

## AGENDA

### KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, 19th March, 2015, at 10.00 am  
Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall,  
Maidstone

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*Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the meeting.*

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

#### **A. Committee Business**

- A1 Apologies
- A2 Declarations of Interest
- A3 Notes of meeting held on 8th October 2014 (Pages 3 - 10)
- A4 Election of Vice-Chairman

#### **B. Matters for Discussion**

- B1 Community Safety Integration Project (Pages 11 - 14)
- B2 Final Community Warden Model (Pages 15 - 38)
- B3 CSA Update Performance Report (Pages 39 - 42)
- B4 MARAC Consultation - Verbal Update
- B5 Community Safety Conference - Verbal Update
- B6 Child Sexual Exploitation update - Verbal Update
- B7 KCST / Partnership update (Pages 43 - 46)

#### **C. Matters for Information**

- C1 Date of next meeting

**D -RESTRICTED ITEM(S)**

Meeting not open to the press and public and reports not for publication

D1 Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update

D2 Prevent

**Wednesday, 11 March 2015**

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 14 October 2014.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE (Chairman), Mr David Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Ms C Allen, Dr S Beaumont, S Beautridge, Mr S Bone-Knell, Mrs V Coffey, Mr T England, Mr J Carmichael, Ms C Gatward, Cllr P Hicks, Ms T Kadir, Ms J Leney, Cllr M Rhodes, Mr M Roberts and Mr M Stepney

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Gilmour (Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator), Mr S Beaumont (Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning), Mr P Crick (Director Environment, Planning & Enforcement), Ms D Exall (Strategic Relationship Advisor), Ms D Fitch (Democratic Services Manager (Council)), Ms J Mookherjee (Consultant in Public Health) and Mr M Overbeke (Head of Regulatory Services)

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

**75. Notes of meeting held on 8 July 2014**  
(Item A3)

(1) The notes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the list of those in attendance being amended and the minor amendments being made to the text as indicated at this meeting.

(2) In relation to the MARAC item there was a previous action outstanding for Alison Gilmour relating to the work carried out by the consultant and their proposals. Alison confirmed that this work was still underway and the report should be received by the end of December. It was anticipated that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership.

**76. Community Safety Project - verbal update**  
(Item B1)

(1) Sean Bone-Knell (Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue) gave an update on the Community Safety Project. He stated that the Community Stocktake audit had been carried out across the County and that Sean Beautridge (Kent Police) had led on this. He informed the Partners that Sean was due to retire shortly. He referred to the proposal for a joint Fire, Police and KCC Community Safety team, District Council Chief Executives had been briefed on this and it had received broad support. This was a big venture and it was intended that the model would look like the Kent Resilience team. A joined up Community Safety team would enable there to be a joined up focus on visits to and targeting of services for vulnerable people. The avoidance of duplication should bring efficiencies. Work was underway to build a robust business case for the team. It was intended to bring an information paper to the Kent Joint Chiefs in November 2014 with the intention of having the first stage team in place in 2015/16. The intention was to start small and to develop over time with the possibility of other partners joining the team as it went forward.

(2) It was agreed that a further report would be submitted to the March 2015 meeting of the Partnership.

Action: Sean Bone-Knell

## **77. Community Warden Public Consultation**

*(Item B2)*

(1) Mr Hill (Chairman) referred to the current consultation on reducing the number of Community Wardens. He stated that it was a sad day for him as he had defended the service through thick and thin, however this discretionary service had to take account of the reality of the financial situation that the Council found itself in. He had asked officers to come up with a plan for a robust warden service across the county which retained the best parts of the service. There was also the question of options such as the buy in by Parish Councils and the concept of voluntary wardens. He stated that there was a fair amount of work that could be carried out by volunteer wardens. These were a few of the ideas that could mitigate the financial problem and reduction in the number of wardens.

(2) Stuart Beaumont (KCC – Community Safety) stated that 2,000 consultation documents had been sent out and assured the partners that the messages received and options suggested would be taken into account, and developed as appropriate. An external firm was being used to analyse the responses. He stated that Community Wardens were a very useful street level policing approach and all agencies had made use of the service.

(3) Jim Parris (KCC – Community Safety) stated they were in the second week of a six week consultation process. At the end of the first week 304 responses had been received. The decision making process would conclude on 5 December 2014. As the six week consultation process drew to a close it would be possible to develop options for 5 December 2014. It was the intention to bring the final plans back the Partnership.

(4) David Coleman (KALC) stated that he welcomed the way that the consultation had been carried out and the importance of involving everybody in order to save money across the piece.

## **78. Kent Community Safety Agreement**

*(Item B3)*

(1) Jim Parris introduced a report which provided an update on the development of the Kent Community Safety Action Plan and the performance monitoring process. The report also sought support from the Partnership to make changes to the format and content of the feedback reports.

(2) The Partnership **agreed** the contents of the Kent Community Safety Agreement Action Plan for 2014-17 circulated with the report and the proposed changes to the monitoring and reporting process.

**79. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Update: Community Trigger and the ASB Case Management System (Themis)**  
*(Item B4)*

(1) Jim Parris introduced a report which provided an update on the progress with the agreed countywide criteria for the Community Trigger. This was a new element of legislation under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Police & Crime Act 2014. He requested County Partners to provide links to the application forms via their websites. The report also provided an update on the ASB Case management system known as Themis.

(2) In response to a question Jim stated that in accordance with the legislation the Community trigger should be in place by 20 October, but this was subject to agreement being obtained via district/borough council decision making processes.

(3) The importance of there being some form of co-ordination when a complaint was sent to more than one council to insure a single response was mentioned.

(4) It was **agreed** that the progress that partners had made towards developing a Community Trigger process for Kent and Medway and the progress made with the roll out of the Themis to district/borough council's be noted, and the request for County Partners to provide a link to the application process on their websites was acknowledged .

**80. Victims' Focus**  
*(Item B5)*

(1) Mike Stepney (OPCC) introduced a report which provided an overview of the Police & Crime Commissioner's victims' services commissioning responsibilities and the commitment to delivering a victims' centred approach.

(2) Claire Gatward went through the presentation which had been included in the papers for the meeting.

(3) Tracey Kadir (National Probation Service) stated that she was delighted with the restorative justice developments and hoped that it could be offered to all victims but expressed concerns regarding funding, there was risk of over promising and then failing to deliver.

(4) Mike confirmed that there was a phased approach to introducing the victim centred approach with the service being centred on support for the victim rather than them being a commodity within the process. Regarding RJ there will be a localised pilot on the use of a victim triggered approach to establish the funding required in the first year. He acknowledged the importance of managing expectations.

(5) Alison Gilmour (Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator) stated that victim focus was the reason why there were specialist Courts for Domestic Violence, this work could be expanded.

(6) The Chairman thanked Mike and Claire for this important piece of work and referred to the educational task that needed to be carried out to get the message across about the service.

(7) The Partners noted the report and invited Mike and Claire to report back to the Partnership at an appropriate time.

Action – Mike Stepney/Claire Gatward

**81. Community Remedy - verbal update**  
*(Item B6)*

(1) Claire referred to the new legislative provision which was provided for a community remedy, giving the victim a say in the punishment for lower level criminal offenders. She explained that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was responsible for consulting with the public over the range of remedies to be offered to victims. This consultation was carried out in August 2014 and following feedback from this consultation a number of potential remedies had been agreed with the Chief Constable which included, financial compensation, reparation, parenting contract, acceptable behaviour contract, written apology, verbal apology and restorative intervention

(2) The Partners noted the verbal report

**82. Approval of KCSP Funding Bids - 2014**  
*(Item B7)*

(1) Sean Bone-Knell introduced a report which briefly described the applications for funding made to the Kent Community Safety Partnership that had been reviewed and approved by the Chairman.

(2) Jim referred to the two bids that were not described in the report, IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) project which was an e-learning package for health staff in relation to domestic abuse and the Pedestrian Safety Messages bid and the Road Safety measures work that had been commissioned from Christchurch university students.

(3) The Chairman expressed thanks to the PCC on behalf of the Partnership for the funding that she had provided and which was being put to good use.

(4) The reported bids agreed by the Chairman of the KSCP be noted.

(5) Sean Bone-Knell expressed his wish to conduct some evaluation work next year into what work had been done on the agreed bids. The Chairman agreed to this.

**83. E-Safety Workshops- verbal update**  
*(Item B8)*

Stuart Beaumont provided an update on the proposed outcomes from the series of workshops around e-safety that will be held across the County. He confirmed that the

money that the conference steering group had left over from the community safety conference would be used to finance the workshops.

**84. Community Safety Conference - verbal update**  
(Item B9)

(1) The Chairman gave a verbal update on the excellent Community Safety Conference which had been held in June and had focused on e-safety.

(2) Stuart Beaumont, as chairman of the conference steering group sought the Partners agreement to a £3k fee per agency for participating in the conference. Following informal discussions with partners it had been suggested that the focus of the next conference should be Public Health's engagement with Community Safety including mental ill health, vulnerable people and partnership engagement and Stuart sought the Partners approval for this.

(3) The Partners **agreed** to the fee per agency of £3k and the theme for the 2015 as set out above.

**85. Joint Winter Safety Campaigns 2014**  
(Item B10)

(1) Sean Bone-Knell introduced a report which provided an outline of this year's joint winter strategy. The Partnership had agreed last year that there should be a more joined up approach to winter safety across the partnership and this paper highlighted the arrangements planned.

(2) The Chairman referred to the joint partnership working during last winter's floods and the lessons that had been learnt from that regarding multi-agency working.

(3) It was suggested that this joined up approach could include Christmas food safety advice and campaigns from Public Health England ie the Flu campaign.

(4) The Partners **noted** the integrated approach towards the winter 2014/15 community safety activities.

**86. Community Safety New Regulations and KCSP Terms of Reference**  
(Item B11)

(1) Jim introduced a paper which proposed an update to the terms of reference for the Kent Community Safety Partnership to take account of recent legislative changes.

(2) The Partners **approved** the revised Terms of Reference for the Kent Community Safety Partnership as set out in the report with the addition of the inclusion of HM Prison Service in 4.2.

**87. Dates of meetings in 2015**  
(Item C1)

The following dates for meetings in 2015 were noted (All meetings to start at 10.00am)

Thursday 19 March 2015  
Thursday 8 October 2015

**88. David Coleman**

(1) David stated that this would be the last meeting of the KCSP that he attended as he was resigning as the Chairman/ President of KALC.

(2) The Chairman on behalf of the Partnership thanked David for his service over a number of years and for his wise advice which had been well received and wished him well in the future.

**89. Sean Beautridge**

The Chairman referred to the retirement of Sean Beautridge. On behalf of the Partnership he expressed their thanks for his valuable contribution to their work and wished him well.

**PRIVATE SESSION**

The Partnership considered the following item in private session.

**90. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)**  
(Item C2)

(1) Stuart Beaumont introduced the tabled report which updated the Partnership on the status of all of the Kent and Medway DHR cases. Alison Gilmour provided an update on a couple of cases.

(2) The Chairman made reference to this important piece of work and in particular the quality of the work carried out by the independent Chairs. He stressed the importance of Partners attending the debriefing seminars as a means of sharing the lessons learned from each review.

(3) Stuart informed the KCSP that, in the light of the recent expose of failings of a range of public services in Rotherham and other towns concerning protecting vulnerable children and adults from sexploitation, Ofsted was currently auditing KCC in regard to its policy, procedures and action plans to combat and address child sexploitation. Although not part of the scrutiny, Ofsted had enquired of KCC whether the statutory CSPs in Kent reflect this serious and important matter in their local action plans. A quick enquiry around the county by the KCC Community Safety and Youth Offending teams and suggested that only one CSP referred to child sexploitation and safeguarding vulnerable children in its local plans.



(4) Stuart urged all CSPs to review their local action plans and ensure that local arrangements for safeguarding vulnerable children and adults should be included in each of the statutory CSP action plans and agreements. He informed the KCSP that the KCSP community safety agreement would be reviewed and refreshed to include matters of safeguarding and child sexexploitation.

