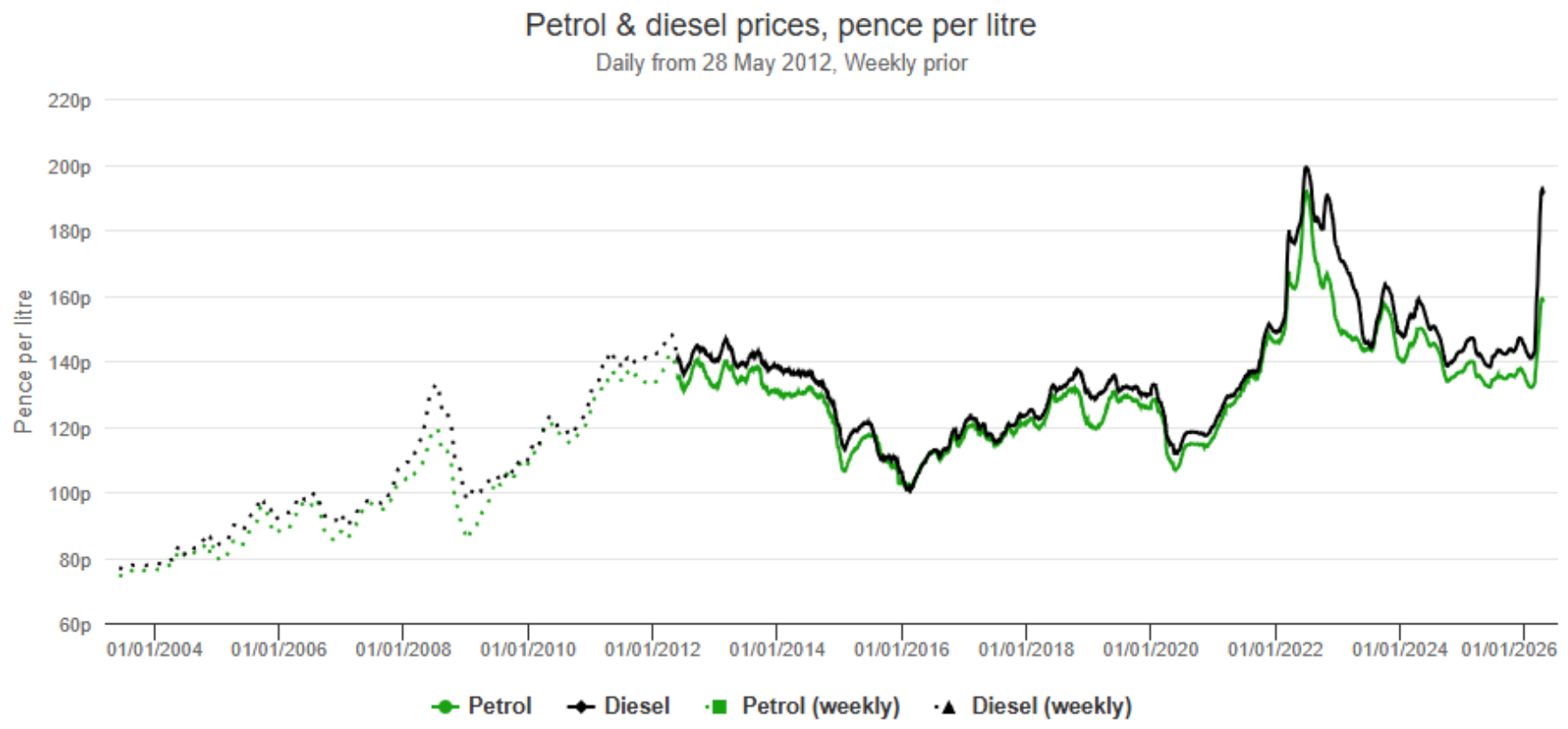
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# Fuel prices over time (RAC)

