



Sustainability Reporting Frameworks for Local Government

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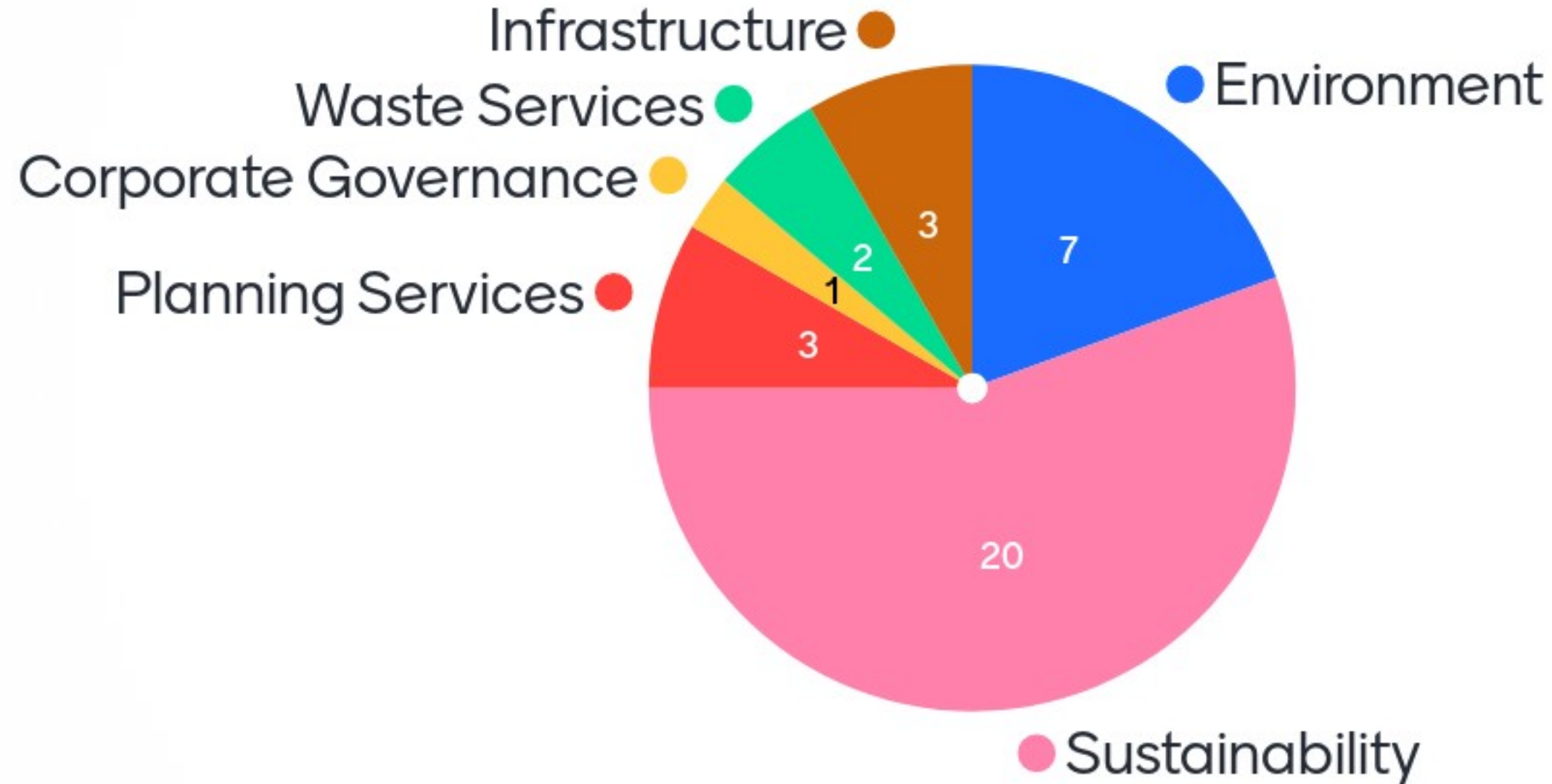
If you were going on a holiday, what type of accommodation would you choose?



