

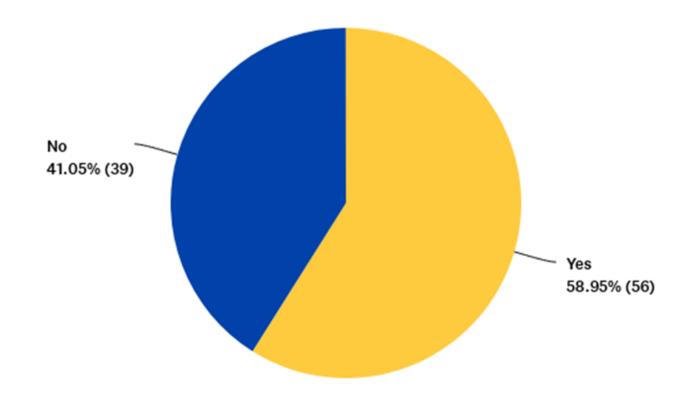
# Levy Spend, Expiry of Funds and Levy Transfers

#### Levy Spend doubles in a year

- We asked questions about levy spend, when councils expected funds to expire and how they were approaching transfers.
- Based on the data received we believe councils have spent approx. 27.1% of their total Levy funds so far
- This is up from our estimate of 14% in 18/19.
- These figures reflect current actual spend and not committed spend, which we did not ask about. This latter figure is likely to be considerably higher due to the increased volume of starts and should lead to a higher percentage of levy funds spent in future years.

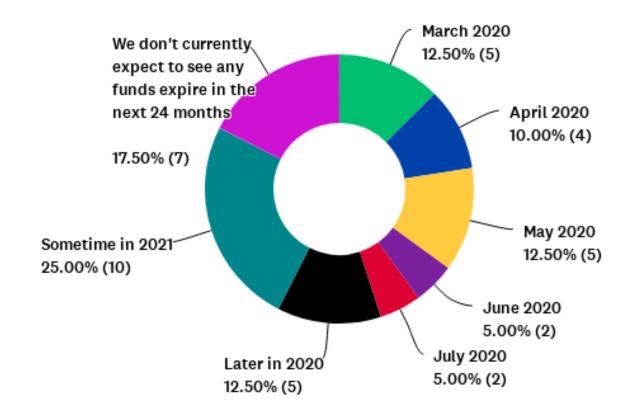
#### Three-in-five councils see funds expire...

Q10 Have you seen any of your levy funds expire since 1 April 2019?



#### ...and that will rise to 83% by end of 2020

Q11 If you have not seen any levy funds expire, please indicate which month you expect to lose your first funds

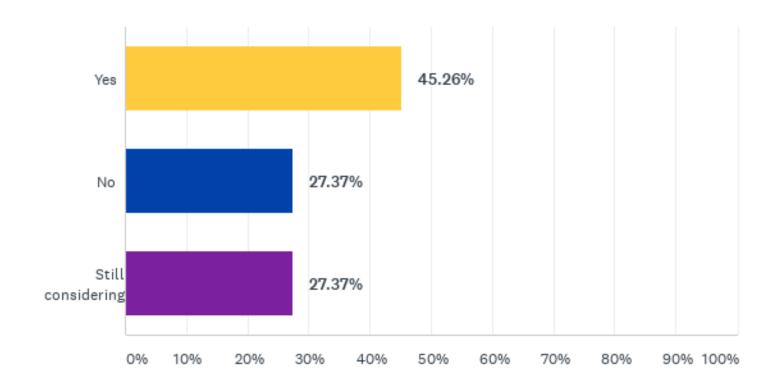


## **Extent of Levy Losses**

- 89 councils provided figures on how much of their levy pot they had lost to funds expiring
- £13.74m had been returned to HMT by these councils since May 2019, an average loss of £155k
- Extrapolated across the whole sector, we estimate around £23.2m has been returned to government unspent so far by local government between May 2019 and March 2020, an average of £2.1m per month and growing

# Levy Transfers prove more popular

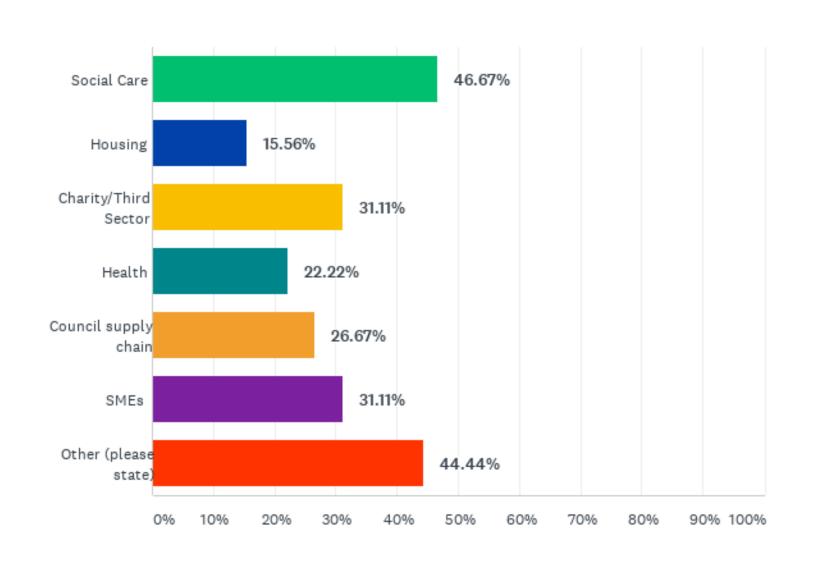
Q13 Has your council transferred any levy funds to another employer?



### **Levy Transfers: The facts**

- At least 43 councils have transferred funds to another employer
- Across these councils, £2.5m has been transferred to 339 employers to fund 609 apprenticeship starts
- The average council across the sector has transferred £28k to 4 employers to fund 7 apprenticeships
- Extrapolated across the whole sector we estimate local government has transferred as much as £4.2m to around 600 employers to fund around 1,000 starts

#### Q17 Which sectors have you supported? Please tick all that apply



#### Most will only use part of transfer allowance

Q18 Do you expect to use the full 25% transfer allowance in 19/20?