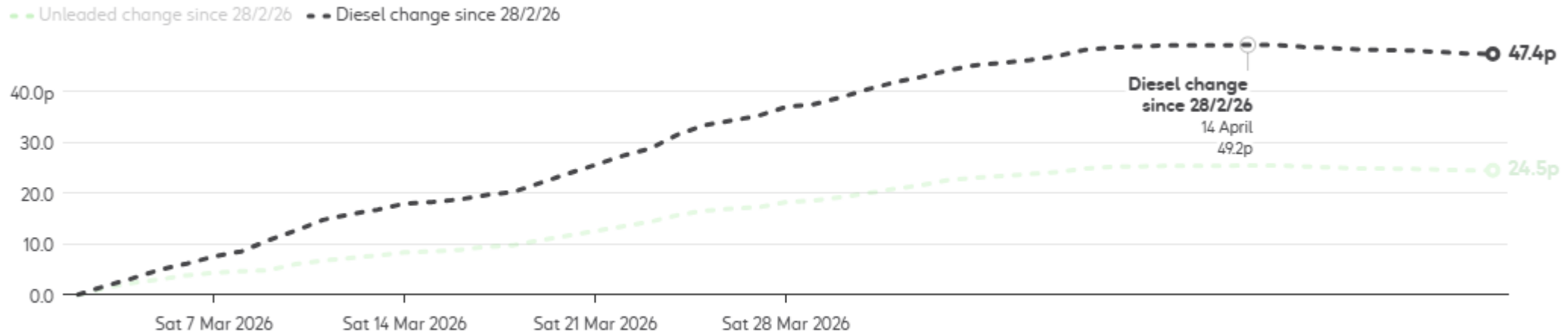


Source: RAC Foundation



# Fuel prices over recent months (RAC)

## Increases in pump prices since outbreak of 2026 Iran conflict



All prices are UK averages and are stated in pence per litre

Source: [RAC Fuel Watch](#) • [Embed this graphic](#)