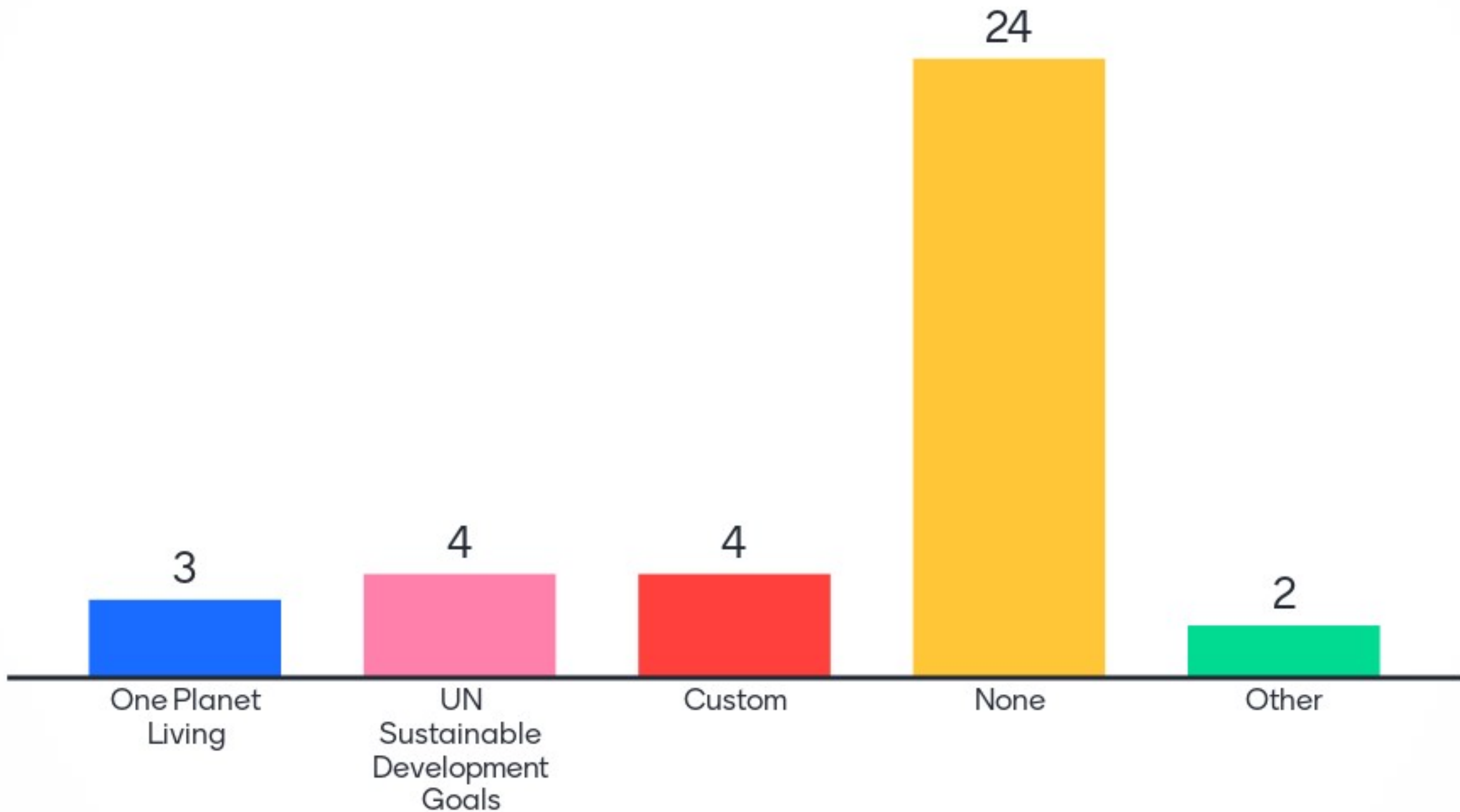
Which Local Government do you work for?



