

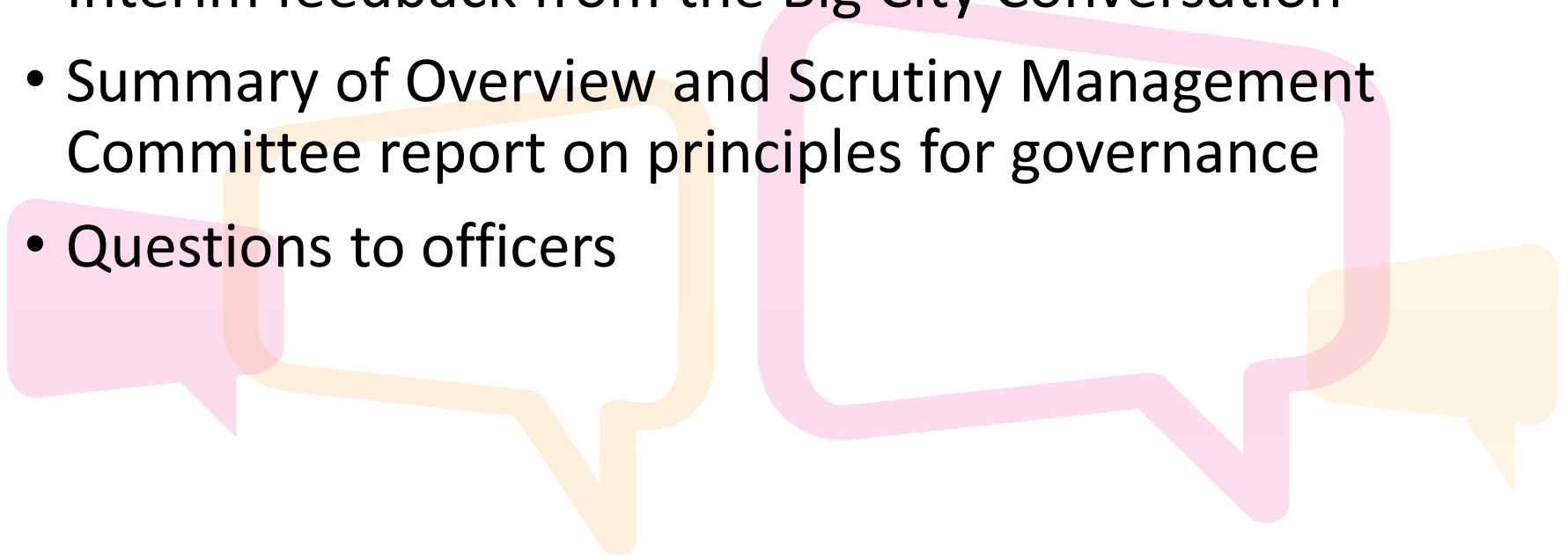
Decision-making and governance Feedback from the Big City Conversation

Full Council – 8 January 2020



Today

- Background and timeline
- Interim feedback from the Big City Conversation
- Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee report on principles for governance
- Questions to officers



Reminder

- July 2019 – Full Council asked the Deputy Leader to work with OSMC and bring a report back within 6 months
- August 2019 – Valid petition received from It's Our City triggering referendum
- October 2019 – Big City Conversation launched
- October to December 2019 – OSMC process to develop governance principles
- **8 January 2020 – Full Council debate on BCC findings and governance principles**
- By 11 March 2020 – Cabinet agrees a proposal for the governance models to be voted on in the referendum
- 7 May 2020 - referendum

Big City Conversation

What is it?

- Talking to people in every part of the city about the issues that matter to them
- How Sheffielders:
 - Want get involved in their local community and local issues
 - Want to influence decision making

Big City Conversation: approach

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Big City Conversation – pop-up events