(4) The suggestion to invite education representative to attend CSP's was noted.

**91. Mr Bentley - East Sussex County Council**

The Chairman invited Mr Bentley, who had been observing the meeting to address the Partnership. Mr Bentley thanked the Partners for allowing he and his colleague to attend the meeting and stated that he would be taking back some ideas from today's meeting to his own Partnership.

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From: Sean Bone-Knell,  
Director Operations, Kent Fire and Rescue Service,

To: **Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19 March 2015**

Subject: **Joint Community Safety Team – Progress report**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

**Electoral Division:** Countywide Service – all divisions affected

**Summary:**

This report updates the Kent Community Safety Partnership on progress made in establishing a county-wide co-located Joint Community Safety Team.

**Recommendation:**

That progress is noted.

Further reports will be presented to the Partnership as the project develops.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) has sponsored an innovative project to develop closer collaboration and joint working on Community safety matters between Kent Fire and Rescue (KFRS), Kent Police (KP) and Kent County Council (KCC).
- 1.2 The KCSP has previously received reports on progress, with the last being in October 2014. At that time there was a request for a further report to this meeting.

## 2. Background and context

- 2.1 The partners in this project have a strong history of collaboration and joint working, via the statutory KCSP. They also have strong history of working with District Community Safety Units and District Community Safety Partnerships. This is all encapsulated in the '[Kent Community Safety Agreement](#)' which sets out how partners work together to address the key community safety priorities for the County.
- 2.2 In the past both county and district partners have been able to access considerable funding streams available as part of Government initiatives. This funding enabled countywide partners to provide services in support of their

district colleagues. With the removal of these funding streams, and changes to support funding, all three partners are facing significant financial pressures now and in years to come.

- 2.3 To progress the project, a Steering Group meets regularly and is supported by a Working Group. The Steering Group, chaired by KFRS, contains the 3 partners (KFRS, KCC and Kent Police) together with other key players – a District Council representative chosen by the Kent Joint Chiefs, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Medway Council, Public Health England and the Community Rehabilitation Company.

The Working Group consists of Community Safety Practitioners from the three partners and District Councils and is led by an experienced community safety consultant provided by KFRS.

### **3. Progress to date and initial phase**

- 3.1 The initial intention is to co-locate staff from the three organisations in order to promote closer joint working and to identify opportunities for improved value for money.

A suitable site has been identified in Maidstone and planning work for the move has now started. It is intended that the physical move will take place in mid-2015. Staff would remain under the management and control of their own organisation. The three partners are currently considering which functions and, therefore, which staff will move to the new location. As the Partnership has been told in earlier reports, it is intended to start with relatively small steps in order to deliver early benefits and to enable the concept to be developed and expanded in the light of experience.

- 3.2 Initial thinking has identified several areas where the co-located team can deliver benefit and work streams have been established to progress these ideas. The initial work streams are as follows:

- Undertaking strategic assessments to enable and support the production of Countywide and District community safety agreements. Medway Council have also asked to be involved in this work.
- Undertaking a review of each organisation's youth education activity and examining the feasibility of combining this activity where applicable. Particular attention will be given to including e-safety and Prevent within any joint education visits.
- Manage and provide administrative support to domestic homicide reviews.
- Reviewing current and future community safety campaigns with the ambition of creating more efficient and effective joint campaigns.

3.3 District Council colleagues are undertaking an exercise to collect views on where they feel a County co-located unit can deliver greatest benefit to them and have also looked at the top 3 priorities for them for this team. Once

completed these views will assist in making decisions on the work of the team and its priorities

3.4 It is also expected that, once the team is in a single location there will be opportunities for closer joint working in the following areas:

- Joint co-ordination to develop common approaches to changes in procedures and legislation.
- Promoting the work of the joint team amongst other county partners such as health and offender management.
- Supporting the management of anti-social behaviour (ASB) requirements of the Police and Crime Act 2014 and support partners in the management of the ASB (Themis) recording system.
- Improving services to the district CSP's and CSU's and providing a single point of contact for enquiries. This would include collation and sharing of best practice.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 The KCSP are asked to note the content of this report and the progress made in developing a co-located team and the=t further reports will be presented to the Partnership as the project progresses.

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From: **Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning & Community Safety** Agenda Item B2

To: **Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Subject: **KCC - Community Warden Service Update**

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 In light of the significant financial challenges facing Kent County Council and the need to reduce the budget allocation to the KCC Community Warden Service as detailed in the County Councils medium term financial plan (MTFP) from 2015/16, a full service review was completed. The management of the service explored opportunities to redesign the KCC Community Warden Service, with the aim of providing maximum value to the residents of Kent within budgetary constraints. A proposed option to achieve the desired savings was subjected to a public consultation exercise during the autumn of 2014.

1.2 The KCC Warden Service's core objectives are:

- Promote community confidence and cohesion.
- Identify and assist in problem resolution.
- Act as “eyes and ears” for other agencies.
- Improve access to local authority services.
- Be a trusted friend for the community.

1.3 Since 2012 due to budgetary constraints the service has been operating with an average of 80 uniformed staff. There are currently just over 70 wardens, including uniformed warden supervisors, in post. The 2012 service redesign proved successful in terms of more efficient business support, matrix management, performance monitoring and budgetary control arrangements. During 2014 the community warden service became part of the Public Protection Unit in the Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate.

## **2. Consultation**

2.1 Following a deep dive service review and the examination of a range of possible management actions, a draft proposal was produced and subjected to an extensive six week public consultation process, that attracted a high volume of feedback in terms of on-line and hardcopy consultation feedback, many letters, emails and other types of correspondence. An external agency was commissioned to analyse the responses and their feedback and a summary of all responses received is attached at appendix 1.

2.2 As well as the formal responses to the consultation, 10 e-mails, 19 letters were also received from a wide range of responders, together with eight written petitions and 1 e-petition.

2.3 The public consultation included feedback that a number of Parishes wished to explore options for fully or partly funding a Community Warden in their area. As part of the redesign process going forward it is proposed to have further discussions with Parishes individually and with the Kent Association of

Local Councils (KALC) in order to develop commissioning arrangements where appropriate to increase the resources available to the service.

- 2.4 Also of note was a measure of support to recruit and train volunteers to support the Warden Service and to work closely in individual Parishes. Discussions have taken place with Kent Police regarding this proposal and they have confirmed their support for this measure and that they have offered to assist KCC officers to develop the proposal. This proposal is now being developed with ongoing discussions taking place with KALC with a view to running a pilot project later in 2015.
- 2.5 As part of the consultation feedback, Kent District Chief Executives submitted proposals relating to the management and supervision of local KCC Community Wardens. It is proposed to explore with local district partners how community wardens can further support the work of district community safety units via the local tasking and coordination systems.

### **3 Redesign Proposal**

- 3.1 Following careful and thorough reflection of the response to the consultation, letters received and the e-petitions, the original proposal contained within the consultation has been adjusted to include, via the Kent Association of Local Councils and working with Parish Councils, the establishment of a cadre of volunteer community wardens during 2015/16 and to discuss with Parish Councils the potential for them to assist in resourcing community wardens.
- 3.2 Following receipt of the public consultation feedback it has been decided to maintain the community warden uniformed presence close to its current level of 70 uniformed posts.
- 3.3 This amended service redesign proposal will preserve as much community based front line delivery resource as possible. All other expenditure is being reviewed, in order to streamline business support arrangements, update procedures and reduce management overheads.

### **4. Service Redesign – Deployment**

- 4.1 KCC Community Wardens have for many years been associated with and or been based in specific areas often associated with parish boundaries. Since 2012 more flexible deployment has been adopted as wardens vacancies have arisen with the aim of maintaining individual parish boundary cover but also responding to local district or pan Kent priorities. However, the importance of the close working relationship between community wardens and individual parishes and communities is recognised and was highlighted in the consultation feedback, therefore it is proposed to maintain these working relationships and there is no suggestion of a centralisation of resources.
- 4.2 Parishes and communities that currently have a nominated community warden contact will continue to have a designated officer contact point. The resource allocation will mirror the current uniformed presence across the county which has been reduced since 2012 from 101 posts to 73 posts using vacancy management. It is therefore not proposed to reduce the uniformed presence to the level proposed in the public consultation proposal. KCC community wardens will be required to continue and build upon the flexible working arrangements that are currently in place and will only expand their boundaries to include other priority areas where resources allow and on



demand. It is important to stress that wardens will continued to be based and work in Parish / community locations.

4.3 The service will continue to work with KCC services, in conjunction with external partners, to identify those most vulnerable residents and individuals to ensure they receive priority attention from the KCC Community Wardens.

4.4 The service, in collaboration with KALC, will work closely with the voluntary sector, in particular volunteers who are currently associated with current KCC services, to recruit during 2015 /16, approximately 30 volunteers to support the Warden Service to work closely with Parishes and local communities. Informal discussions to explore the possibility of establishing this has already commenced with Kent Police and KALC colleagues and a working group has been established.

## 5. **Service Redesign – Management, Supervisory and Business Support Arrangements**

5.1 The original proposed changes to the supervisory role contained within the public consultation proposal will be implemented with the introduction of a uniformed Team Leader role, which will be very different to the current uniformed District Supervisor role, as it will be much more operational in focus. Each Team Leader will have 10 to 12 Wardens (depending upon the area), to deploy across two districts, to work largely on KCC work-streams, mirroring the current situation but also enabling more flexible deployment to respond to KCC priority work-streams. A proportion of the Community Warden staff are currently available to accept tasking's from District based Community Safety Units and it is proposed to review and refresh this working arrangement.

## 6. **Recommendation(s)**

### **Recommendations:**

The Kent Community Safety Partnership are requested to note the changes proposed to the KCC community Warden service following the receipt of the public consultation feedback.

## 7. **Contact details**

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- Appendix 1 – Public Consultation Summary Feedback

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# Kent County Council Redesign of Community Warden Service

**Interim findings of Public Consultation**

**Prepared by Lake Market Research**

21st November 2014

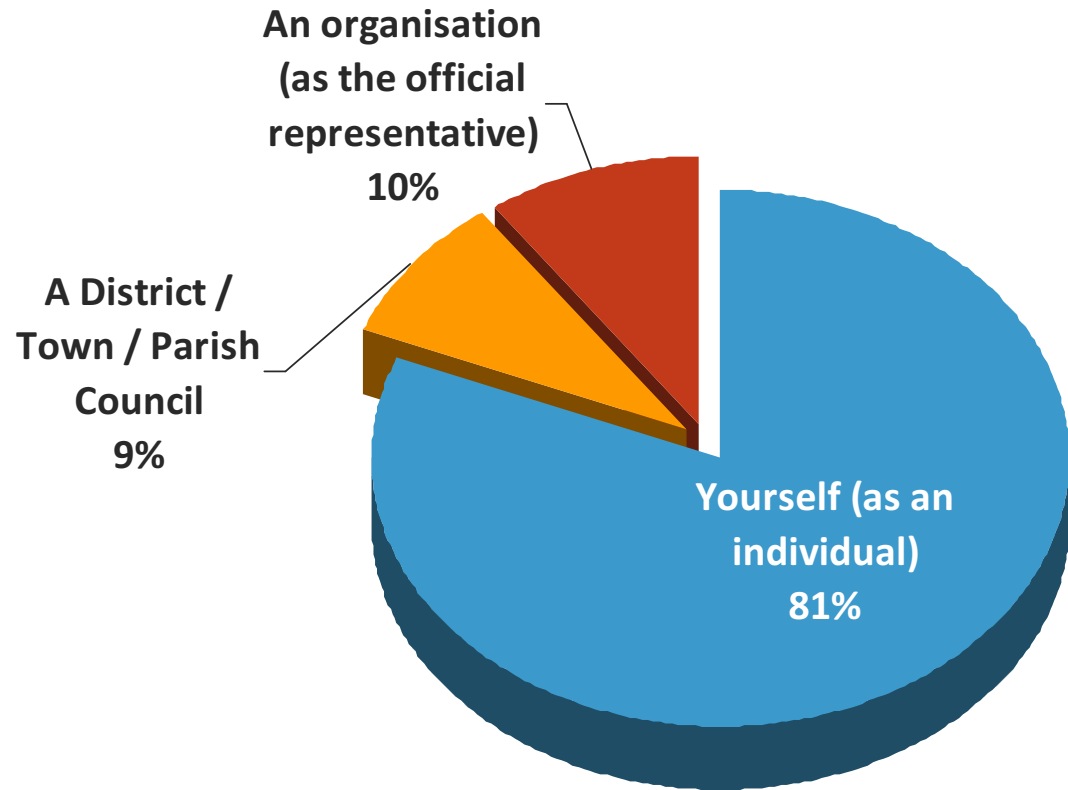
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and other relevant forms of conduct*

## Research Background & Methodology

- Kent County Council's Community Safety Service launched a public consultation on the re-design of the Community Warden Service on the 29th September.
- Consultees were invited to submit their views on the proposals via each of the following channels:
  - An online questionnaire featured on the kent.gov website
  - In paper form via the community wardens themselves.
- The consultation period ran for a period of 6 weeks from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- The consultation questionnaire was designed by Kent County Council and featured a number of open ended questions. These questions have been reviewed and coded into themes to provide quantitative analysis alongside qualitative comments.