What area do you work in?



Which Sustainability Reporting Framework do you use?



What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

SDGs

Emissions

Key sustainability targets

Renewable energy

Core information to demonstrate how the organisation is meeting its sustainability goals.

Social, environmental, economic and governance indicators

Objectives, indicators and targets

Sustainable Economic indicators

Guidance and Benchmarks



What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

SDG/DRI looks pretty good.
Should be incorporated into LG
corporate reporting framework

targets and measures, progress

Clear and understandable
targets across all aspects of
sustainability

A holistic snapshot

clear goals/targets, indicators
easy to measure

Progress view

Strategic community plan objectives since this is a
common framework... Sustainable Development Goals
but in an opt-in format

The ability to demonstrate the financial, social and
environmental benefits / business case for investment
into sustainability. Tracking of progress over time.
Simplicity.

action plans

What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

Reporting that integrated with other reporting tools eg. CDP, Waterwise councils

SDG's, indicators, benchmarking

indicators and systems to monitor/collect data

SDGs, Waste, Water, Energy, Emissions, sustainable development, benchmarks

Should link to corporate & business plan, key targets, indicators, guidance and - Global reporting Initiative which has KPI's set for reporting

Easy and accessible for end user

objectives, indicators and targets, supported by good consistent data

Retention of Native Bushland
Increased wetland & waterway buffers (30m is simply not enough!)

goals strategies outcomes links to strategic community plans

What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

Strong linkage to Strategic Community Planning

Capacity to benchmark

The objectives with the strategic community plan.

Transparency for internal and external audience

Easily replicatable

Transparent

User friendly, easy to communicate and understand

accurate

achievable



What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

Visual

Simple

concise

Easy to use

Integrated planning framework from the department to include linkage with SDG

Simple

meaningful

Easy to use, fit for purpose, good visual display

Good graphics



What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

reliable

Cost and time

measuring

getting people to care about it

Challenging the belief that being sustainable will stop development and economic growth.