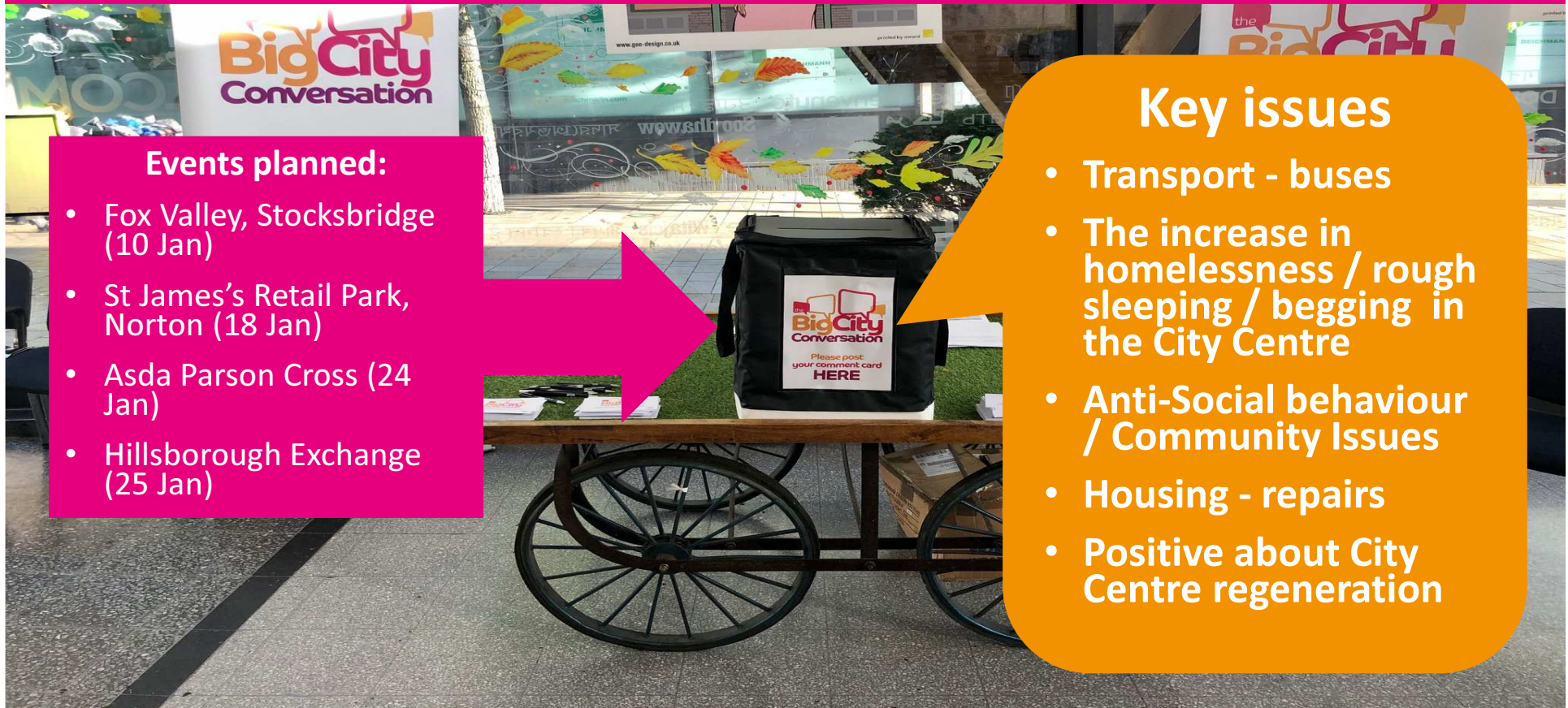
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Events planned:

- Fox Valley, Stocksbridge (10 Jan)
- St James's Retail Park, Norton (18 Jan)
- Asda Parson Cross (24 Jan)
- Hillsborough Exchange (25 Jan)

Key issues

- Transport - buses
- The increase in homelessness / rough sleeping / begging in the City Centre
- Anti-Social behaviour / Community Issues
- Housing - repairs
- Positive about City Centre regeneration



Big City Conversation – online survey



Big City Conversation

Overview

This is the online component of the Big City Conversation in Sheffield.

Sheffield City Council are having a Big City Conversation with citizens, partners, community groups and other stakeholders across the city over the coming months.

We want to hear from Sheffields from every part of the city about the issues that matter to them, their communities and neighbourhoods, and how the Council serves the city.