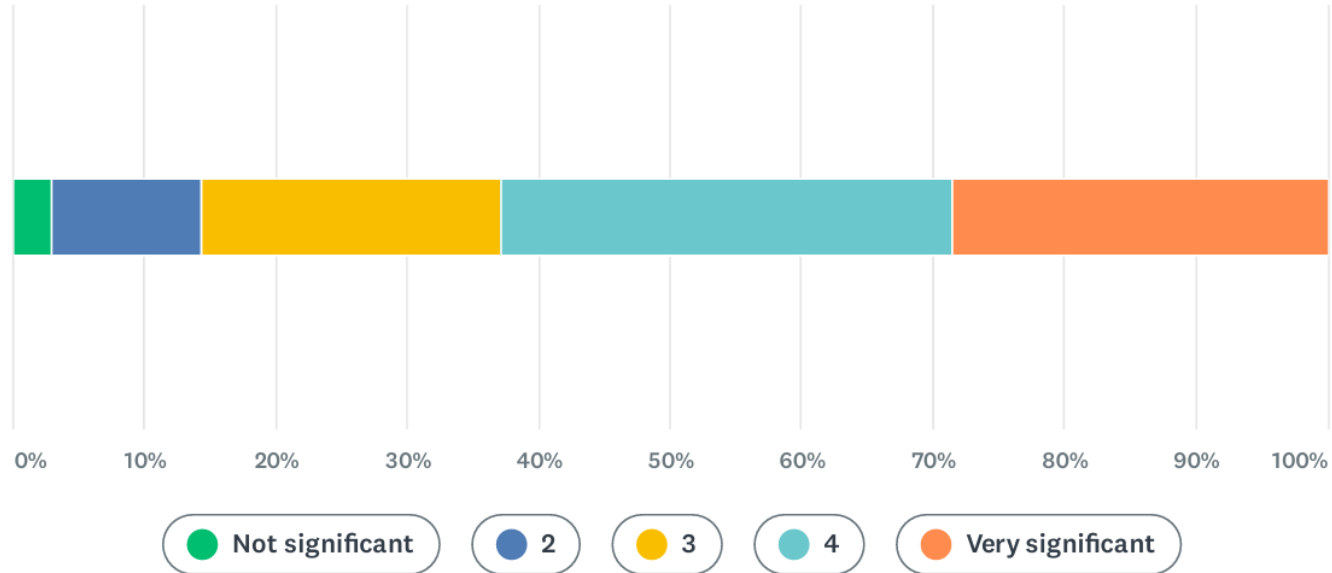


**Over to you...**

**Our survey says...**



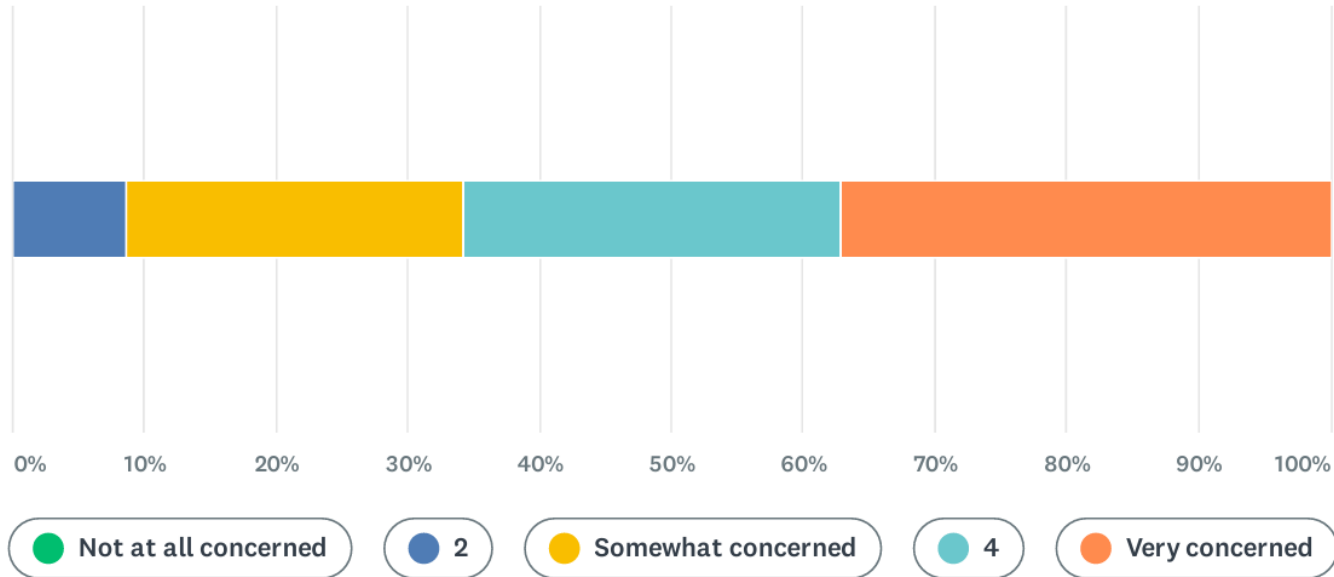
Up to now, how significant has the impact been of the recent increase in fuel prices on your local authority?



### Comments:

- Mostly cost/budgetary impacts only (not shortages)
- A small handful mentioned delays
- “Standard road diesel is a small percentage of my fuel turnover. I have a fixed price deal for HVO which expires end of July. My answer to this might change thereafter”

How concerned are you in the short to medium term future about fuel prices / shortages and the impact on your fleet?



### Comments:

- Fleet and Grey Fleet operations may have to be curtailed if we fail to receive deliveries as required
- If the current prices are maintained it will have a significant cost implication requiring extra funding
- Should the current situation escalate or continue we may initiate our recovery BC plan.