# 1,184 responses have been recorded across individuals, Councils and organisations.

## Are you completing this questionnaire on behalf of...?



Number of completions per sample group:	
Yourself (as an individual)	960
A District / Town / Parish Council	101
An organisation (as the official representative)	123

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Base: All answering (1,184)

# Profile of the Individuals responding...

Gender	
Male	36%
Female	54%
Prefer not to say / not answered	10%

Age	
34 and under	5%
35 – 44	11%
45 – 54	13%
55 – 64	14%
65 – 74	21%
75 and over	16%
Prefer not to say / not answered	20%

Disabled as set out in Equality Act 2010	
Yes	13%
No	70%
Prefer not to say / not answered	17%

Type of impairment applies for those answering yes	
Physical impairment	51%
Sensory impairment	24%
Long standing illness or health condition	34%
Mental health condition	8%
Learning disability	5%
Other	17%
Prefer not to say / not answered	6%

# Details of District/Town/Parish Councils responding...

- Appledore Parish Council
- Ash Parish Council
- Ashford Borough Council x 2
- Aylesford Parish Council
- Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne PC
- Birchington Parish Council x 2
- Bobbing Parish Council
- Borden Parish Council
- Brabourne & Smeeth Parish Council
- Burham Parish Council
- Capel le Ferne Parish Council
- Chart Sutton Parish Council
- Chartham Parish Council
- Children's Centre
- Cliffsend Parish Council
- Collier Street Parish Council
- Crockenhill Parish Council
- Dartford Borough Council
- District councillor for Otford and Shoreham
- Ditton Parish Council
- Dover District Council, Eythorne & Shepherdswell
- Dover Town Council
- Dymchurch Parish Council
- East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council x 2
- East Peckham Parish Council
- East Sutton Parish Council
- Eastchurch Parish Council
- Eastry Parish Council
- Egerton Parish Council
- Elham Parish Council
- Eynsford Parish Council
- Eythorne Parish Council
- Farningham Parish Council
- Fawkham Parish Council
- Frittenden Parish Council
- Gravesham Borough Council csu
- Hadlow Parish Council
- Hartley Parish Council
- Hawkinge Town Council
- Headcorn Parish Council
- Herne and Broomfield Parish Council
- High Halden Parish Council
- Higham Parish Council
- Hollingbourne Parish Council
- Independent councillor of East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council
- Maidstone Borough Council – Loose Ward
- Ashford Borough Council – Oxney Ward
- Iwade Parish Council
- Kingsnorth Parish Council
- Kingswood Broomfield Parish Council
- Langdon Parish Council
- Lenham Parish Council
- Littlebourne Parish Council
- Longfield and New Barn Parish Council
- Loose Parish Council
- Lower Halstow
- Lydd Town Council
- Lympne Parish Council
- Maidstone Borough Council
- Marden Parish Council
- Meopham Parish Council
- Mereworth Parish Council
- Minster on Sea Parish Council
- Molash Parish Council
- New Romney Town Council
- Nonington PC
- Otford Parish Council
- Pembury Parish Council
- Plaxtol Parish Council
- Shepherdswell with Coldred Parish Council
- Shepway and Folkestone Town Councils
- Shoreham Parish Council
- Shorne Parish Council
- Snodland Town Council
- St Margaret's at Cliffe Parish Council
- St Nicholas at Wade and Sarre Parish Council
- St. Mary in the Marsh Parish Council
- Sturry parish council
- Sutton Valence Parish Council
- Swanscombe and Greenhithe town council
- Swingfield Parish Council
- Tenterden Town Council
- Teynham Parish Council
- Tunstall Parish Council
- Vigo Parish Council
- Vigo Village
- Walmer Parish Council
- Weald South Ward of Ashford Borough Council
- West Kent Neighbourhood watch Association
- West Kingsdown Parish Council
- Westerham Town Council
- Wilmington Parish Council
- Wingham Parish Council
- Wouldham Parish Council
- Wrotham Parish Council
- Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council
- Yalding Parish Council
- UKIP Borough Councillor

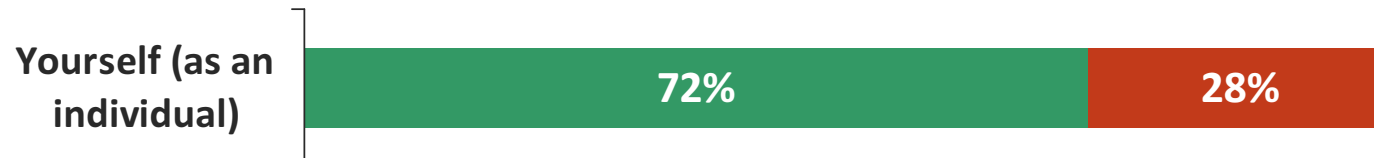
# Details of Organisations responding...

- Age UK Maidstone & North West Kent
- Amicus Horizon Limited
- Ashford Borough Council, ward member
- Ashford District Partnership Group
- Bean Residents Association
- Bramley Court residents
- Brampton Field Residents' Association
- BRFM Bridge Radio
- Canterbury & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Canterbury 4 The Environment C4E
- Capel-le-Ferne village hall
- CARM meeting point at Tenterden
- Centra Care and Support
- Chartham over 60's club, Primary School, Youth Club
- Chinnery Court Sheltered Housing
- Churches of Eynesford, Farmingham and Lullingston
- Churchill C of E Primary School, Westerham
- Citizens Rights for Older People
- Cognatum Limited
- Community hub afternoon tea club (CHAT)
- Creteway Estate Residents Association
- Crockenhill Baptist Church
- Culverstone Neighbourhood Watch
- Ditton Church pre school
- Dover & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Dover Community Safety Partnership
- Dover District Council Labour Group
- Dr R F Cullen and partners
- East Kent Housing (Independent Living Team)
- Eastry Neighbourhood Watch Chairman
- Farmers Market Chartham
- Folkestone Harbour Wards Residents Association
- Greenhill Community Cafe
- Greenhill Pact Group
- Greenhill Residents association
- Harrietsham Fish Scheme
- Hartley afternoon W I
- Hartley Bay & Toddler Group
- Headcorn Eldercare
- Herne Speedwatch
- Hersden Community Centre
- Higham Age Concern Luncheon Club
- Higham Neighbourhood Forum
- Home Instead Senior care Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge
- Homewood School & sixth form Tenterden
- Hothfield Educational Foundation
- Ireland's Bakery
- Bubblestone Road neighbourhood watch
- KCC Adult Social Care Strategic Commissioning
- KCC home support network, ILS service, support SU's with LD & physical disability
- KCC Romney Marsh County Councillor
- Kent Association of locals- Gravesham branch
- Kent County Council Trading Standards Service
- Kent Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- Kent Peoples Trust
- Kent Police
- KFRS (Herne Bay)
- Larkfield Neighbourhood Watch / North Larkfield Group for the protection of the Environment
- Lifesaver Emergency Response
- Longfield country market
- Lydd Meeting Point
- Lympne CEP School, School PTFA
- Maidstone Youth Project
- Minster gathouse museum
- Minster Surgery
- Monkton (Thanet) social group for retired or semi retired
- Neighbourhood Watch x 6
- New Romney meeting point
- Over Sixties Club
- Pastoral Team, Birchington CE Primary school
- Pilgrims Hospice shop, New Romney
- Royal British Legion Eastry, Birchington branches
- Rusthall Medical Centre
- Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association (Ashford)
- Sevenoaks District Councillor
- Shepherdswell Pre-school
- Shepway & East Folkestone neighbourhood watch co-ordinator
- Shorncliffe Nursery
- South Street Baptist Church, Meopham
- St John's Church, Higham
- St Michaels Village Community Group
- St Saviours Community Centre and Horn Street Speed Watch
- St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford
- St. Michaels Preschool
- Staplehurst Interest Group
- Stephen P Gay Funeral Service Ltd
- Stone (Dartford) Scout Group
- Strange Cargo
- Temple Hill Trust
- Tenterden & District Day Centre
- Tenterden Community Emergency Plan Steering Group
- Thanet Community Networks
- The Ark Christian Centre and Happy Feet Preschool Dover Kent
- The Ark Dover
- The Bayle Residents' Association
- The Bradstone Association (residents' group)
- The Farningham Tea & Chat Group
- The Illegal Money Lending Team
- The Shoreham Society
- Thursday Fellowship which meets St Peter's church Hextable weekly 2-4 pm for older people
- Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership
- Tonbridge and Malling safer towns
- Vigo pop in club for the over sixties
- Ward Councillor - Maidstone Borough Council
- Weald Club for the disabled
- Well-Being at Home Befriending service
- West Kingsdown Baptist Church
- White Cliffs Primary College
- Wood Avenue Park View & Kitchener Square community Association
- Young at Heart, 60 plus club, age UK Hub



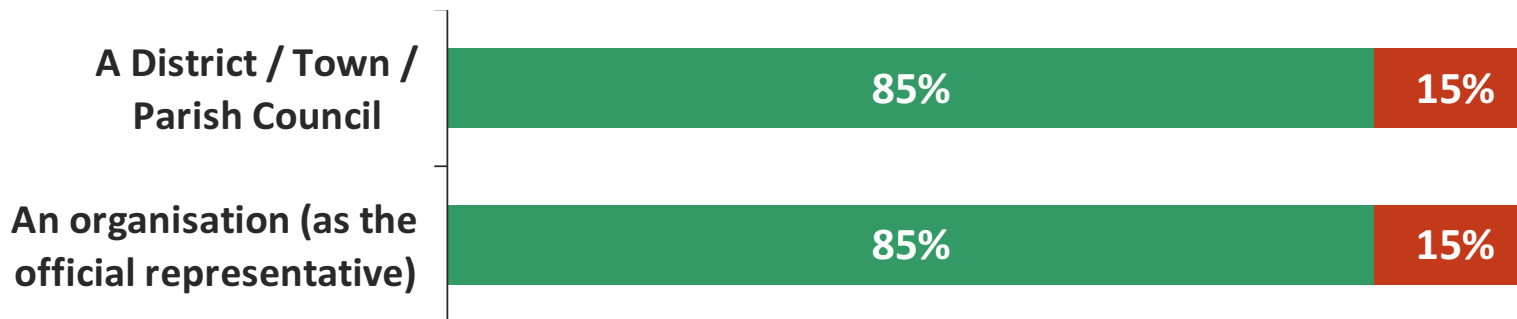
# The majority responding have received a service from the Wardens or are actively involved with the service.