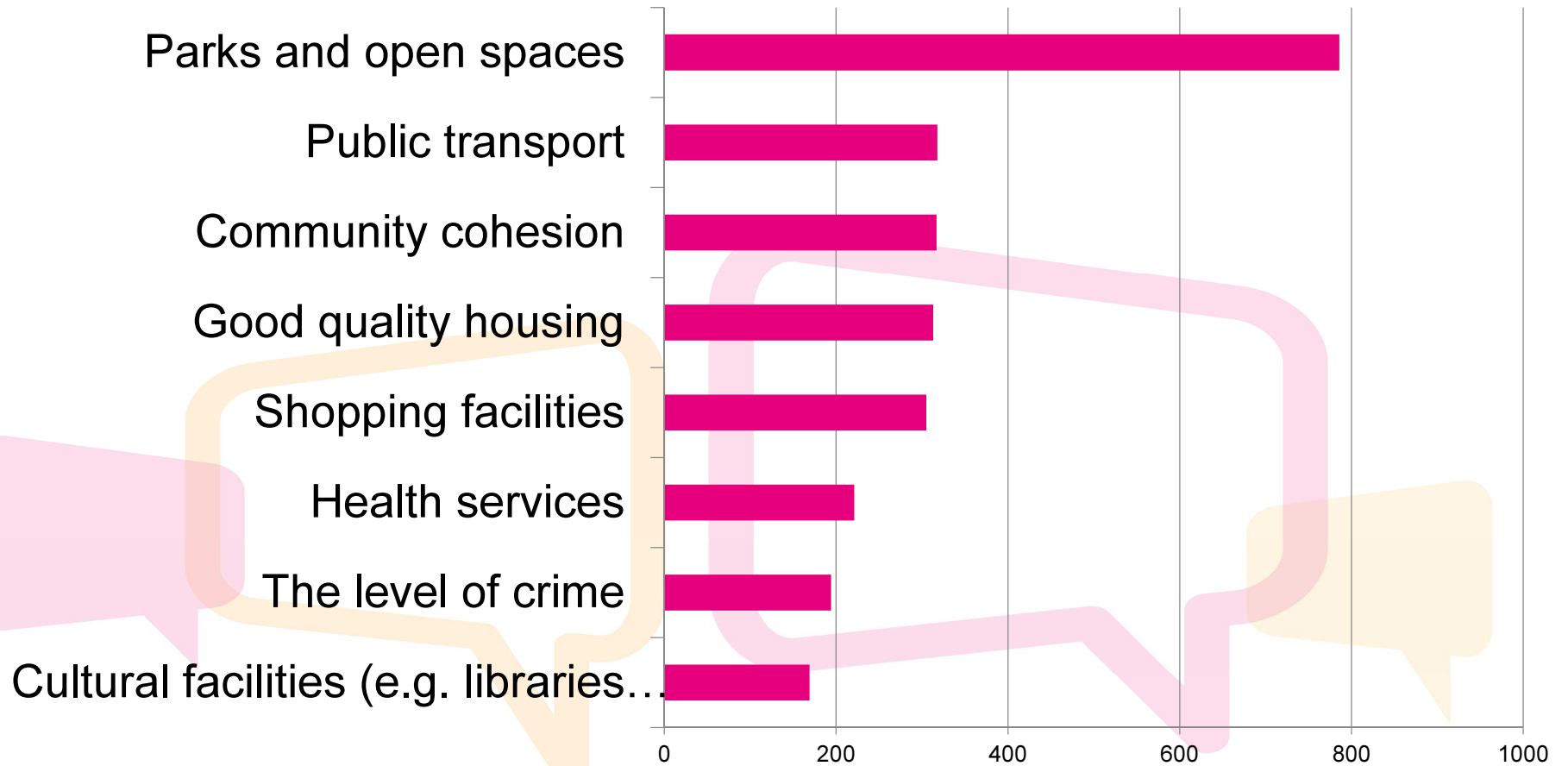
Key questions

- Issues in local areas and priorities for improvement
- Involvement in community issues and how people would like to get involved
- Influence on decision making and how people want to get involved
- Ideas for how to get involved in decisions and how to hold public services to account