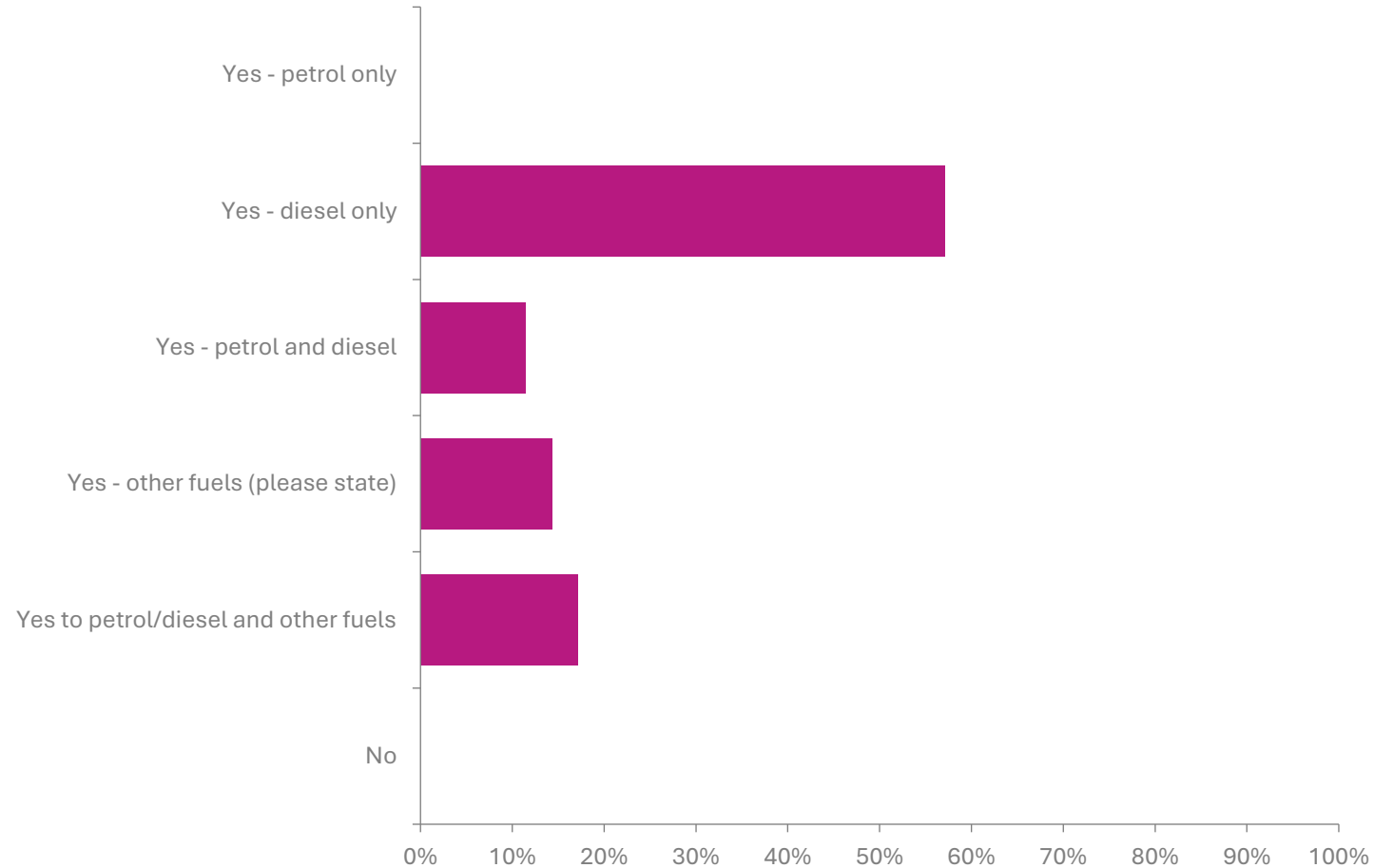


## How do you procure your fuel?

- Vast majority through frameworks such as CCS (most), followed by YPO / Scotland Fuels / Highland / Welsh Gov't
- Fuel cards
- Fixed price frameworks
- Bunker fuel storage