## Do you / have you received a service from Kent County Council Community Wardens?



% Yes - Aged 34 and under: 57%, Aged 35-44: 79%, Aged 45-54: 73%, Aged 55-64: 70%, Aged 65-74: 71%, Aged 75 and over: 82%

## Is your organisation actively involved with the Community Warden Service?

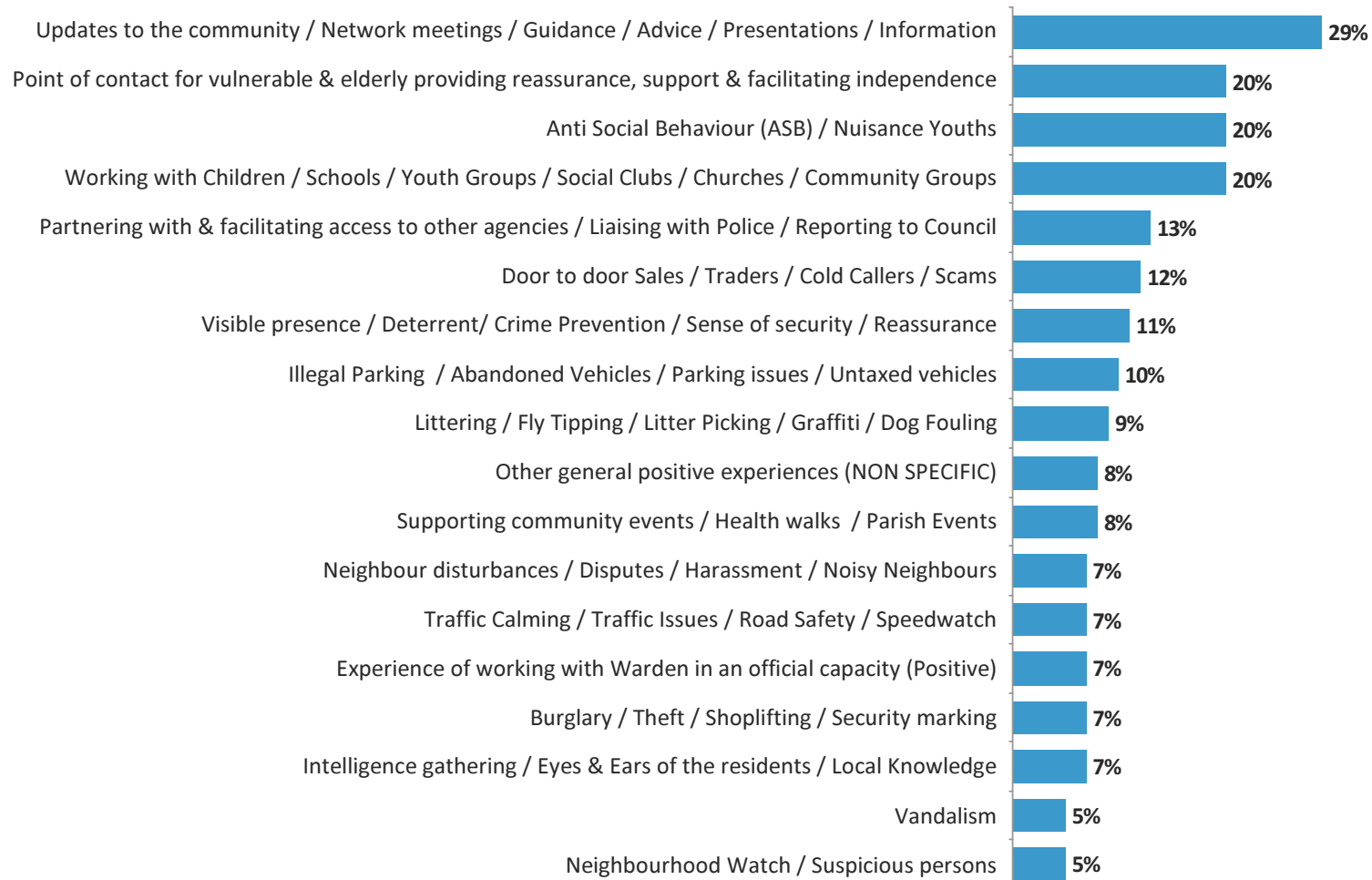


■ Yes ■ No

Base: All answering (1,151), Individuals (933), District/ Town/ Parish Councils (100), Organisations (118)

# The service received covers a wide range of areas, but notably concerning the elderly and the young.

## Details of the service received from Kent County Council Community Wardens



Base: All answering (845)

# Community updates / liaison and partnerships are particularly referenced by Councils / Organisations.

## Details of the service received from Kent County Council Community Wardens

### Top 5 details by group



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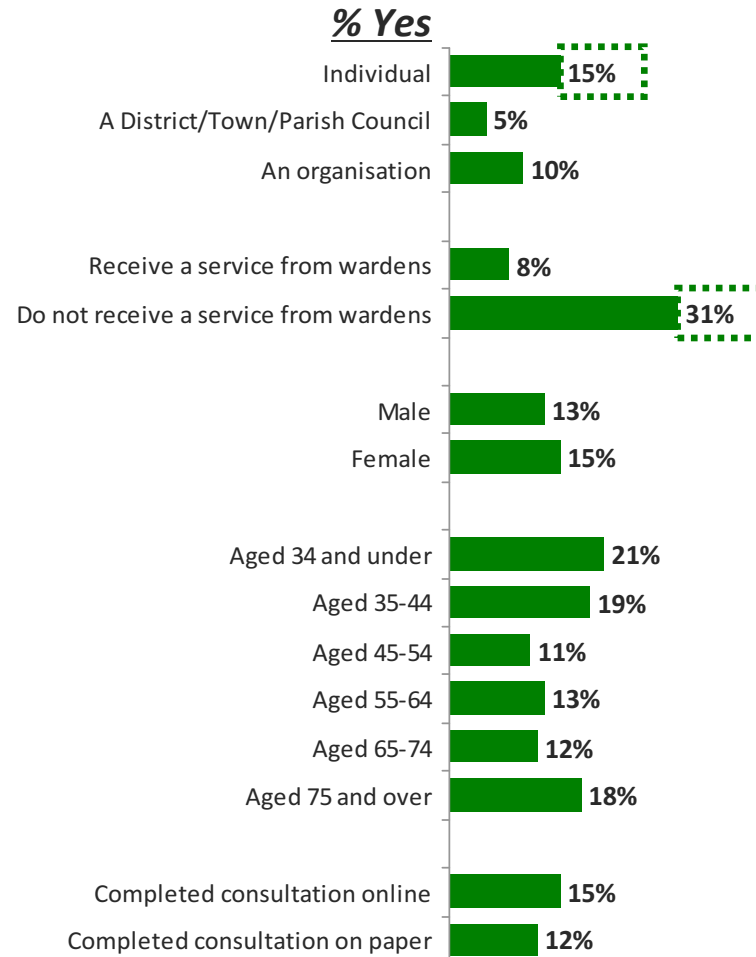
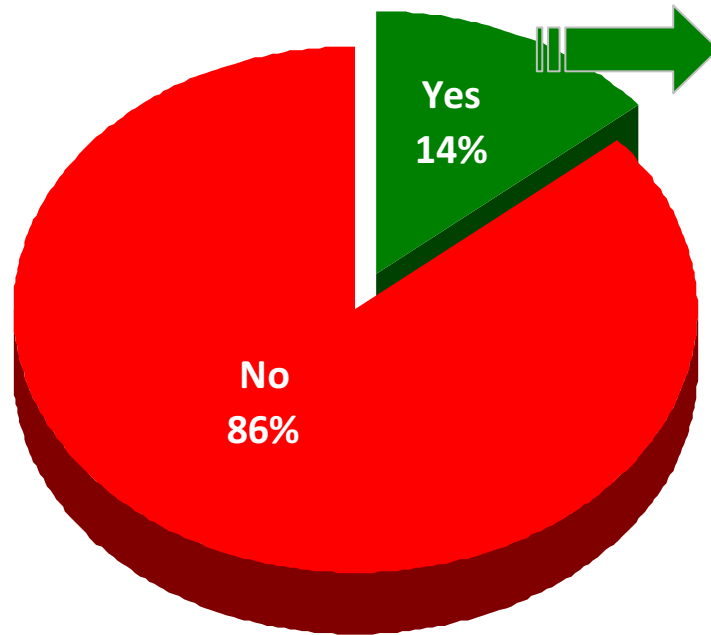
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# 14% support the Consultation proposal. As expected this proportion falls to 8% amongst those who receive a service.

## Do you support the proposal as set out in the Consultation Document?



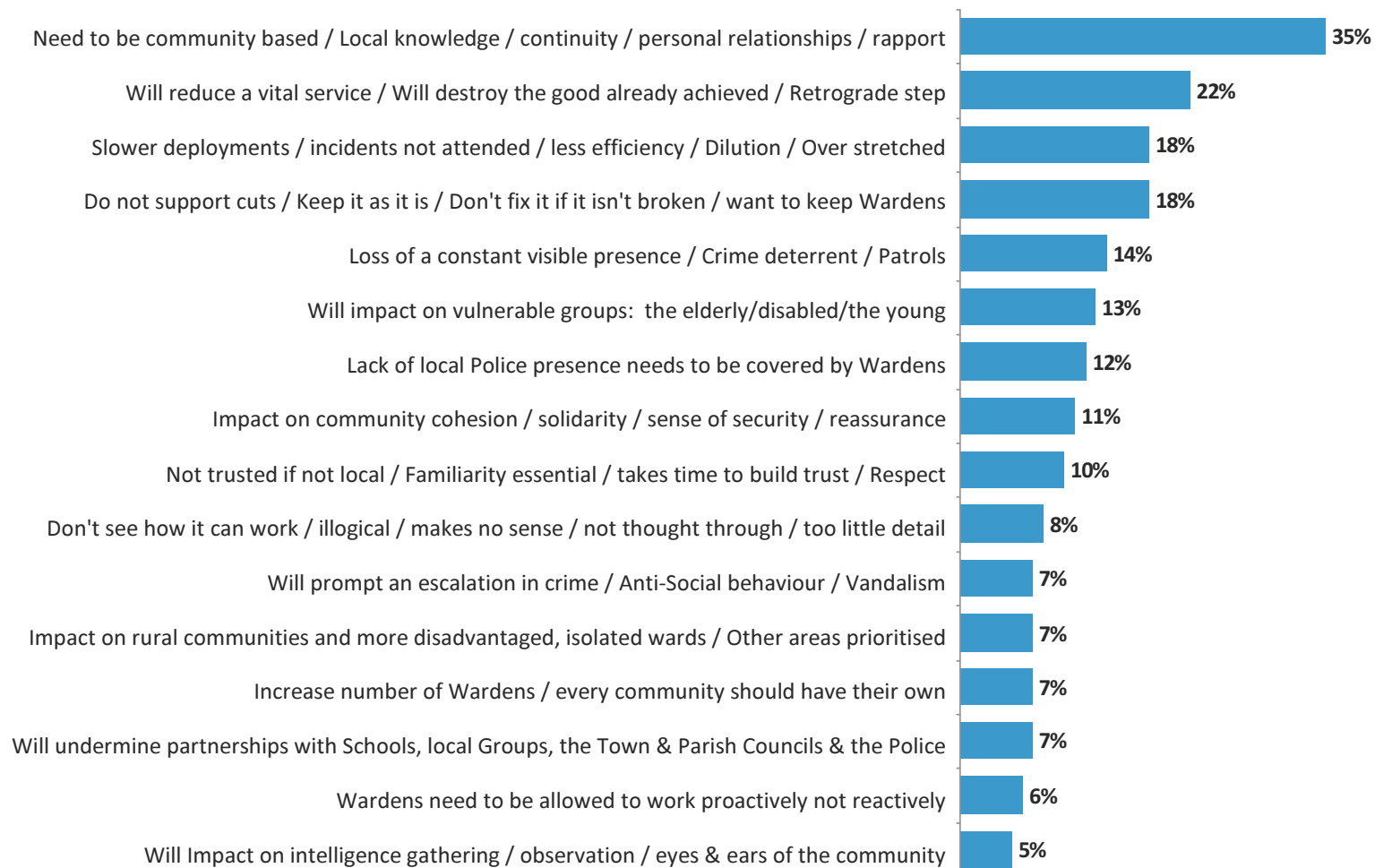
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# Consultees believe wardens should be community based and continuity is important.