Big City Conversation: current responses

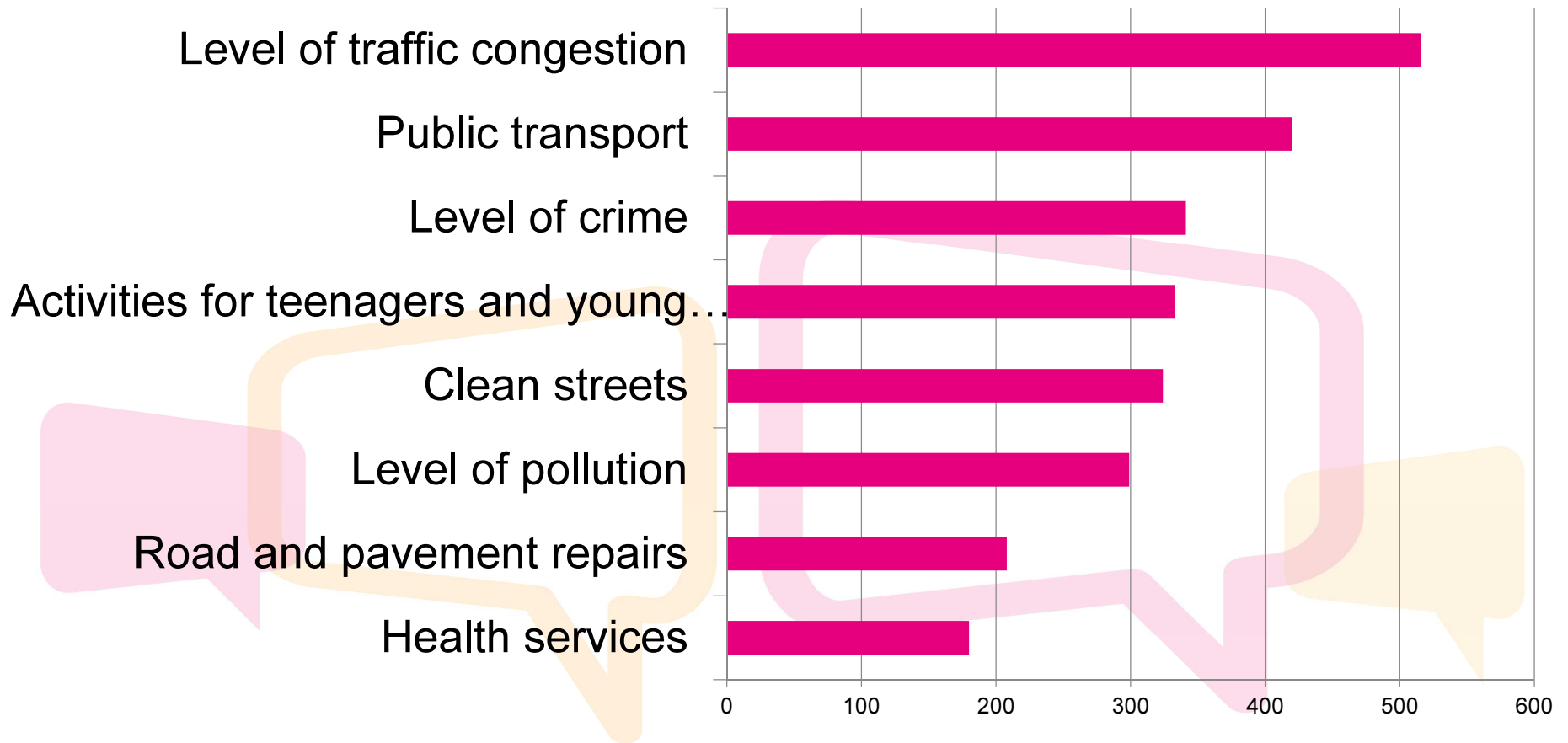
- Over 2,200 people have engaged with the Big City Conversation
- Survey is live until mid-January
- 1,322 responses (to 20th December)
- Will ultimately analyse alongside the wider material from the face-to-face discussions.

What do people like best about where they live?