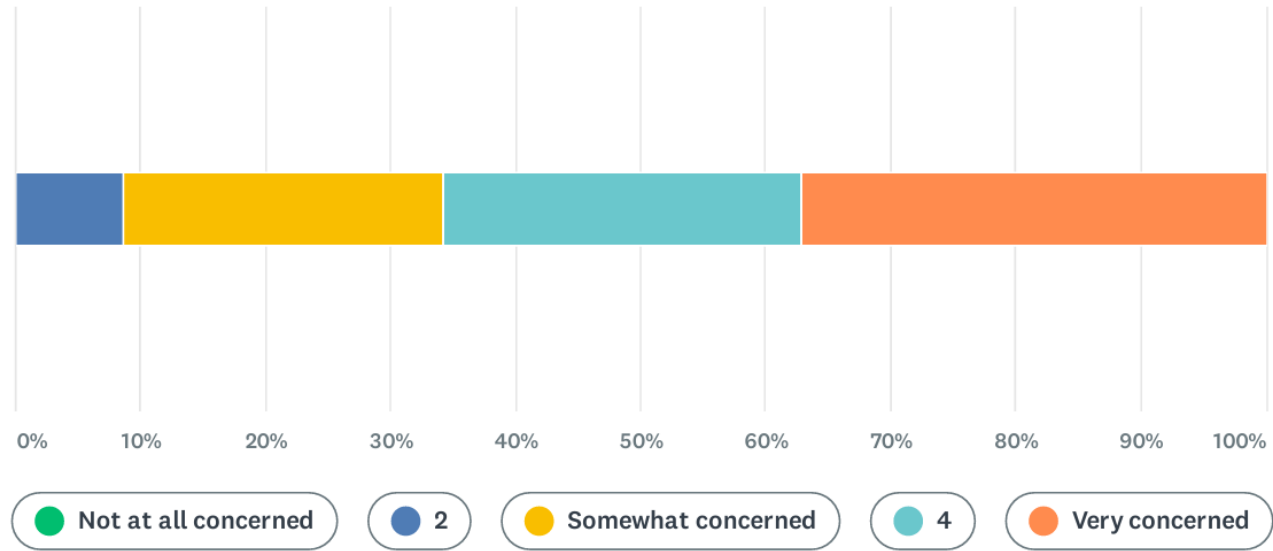
# Do you have your own fuel storage tanks/bunkers and what fuel types do you store?





- How are you managing in terms of reserves levels, in case of any shortages?
- Keeping topped up! (vast majority of responses)
- We have approx 2 weeks supply of fuel if we don't refill our tanks
- 50% minimum level & 70% target level
- We have no reserves other than the tanks we are using
- We have sufficient storage around our depots and an electronic stock monitoring system. We are using a higher re-order level currently ie not allowing stocks to drop to our normal levels
- We have 2-3 days for standard fleet usage. We could extend this to 8-10 days if we reduced operations to provision of essential only services and prioritised EV journeys.
- We have moved 2 of our tanks on to a twice a week top up. We try to maintain about 70% level
- 6000lts reserve