## Reasons for not supporting proposal as set out in Consultation document (coded)

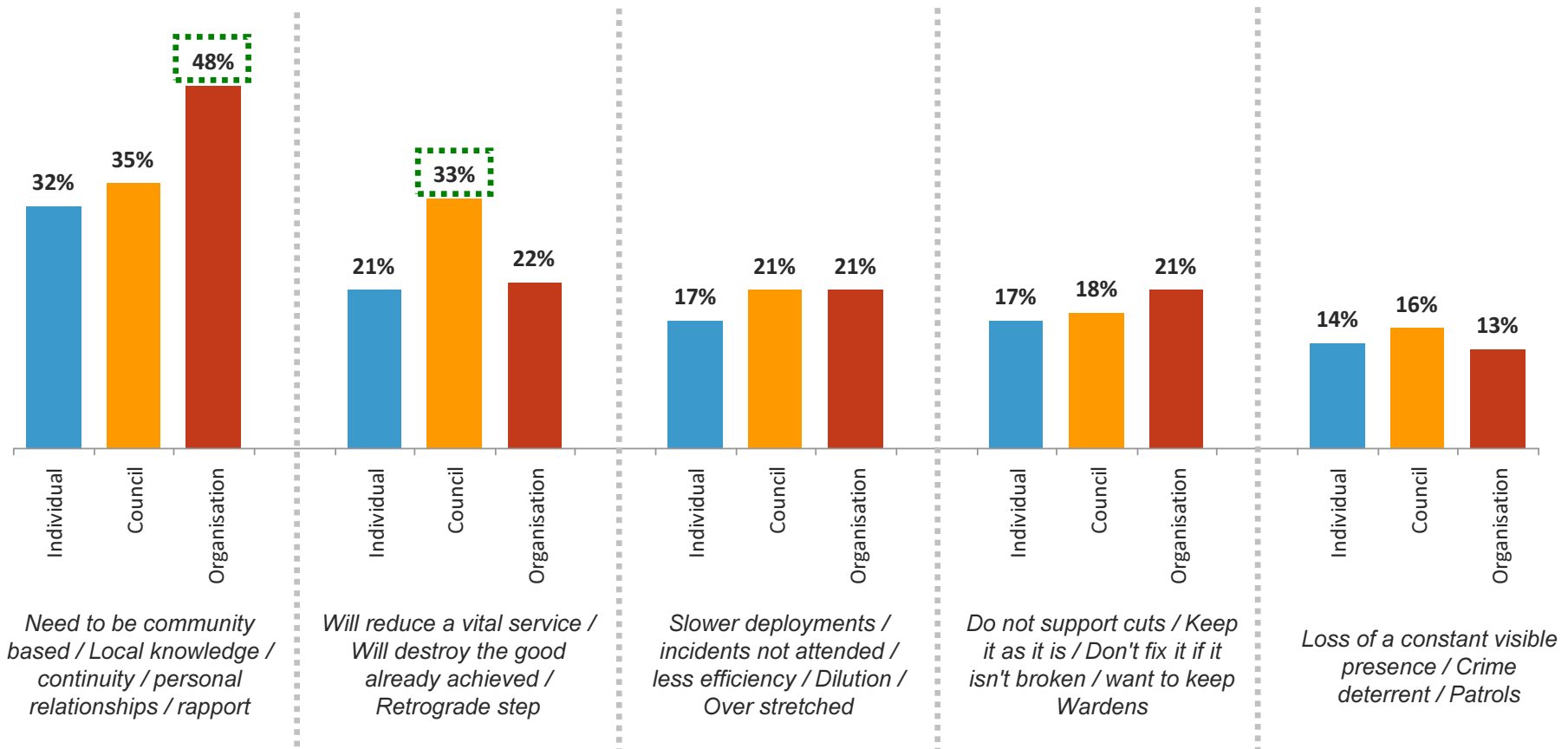


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# Community based wardens are particularly important to the organisations responding.

## Reasons for not supporting proposal as set out in Consultation document

### Top 5 reasons by group



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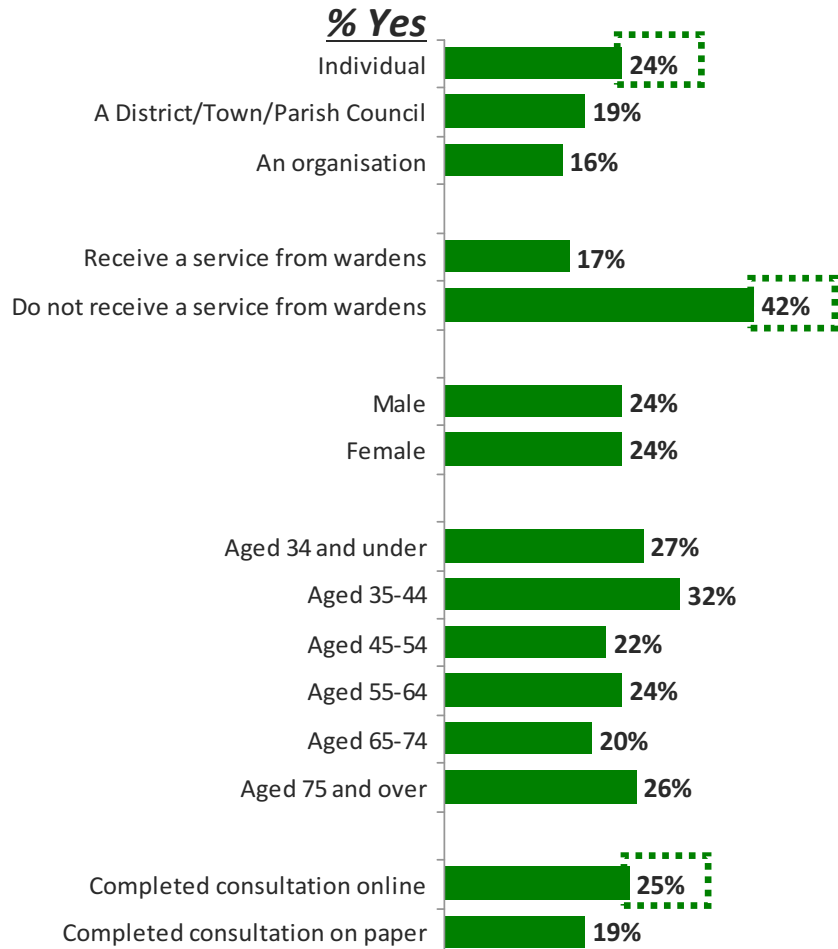
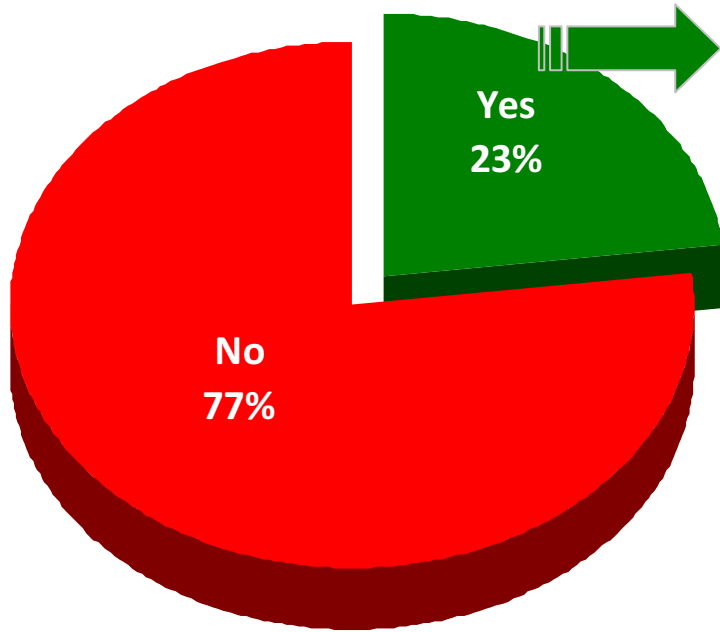
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**23% support the proposal for less focus on geographic boundaries. This proportion falls to 17% amongst those who receive a service.**

**Do you support the proposal for less focus on geographic boundaries, so that Wardens can be quickly and easily deployed to where they're needed most?**



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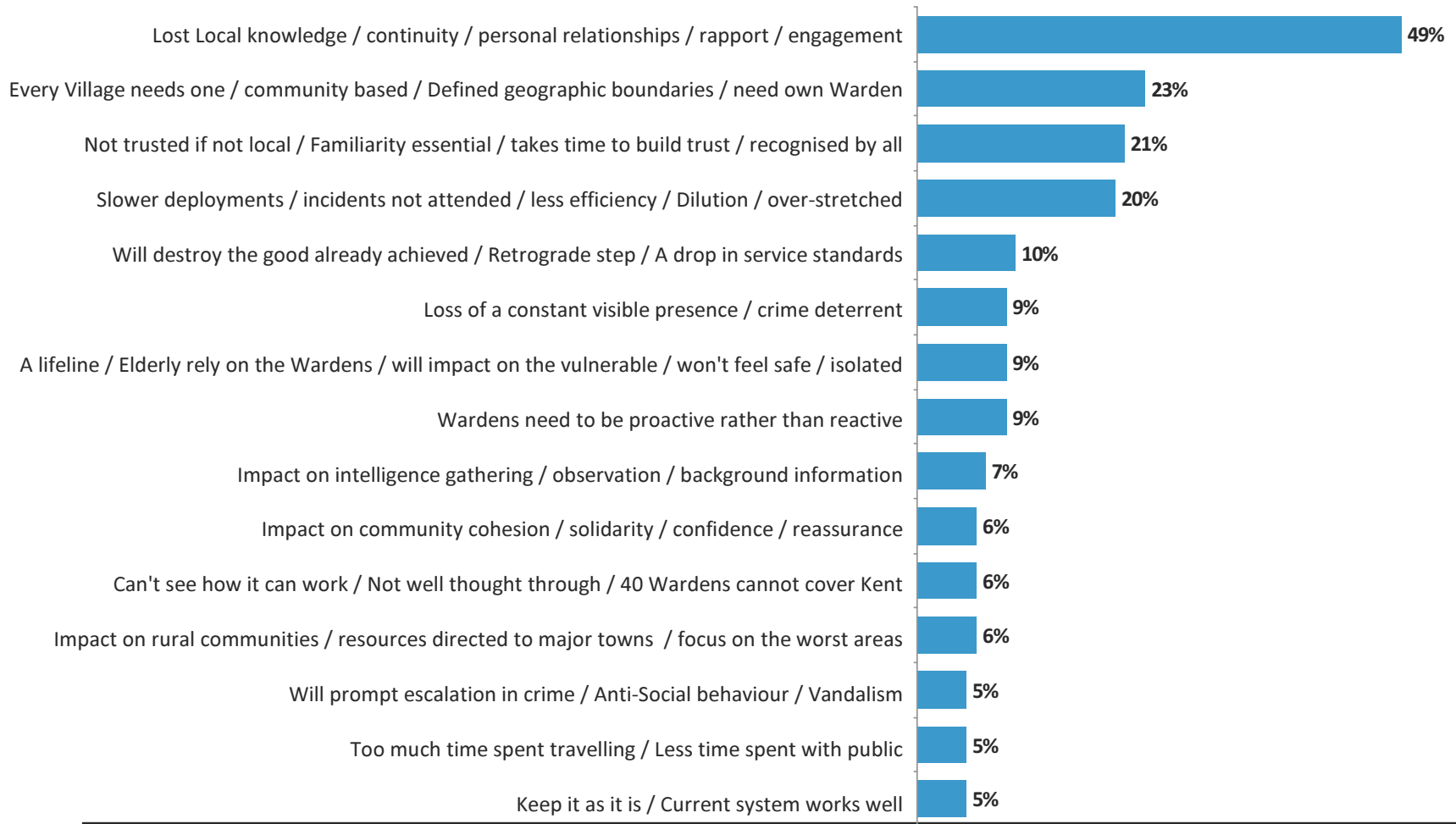
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# The loss of relevant local knowledge and relationships worry a significant majority.