Time spent on reporting

Sufficient resources

Sharing reporting burden

obtaining data

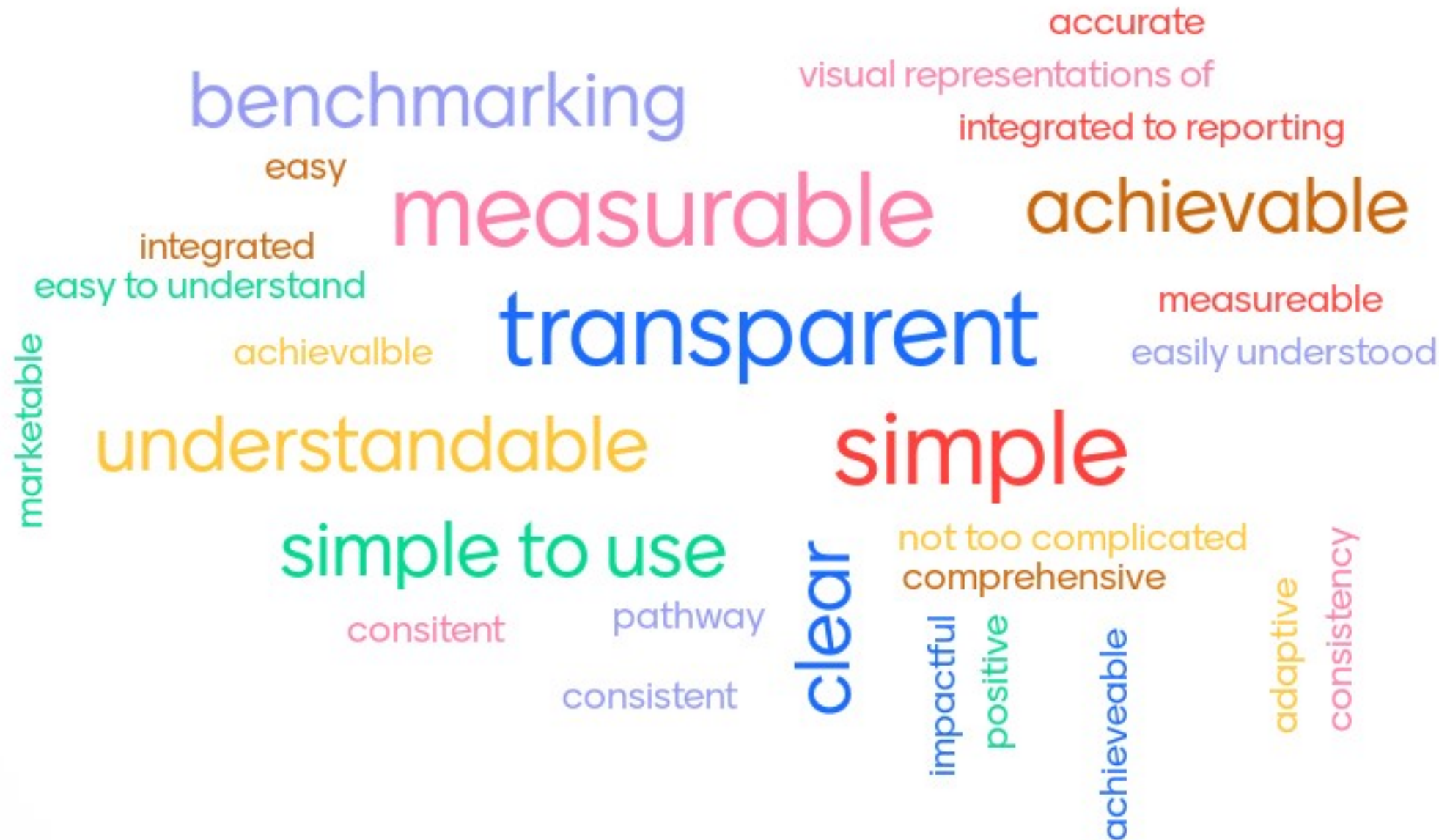
What do you think a Sustainability Reporting Framework should contain?

It has to be concise as the recipients won't read a long document

Excellent. I'm based regionally and feel professionally isolated, so this sort of Webinar is really valuable. Thanks and it was very well run. Inspiring and has motivated me to keep challenging norms and promoting Sustainability.



What words would you use to describe your ideal Sustainability Reporting Framework?



What do you think are the biggest challenges in adopting a Sustainability Reporting Framework?

Top down buy-in

Resources and time

buy in

Cost

Lack of resources and knowledge

Measuring Successes

cost

Executive buy-in.

Organisation wide support and involvement

What do you think are the biggest challenges in adopting a Sustainability Reporting Framework?

systems and resources to manage it

Organisational priorities

Getting buy-in

Buy in from executive level

getting everyone on board to accept and use properly

Too onerous and costly to report on

Environment has 66% stacked against it (triple bottom line)

Getting your Council to understand and VALUE it

willingness of officers to measure and report

What do you think are the biggest challenges in adopting a Sustainability Reporting Framework?

resources and expertise

Too many are not developed with local government in mind. Most are overly complex. Most are onerous. Most are costly.

Using relevant indicators that relate to existing projects and business areas

Consistency

Keeping great staff (miss you Mel!!!)

Making it specific for lg's

Internal resourcing

Resourcing

buy in from council



What do you think are the biggest challenges in adopting a Sustainability Reporting Framework?