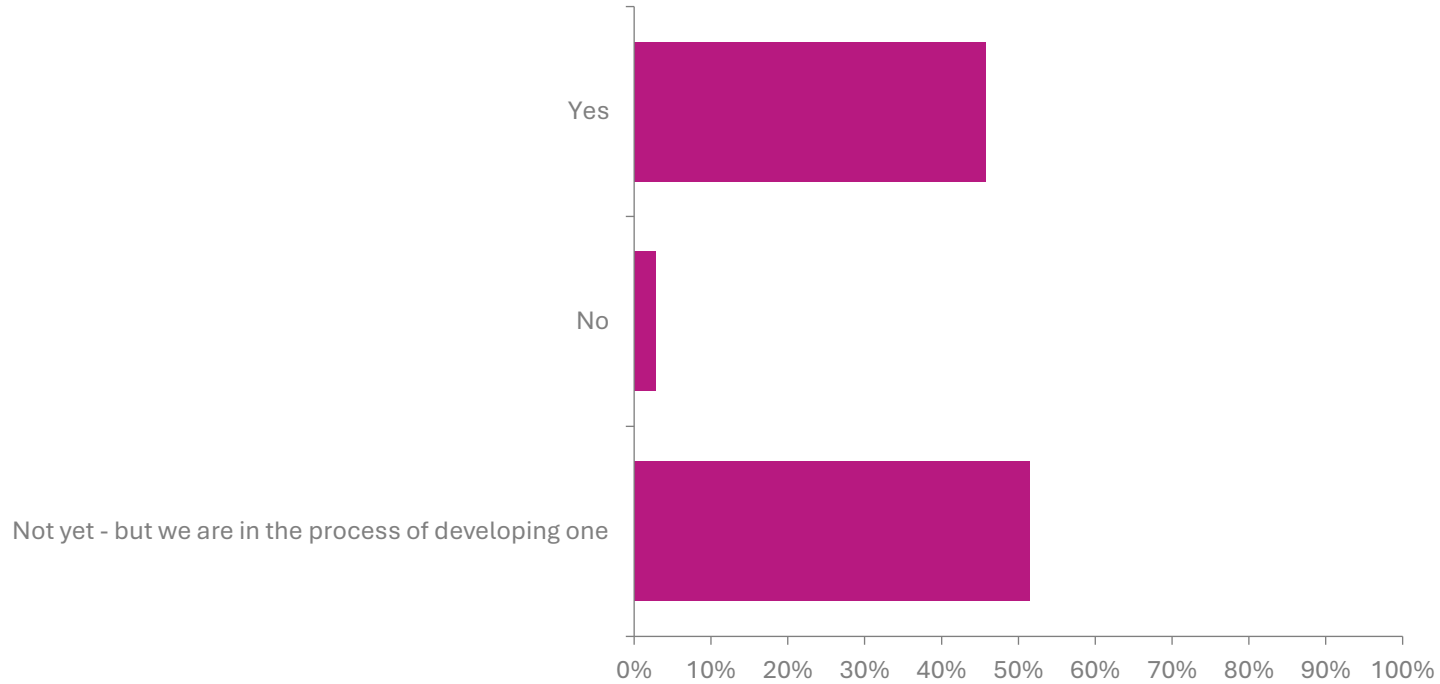
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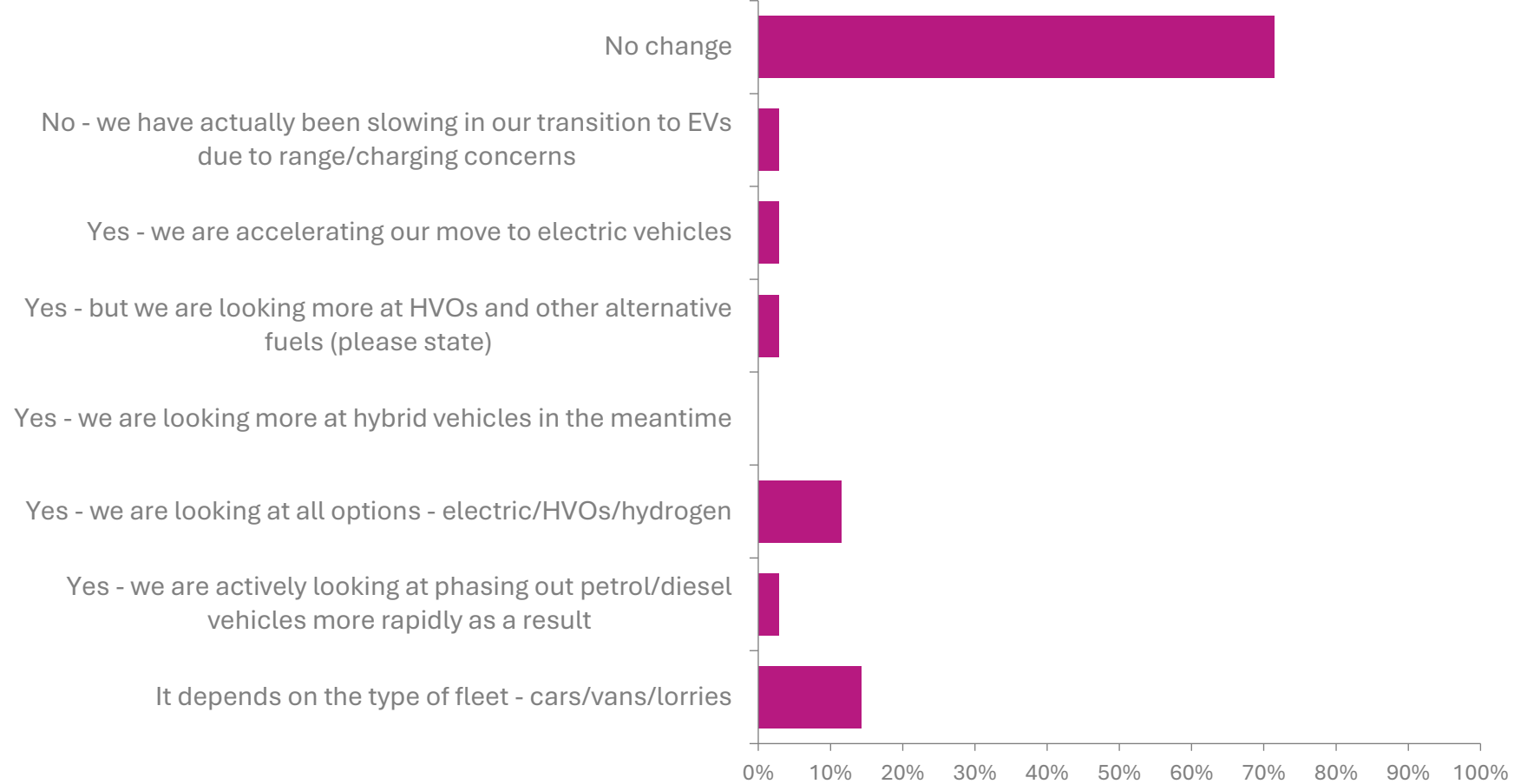
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# Do you have a business continuity plan / contingency plan for fuel?