## Reasons for not supporting proposal for less focus on geographic boundaries (coded)



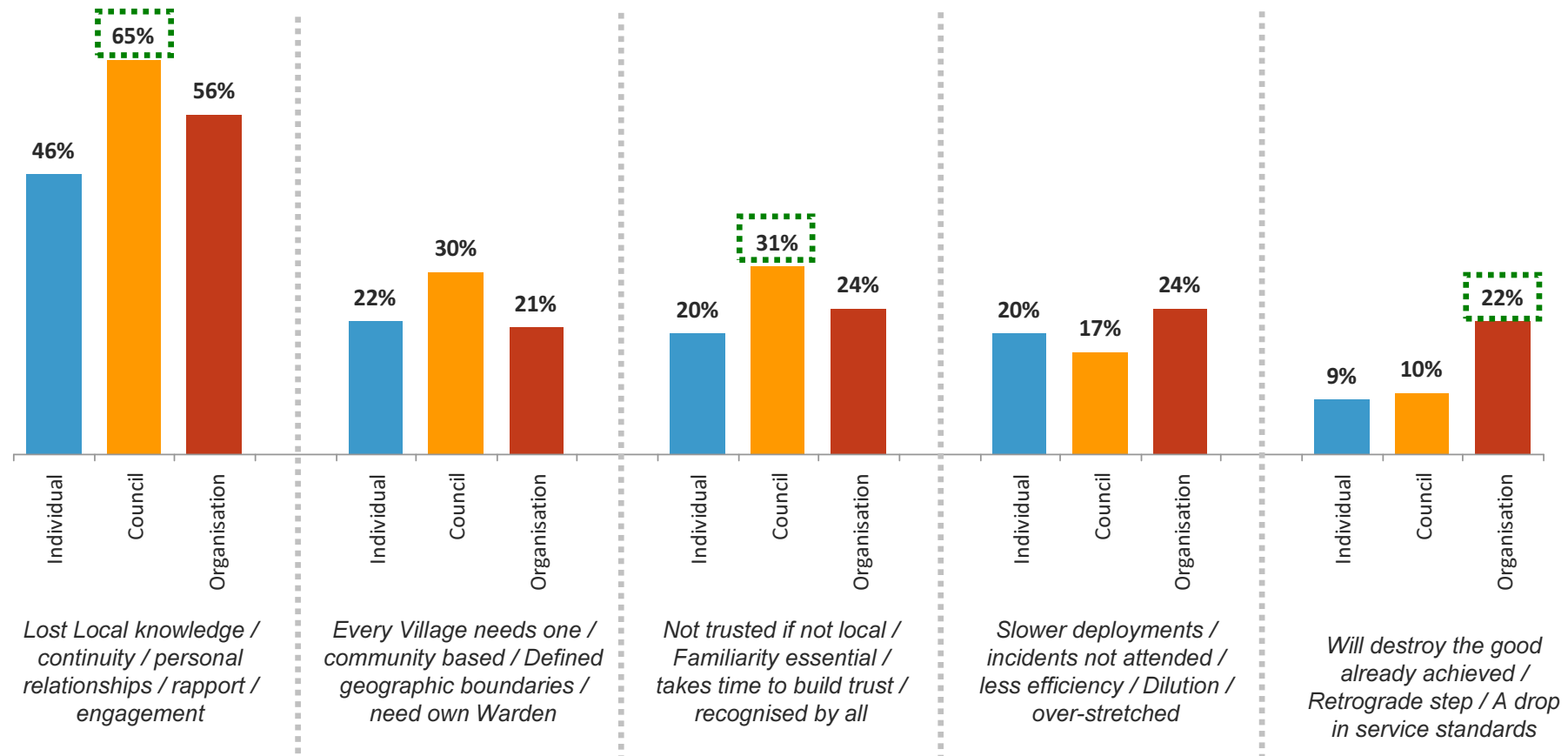
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# The loss of local knowledge and the subsequent impact on trust are a particular concern to Councils responding.

## Reasons for not supporting proposal for less focus on geographic boundaries

### Top 5 reasons by group



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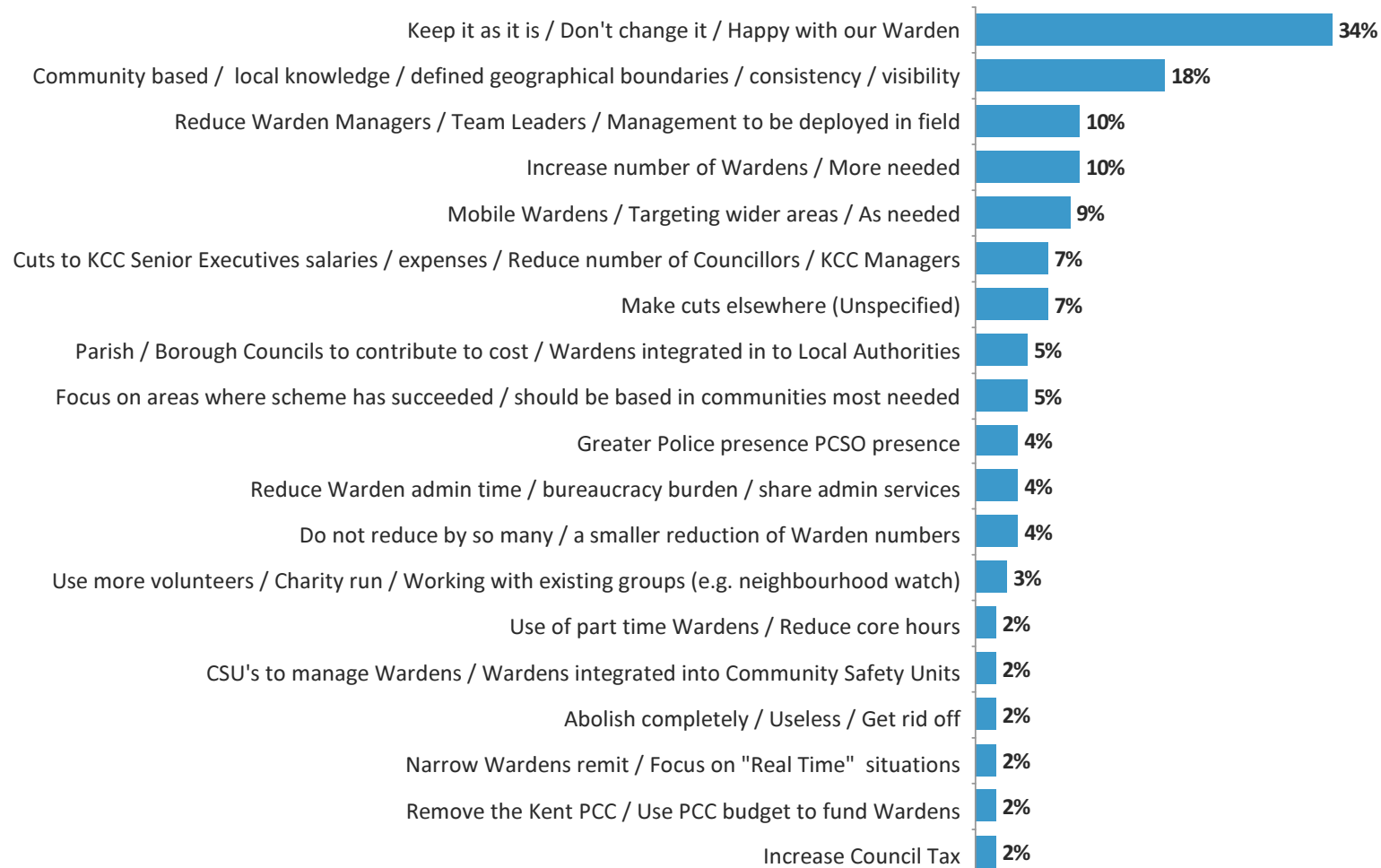
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# Few suggested additional options for consideration. Some agreement with regard to leader / manager reductions.

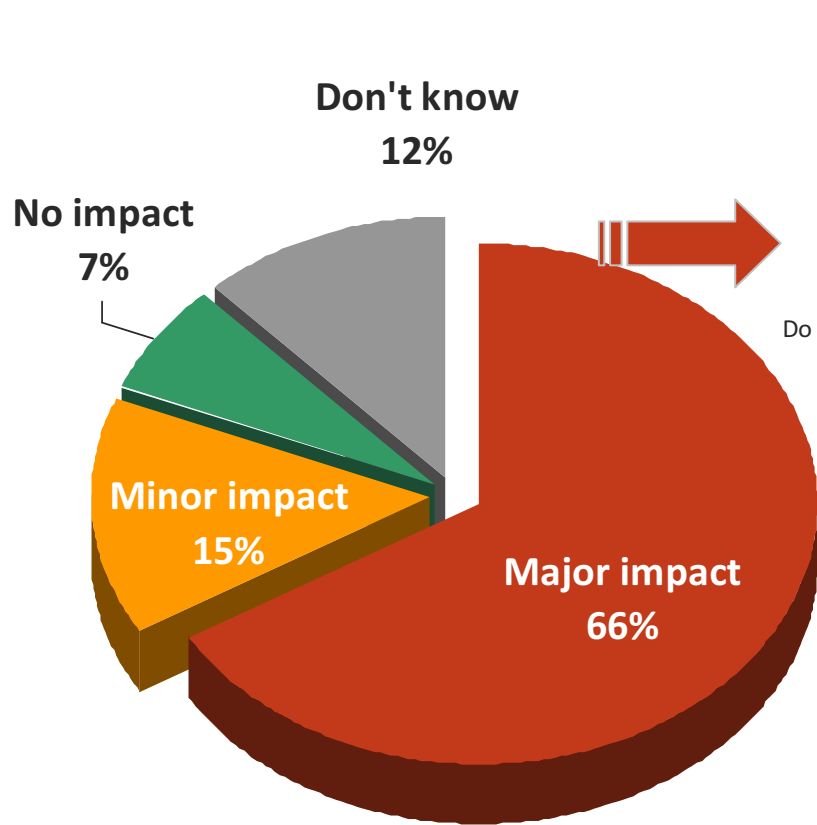
## Any other options that they would like to be considered (coded)



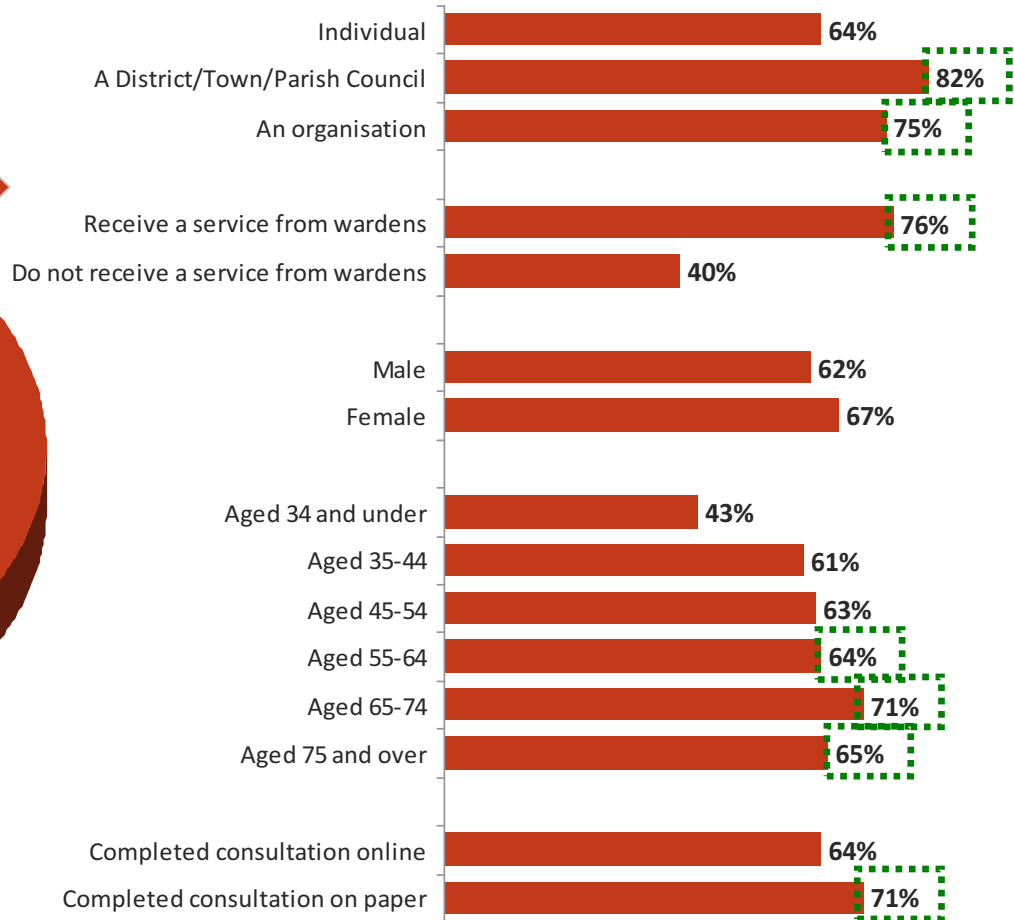
Base: All answering (597)

# Two thirds believe the proposals would have a major impact on them.

If proposals were implemented what could be the impact upon you/your organisation?