...and what most needs improving

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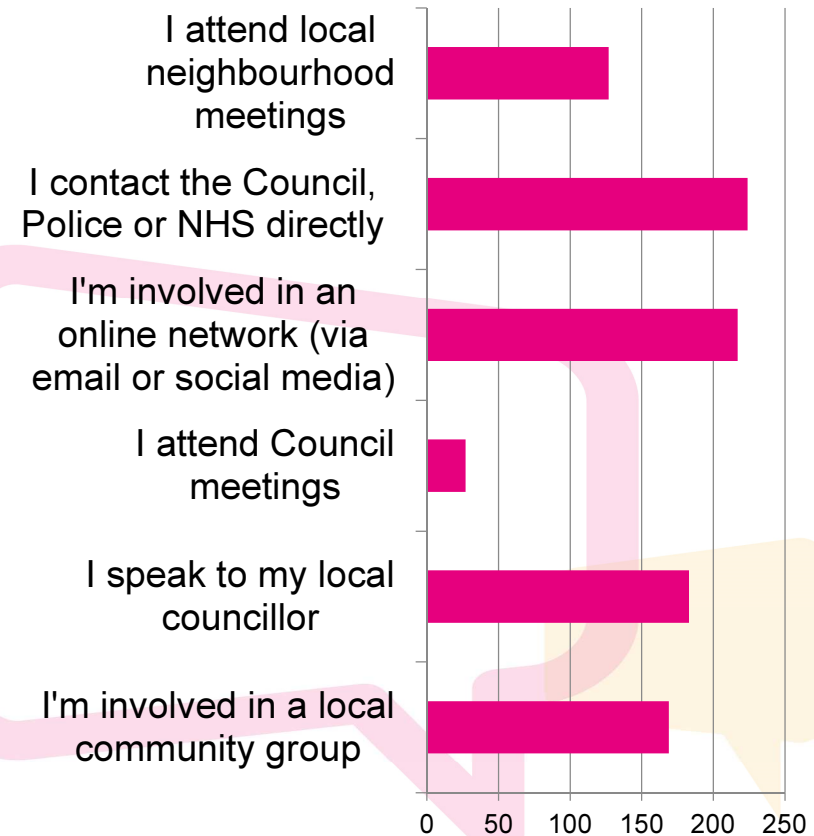


How well informed people feel

	Informed	Not well informed	Don't know
How decisions are made about local area	23%	73%	2%
Standard of service you should expect from local public services	37%	60%	3%
How well public services are performing	22%	73%	4%
How to complain about local public services	39%	57%	3%
About local public services overall	26%	72%	1%

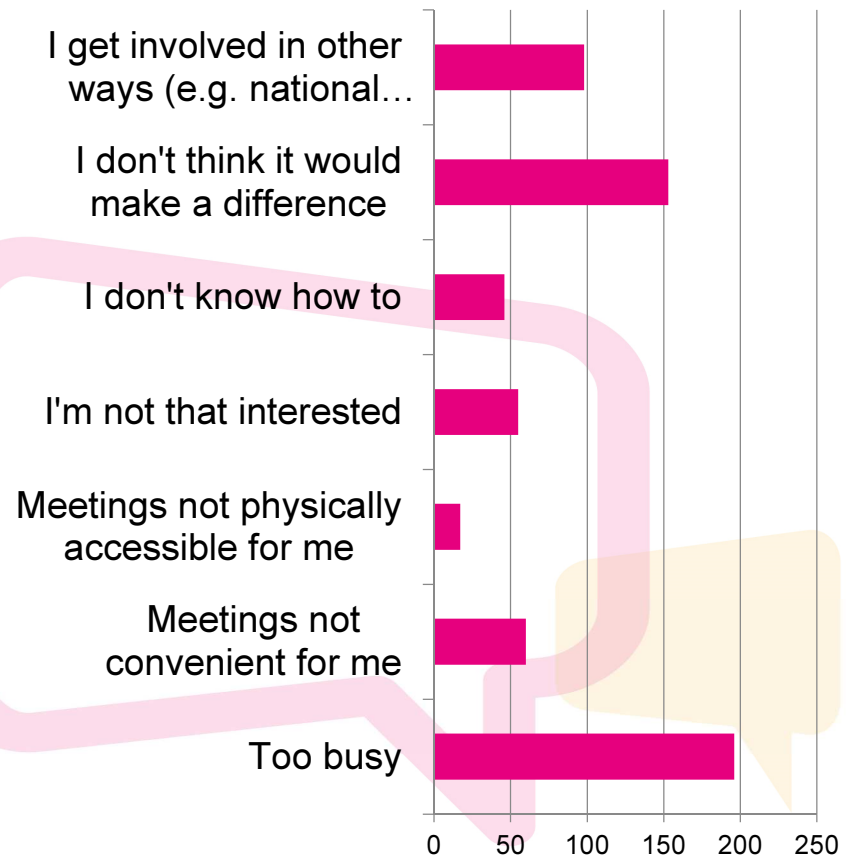
Getting involved in local issues...