Complexity can lead to high costs of operation and may be preclusive for some smaller LG

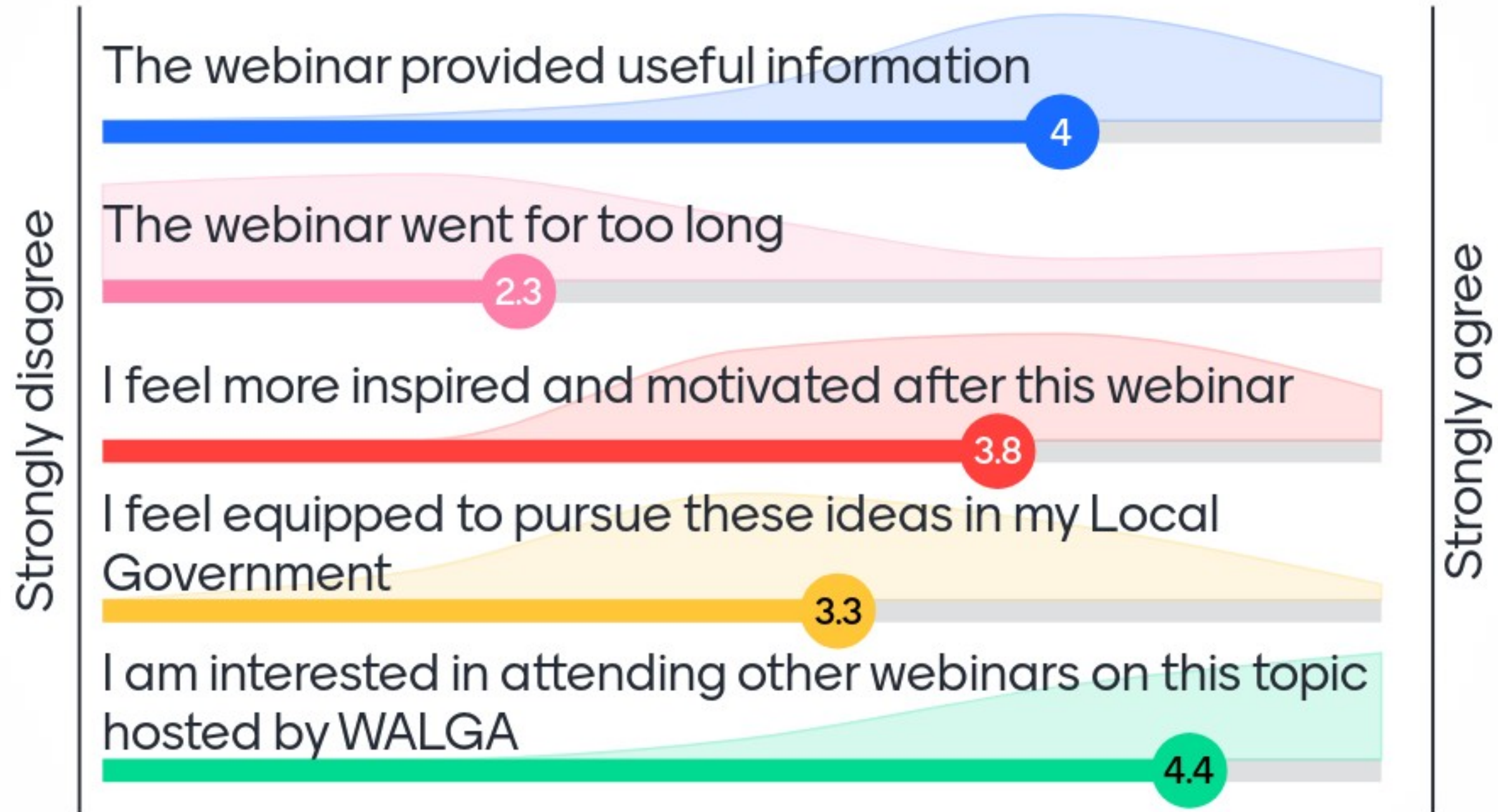
Staff time Lack of understanding
Other priorities

Buy in from Council

Organisational buy-in



Reflection/feedback





Thank you to our speakers and audience for your participation. We look forward to your attendance at our next one!