## % Major impact



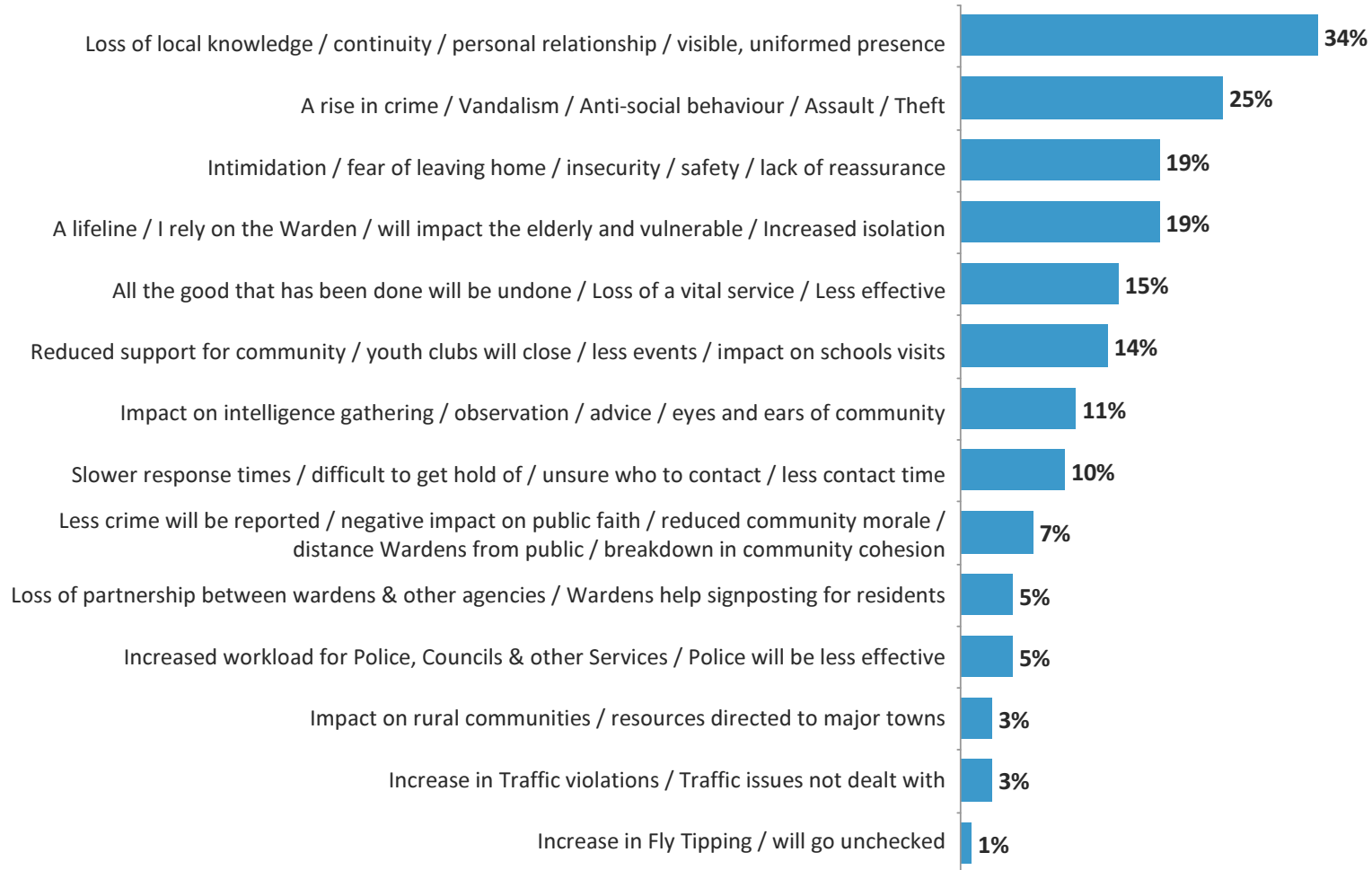
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# Responses to perceived impact echoes local knowledge / relationship and safety concerns.

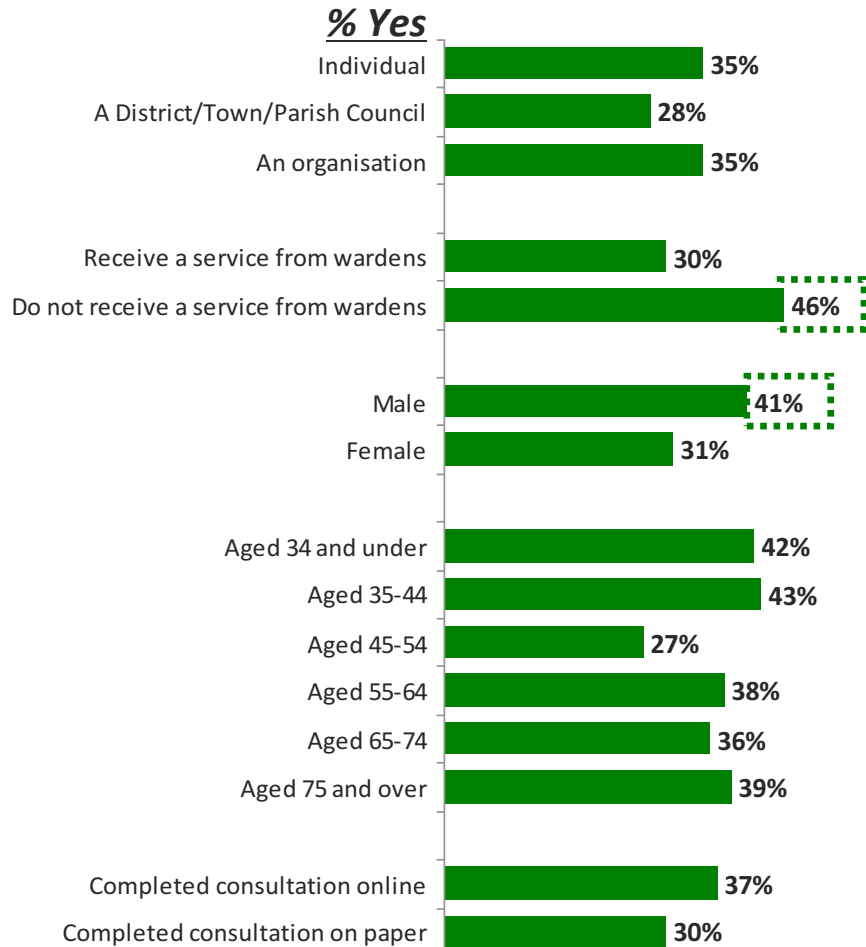
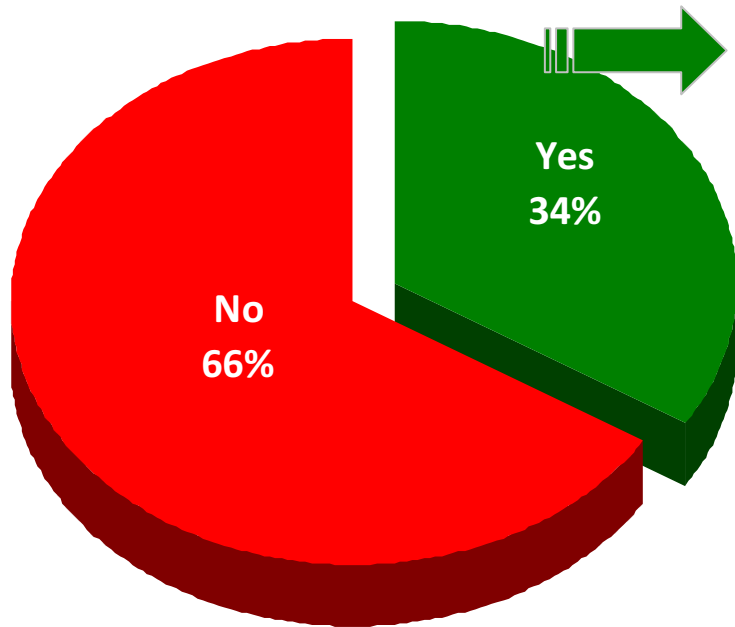
## Details of the major or minor impact upon you / your organisation (coded)



Base: All answering (597)

# 34% believe volunteers could be used to supplement the service in the future.

**In the future, do you think volunteers could be used to supplement the Community Warden service (a service similar to Special Constables)?**



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Base: All answering (1,087)

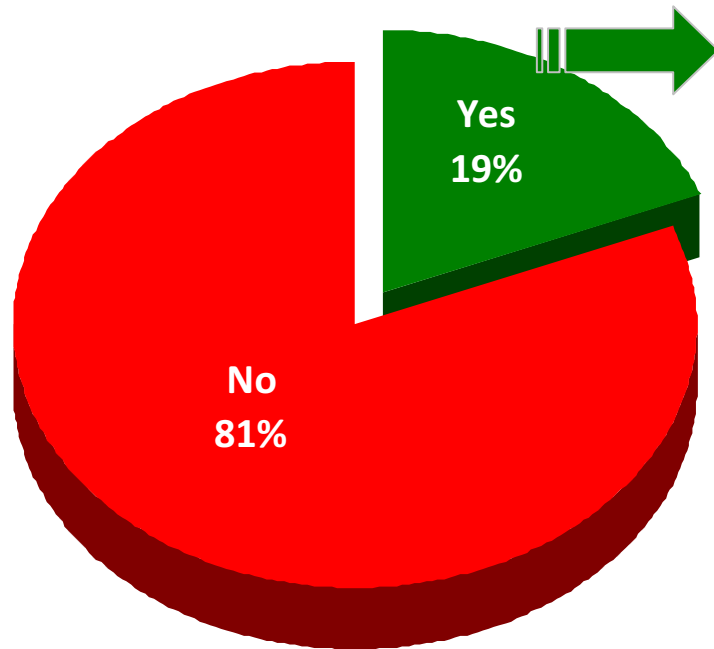
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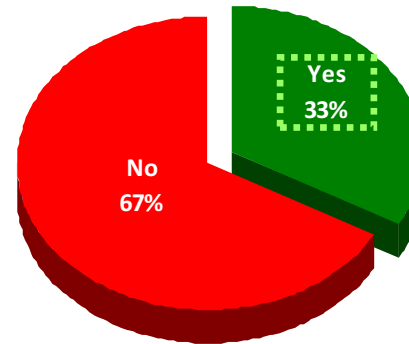
# A significantly higher proportion of Councils would consider the option of funding compared to Organisations.

Would your organisation, either individually or collectively with others, consider the option of funding a dedicated Community Warden for your area?

Overall



District/Town/Parish Council



Organisation



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Base: All answering (190)

Significantly higher at 95% confidence level to other groups

**By:** Stuart Beaumont, Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning

**To:** Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Classification:** For Information

**Subject:** Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17

**Summary** This report provides an update on the Kent Community Safety (CSA) Action Plan and the performance monitoring process. This report also includes the annual review of the countywide priorities.