- **36%** of respondents say that they get involved in local issues in their communities (63% don't).
- Fairly even mix of ways that people choose to get involved – but very few attend council meetings.
- Those that do get involved are sceptical that it makes a difference (29%).

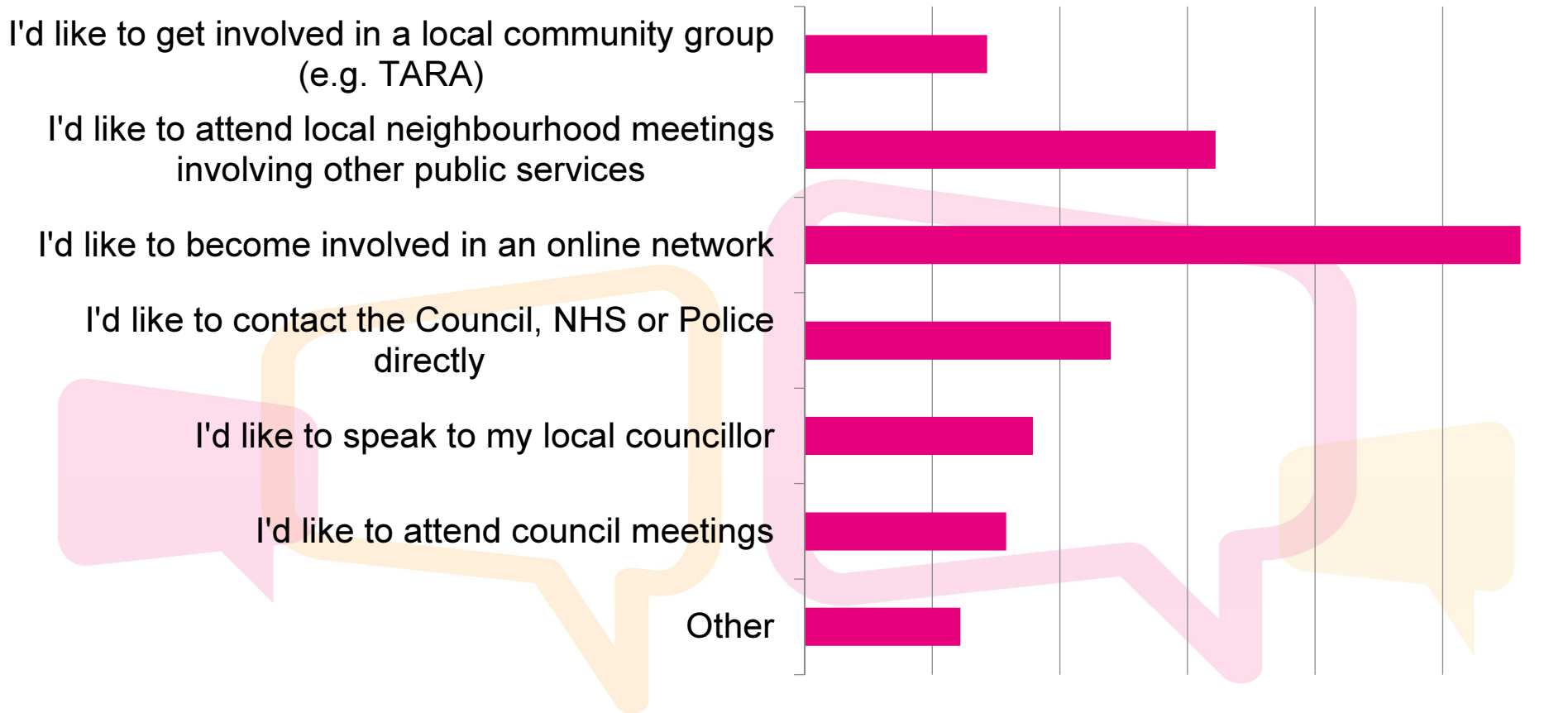


Getting involved in local issues...