No offers to share your BCPs!!!

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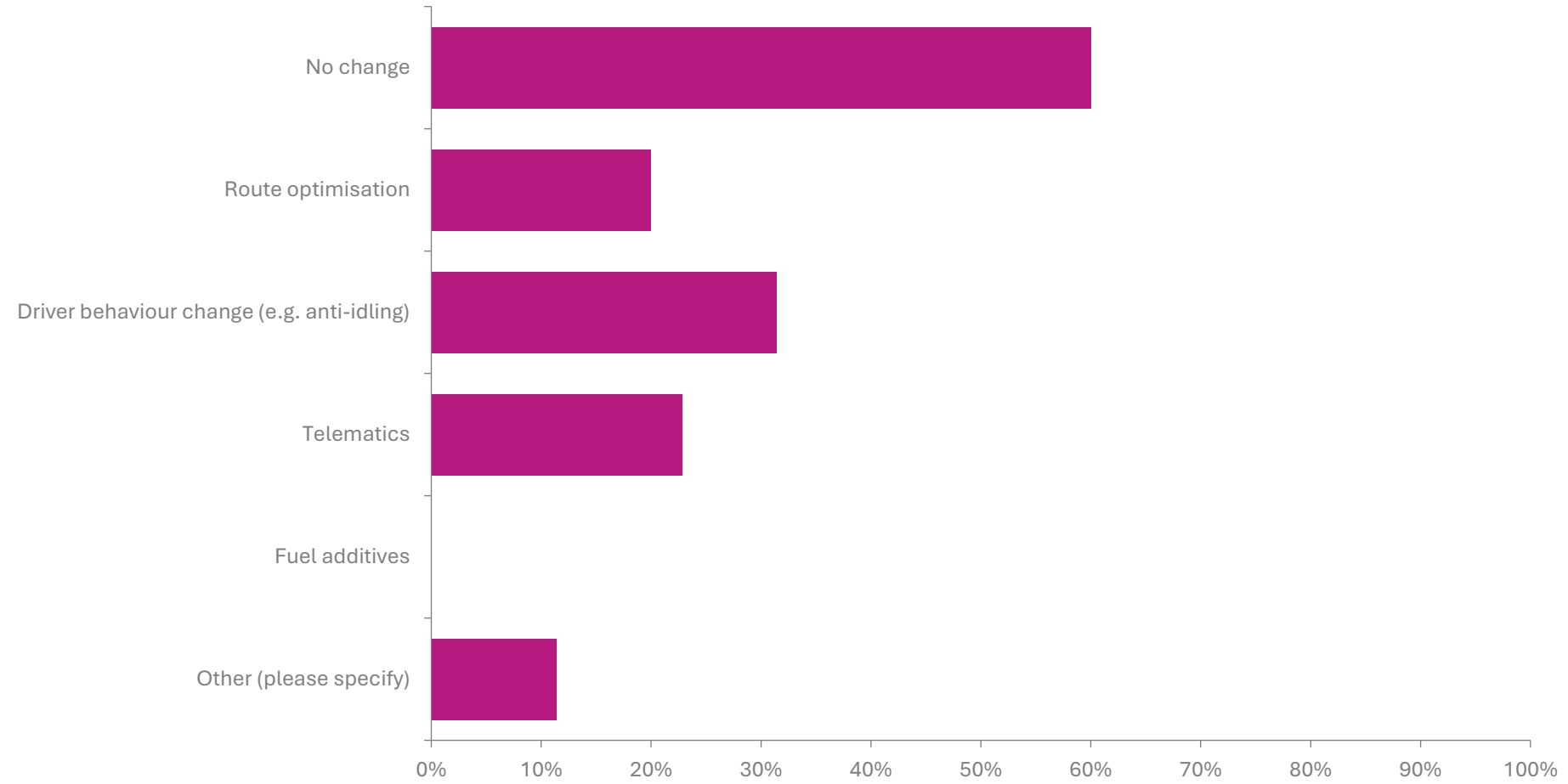


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- Most of my fleet already operate alternative fuels. We are looking to transition BEV to our HGV's but not because of fuel prices. However, in central London we are challenged by a lack of depot space to accommodate charging infrastructure
- It is complex. We have our waste collected by external contractors. We are hoping to move them to HVO
- We already use HVO for majority of fleet and electric for smaller vans
- As a Council we have been earlier adopter to EV with 24% of the Fleet being EV already including RCV
- Budget pressure has slowed the transition to net zero:
  - We are struggling for extra budget to purchase EV's and our charging infrastructure is at capacity. This will require significant investment
  - Fleet decarbonisation program is severely limited at this time due to financial constraints
- We are investigating Hydrogen for vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, but are unsure regarding the potential supply issues.



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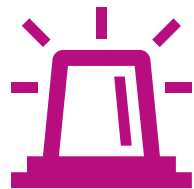
- Changes in development
- Route optimisation, telematics and driver behaviour measures already in place
- We already use telematics and our routes are optimised. Idling is monitored.
- We currently do a lot of work in this area so, at this time, are continuing with that. However that may change if the current situation continues or escalates further.

# Conclusion

Significant price increases have added more pressure to LA budgets. Little sign of shortages (yet!)



Emergency / business continuity plans are being developed in some authorities



LAs are appearing to 'weather the storm' than press ahead with faster decarbonisation



Some early adopters of EVs/sustainable views may even be going the other way



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