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the countywide community safety priorities for 2014-17, along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities.

### Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety

### Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reducing Re-Offending
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Supporting Victims and Vulnerable Households / Individuals

1.2 The Action Plan which was agreed by the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) at the last meeting is being progressed and the Performance Monitoring framework has been finalised with a number of proxy indicators being monitored by the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). As requested by members of the KCSP in response to recent national issues, Child Sexual Exploitation is now referenced in the Agreement on page 14 along with a number of other safeguarding issues and a new action has been added to the partnership action plan. The Agreement is available on Kent.gov.

1.3 As mentioned in previous papers to the KCSP although the Community Safety Agreement covers a three year period (2014-17), the priorities are reviewed annually and refreshed as appropriate.

## 2.0 Review of the County Priorities

2.1 During 2014, KCC's Community Safety Unit sourced data from statutory partners for use by the district Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) in their strategic assessments to help identify key community safety issues. The data was compiled into a county level data pack incorporating both district, county and national figures if available.

2.2 A comparison of the volume, trends and other criteria has enabled an initial assessment of the CSA priorities to be undertaken and any new areas of concern to be identified, this will be finalised shortly but indications are that the current priorities are still relevant. Additional work has also been undertaken by the KCST to identify emerging issues that the partnership might need to take into consideration during the forthcoming year.

- 2.3 Districts are currently finalising their strategic assessments and developing plans for 2015/16, once these have been agreed and signed off at each local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting the priorities can be incorporated into the annual review of the CSA priorities.
- 2.4 At this time it is recommended that the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes remain unchanged, however, if the outcome of the local strategic assessments or further analysis raises any new issues/priorities then the CSA will need to reflect these and they will be presented at the next KCSP meeting.

### **3.0 Action Plan Progress**

- 3.1 Partners are working towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan linking in with various organisations and multi-agency groups across the county to help tackle the identified priorities and themes. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) which meets as a sub-group of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is monitoring the activities set out in the Action Plan and has reviewed the latest update at their meeting in February 2015.
- 3.2 As mentioned in section 1.2 above, Child Sexual Exploitation has been added to the action plan with the initial aim to review the refreshed Strategy that is being produced by the Kent & Medway Safeguarding Children Boards and identify areas where partners can support this area of work.
- 3.3 With regards progress at the end of quarter 3 (2014/15) work has begun on the majority of the planned activities with some being completed already. Some of the achievements to date include:
- ASB Case Management (Themis) - All 12 districts, plus Medway UA have had training for THEMIS which took place at a Partnership Training Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Local Authorities are now able to access Themis subject to completion of the vetting process.
  - ASB trigger - Local Authority websites have all been updated with details of the application process. The request made to the KCSP for county partners to provide a link to each district's trigger process has been actioned and is now available on the websites of Kent Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent County Council.
  - Domestic Abuse e-learning - an e-learning package for partners has been developed and is available for staff use via the Kent Safeguarding Children Board website.
  - IRIS project - following the successful funding bid to the KCSP, a bespoke e-learning package on safe enquiry training for GPs in Kent and Medway is currently being developed for use and should be finalised by the end of March.
  - Road Safety Campaigns - throughout December members of the CaRe (Casualty Reduction) group held a drink drive campaign, activity included arrest Tweets, town centre events and social media promotion of key messages.
  - Licence 2 Kill - this programme has taken place at 3 different venues and has been really well attended by schools with 6,000 students in attendance. Feedback via social media has been very positive and the events attracted good media coverage.
  - Alcohol Strategy - has been presented and discussed at local health and wellbeing boards and community safety partnership meetings around the county. Each local area is now working to develop an action plan which takes into account local priorities and differences.
  - ASB and E-safety school tour – the first two week run of the tour focusing on ASB and e-safety took place in February and visited 16 schools, delivered 34 shows and engaged



over 6,000 students. The tour has been partially funded by the KCSP with the next programme due to start in July 2015.

#### **4.0 Performance Monitoring**

4.1 In addition to monitoring the action plan the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is also monitoring a set of performance indicators chosen to represent the key priorities. As agreed at the last KCSP meeting the detailed report about performance data is reviewed and discussed by the KCST allowing a more operational forum in which to discuss progress and raise any concerns as well as looking at potential solutions. Any significant issues will be reported to the KCSP.

4.2 At this stage, there are no unexpected results with regards the proxy indicators, however the partnership is asked to note that the following focus areas are being monitored:

Domestic Abuse - the number of reported incidents, MARAC referrals and visitors attending domestic abuse one stop shops all continue to rise. This continues to add significant pressure to agencies (voluntary and statutory partners) that are facing reductions in staffing and resources to manage this increasing demand for services. Over the coming months work will be progressed to try to bring more resilience into the MARAC structures to deal with the number of high risk cases now being identified and referred into this process. A separate update on MARACs will be presented to the KCSP meeting.

Road Safety - early indications suggest that 2014 will record an increase against 2013 which is currently consistent with national and regional projections. The Casualty Reduction Partnership (*CaRe*) which is a multi-agency group delivering a number of collective interventions is currently working on campaigns to target specific road user groups.

#### **5.0 Next Steps**

5.1 Ongoing monitoring of the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan and Performance Measures, as well as ongoing assessment and identification of any emerging issues.

5.2 Review of the current reports from the Kent Community Safety Team with consideration given to combining the CSA update report with the general update provided by the KCST.

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

6.1 The existing priorities and cross-cutting themes within the Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 should remain unchanged at this stage subject to feedback from local assessments or further analysis.

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**To:** Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Classification:** For Information

**Subject:** Kent Community Safety Team Update

**Summary** This report provides an update on a selection of activities and projects being managed by the Kent Community Safety Team on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.

## **1.0 Background / Introduction**

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form multi-agency 'Crime and Disorder Partnerships' to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle substance misuse and reduce reoffending and the partnerships were renamed Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) operates at a County level with the overarching purpose to manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the responsible authorities in Kent and to deliver safer and stronger communities. The KCSP is supported by their multi-agency working group known as the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). The working group has a particular remit to prepare and monitor the Community Safety Agreement including the action plan and performance reports, as well as managing the Kent Community Safety fund on behalf of the governing group.

## **2.0 ASB Legislation - Community Trigger & ASB Case Management System**

- 2.1 Further to the last report presented at the KCSP meeting, KCC Community Safety has continued to assist local authorities to set the criteria and the review process for the Trigger. These are now in place in all districts as of October 2014. KCC CSU is now following this up with the collation of each district's individual review process and appeal route, which are subject to local variations.
- 2.2 The final criteria and application routes for each district trigger are available on the corresponding websites. Varying limitations with the IT software available in each district means that there are small local variations in online application processes. Partner organisations including Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner etc. were asked to place links to the application forms / processes on their websites to ensure residents can direct their requests appropriately. These are in place with further links from health and housing partners now being investigated to enable the trigger to be as widely advertised as possible.
- 2.3 The case management system known as 'Themis', which is a joint Kent Police and KCC IT project, is currently in use by both Kent Police and the Kent Community Warden Service. As of December 2014 the system was rolled out to local authorities upon completion of vetting and training. All districts including Medway have attended training with the majority completing vetting processes and having access to the live system. There are three districts

awaiting vetting before they can be allowed live access and this is expected to be finalised in the near future. Phase 3, which involves housing partners, is being discussed and a pilot is being planned although timelines are yet to be finalised.

- 2.4 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 has overhauled the existing powers and tools that are available to deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB) reducing them from 19 to 6. Work is ongoing with district and police partners to implement the powers, including the development of new policies and procedures. A workshop is being planned for May in order for districts to share case studies and best practice with their police colleagues and look at further implementation of the new powers.

### **3.0 E-safety Workshops**

- 3.1 Following last year's Kent and Medway Community Safety Conference on 'E' safety which was commissioned and funded by members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) and Medway CSP, it was agreed that any excess funding would be used to run additional e-safety workshops for partners.
- 3.2 The first workshop took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at the Police Training College with around 90 staff attending from across a variety of partner agencies. Additional funding is available for a further 5 or 6 days of training to include either short workshops or more in-depth 'train the trainer' sessions. Training will be delivered by KCC's e-safety Officer who is able to adapt the sessions as required and subject to feedback from the attendees at the first workshop, which is currently being evaluated, future events will be developed as appropriate.

### **4.0 New Psychoactive Substances**

- 4.1 A multiagency group met in January 2015, attended by Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, KCA, Trading Standards, KCC Community Safety and KCC Public Health to assess current activity in relation to New Psychoactive Substances (NPS). It was agreed that the Public Health England (PHE) Toolkit for Commissioners would be used as a framework to map current activity in Kent and highlight areas for new or further action.
- 4.2 The seven areas which PHE identify commissioners should be considering are:
- Tackling NPS supply and use
  - Prevention
  - Monitoring and information sharing
  - Responses to acute NPS problems
  - NPS interventions and treatment
  - Competence in working with NPS users
  - NPS in prisons and the children and young people's secure estate
- 4.3 KCC Trading Standards and Kent Police are already working together in partnership to tackle the sale of New Psychoactive Substances (referred to in the media as Legal Highs) and have had some success in the courts, this links to the first focus area highlighted by Public Health England. Further work is being undertaken to look at the other areas outlined in the toolkit.

## **5.0 Grant Update**

- 5.1 As outlined in the paper presented at the last meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) the majority of the £41,100 grant funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner had been allocated to a variety of projects and just two additional funding requests were awaiting agreement and sign off. All the funding has now been allocated and the year-end return has been made to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 5.2 In 2014/15 the Kent Community Safety Partnership has funded the following projects:
- ASB School tour (£10,000) – contribution to the £60,000 programme which works with young people in schools to tackle the issues of crime and ASB.
  - Domestic Homicide Reviews (£8,000) – contribution to the ongoing costs of delivering the statutory DHR process, including independent Chairs and Lessons Learnt seminars.
  - Licence 2 Kill (£5,000) – road safety education initiative aimed at young people / drivers.
  - Domestic Abuse Services Website (£1,000) – improvements to the website including a reporting function to monitor use and help identify future development needs.
  - Stop the Scammers (£2,000) – education and support for victims who have repeatedly been targeted by scammers.
  - IRIS pilot programme (*Identification and Referral to Improve Safety*) (£7,550) – bespoke e-learning package developed for safe enquiry training for Kent and Medway GPs. Pilot project to be undertaken prior to roll-out across the County.
  - Pedestrian Safety Research (£7,550) – contribution to a joint funded research project looking to provide evidence based recommendations about suitable interventions to reduce pedestrian casualties amongst young people in Kent.
- 5.3 Additional funding of £11,000 has been received by the KCSP to fund Restorative Justice (RJ) initiatives. It has been agreed by both the Chair of the KCSP and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that the funding will be used to train 10 staff members to Diploma Level 4 in Restorative Practice. Whilst there is already a pool of trained RJ facilitators the enhanced training will ensure that we have a number of champions across the County to deliver neighbourhood level restorative conferences supported by Project Salus.
- 5.4 Confirmation has been received from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) that the KCSP has been allocated a Community Safety Funding Contribution of £39,661 for 2015/16. The Kent Community Safety Team will contact partners in due course to invite funding requests for the next financial year.

## **6.0 Partner Agency Update: Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company**

- 6.1 On 1st February 2015 the provisions in the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 (ORA) came into force. The most significant change set out in the Act is to extend statutory supervision to offenders who are released from short prison sentences of less than 12 months. This means that any offender whose offence was committed on or after 1 February, and who is sentenced to a custodial term of more than 1 day, will in the future receive at least 12 months of supervision after release. As a result, there will be a gradual build up from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 of eligible individuals.
- 6.2 The Offender Rehabilitation Act also makes a number of changes to the sentencing and release framework set out in the Criminal Justice Act 2003, including expanded drug testing powers for offenders released from custody and the creation of a new Rehabilitation Activity Requirement that can be imposed on offenders serving sentences in the community.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to note the closer working arrangements of the Kent Community Safety Team and the revised reporting process to inform the partnership.

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