- Of those that don't get involved in local issues, the main reasons are that they:
 - are too busy
 - Don't think it would make a difference
 - Get involved in other ways (eg. national campaigns)

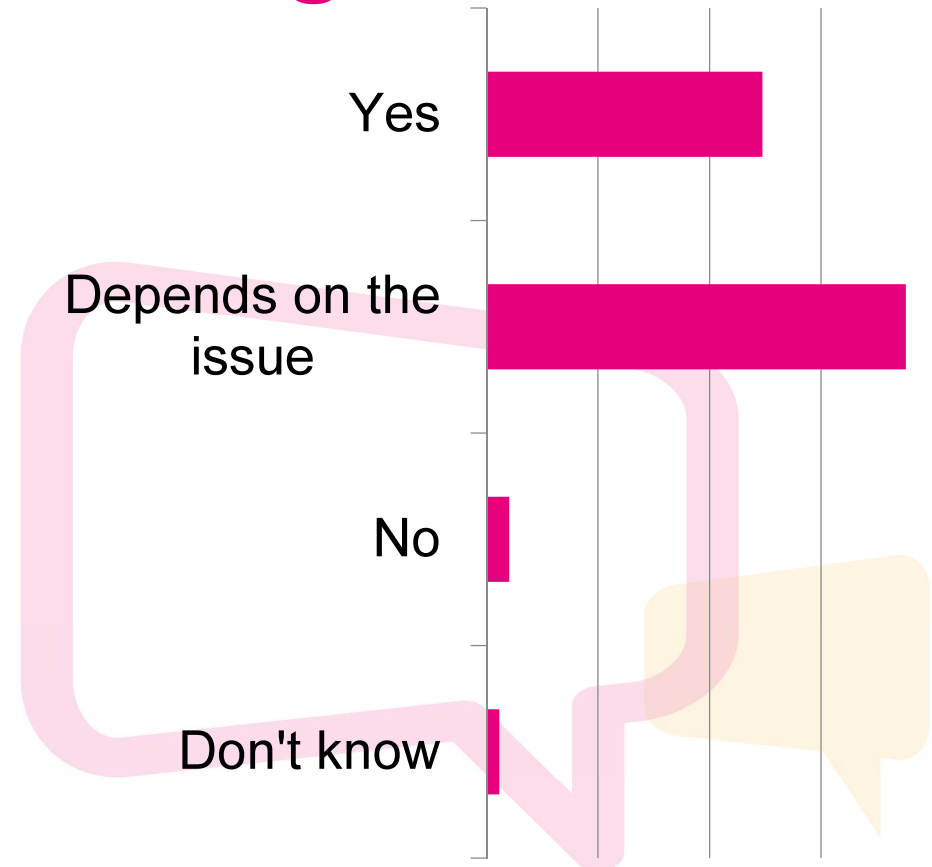


Finding out more about local services/decisions



Influencing decision making

- Around 60% of respondents disagree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.
- 37% would generally like to be more involved in local decision making but most specify that it depends on the issue (58%).



OSMC: report on principles for governance – scope and approach

- Tasked with developing principles against which any governance model can be tested
- Select Committee style approach
- Online call for evidence
- Oral evidence from a wide range of partners and stakeholders
- Report agreed by committee on 18 December and published along with the evidence submitted

OSMC: report on principles for governance – key finding

“There is no ‘perfect’ governance structure – there are advantages and disadvantages to all models – it is how we operate within those structures that will ultimately determine how successful they are.”

OSMC: report on principles for governance – agreed principles

Sheffield City Council:

- is a trusted organisation where decisions are taken in an open and transparent way, and accountability is clear
- is a council where all councillors are involved in and able to influence decision making
- engages, involves and listens to citizens, communities and partners
- has a modern and responsive approach to governance which reflects the increasingly complex policy making environment
- is a reflective council that is committed to continuously improving governance

Reminder

- Next step is to develop proposal(s) to help inform the choice that people will make in the referendum
- This must be published by 11 March 2020
- Should be informed by these principles (if Full Council endorse them)

Questions?

