



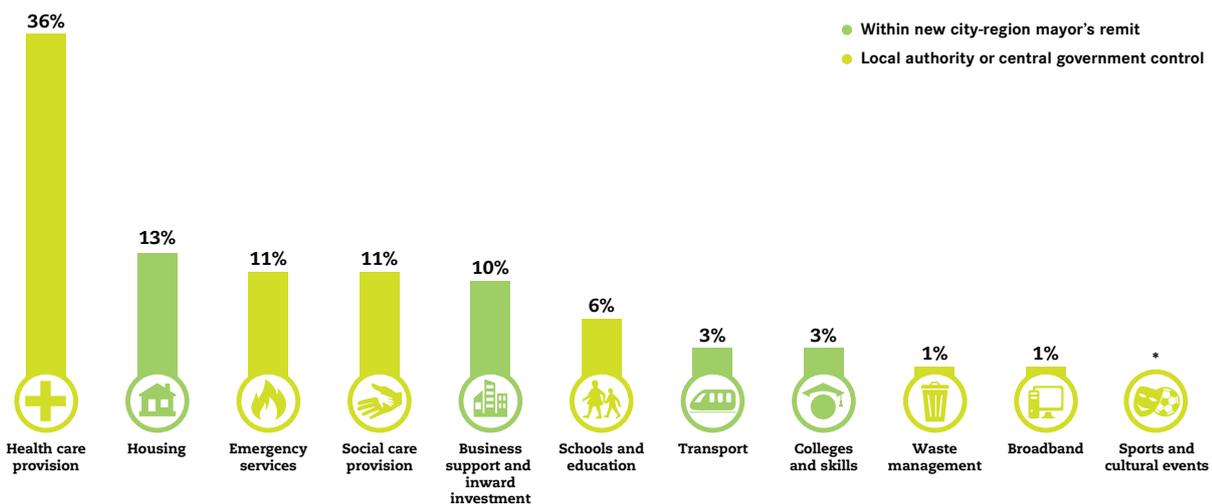
What do people in Tees Valley want from their new Mayor?

We commissioned ComRes to survey 300 people across Tees Valley city region on their attitudes to the new Mayor, who will be elected in May 2017. Here are some of the main findings from the poll.

Local priorities

Over a third (36 per cent) of adults in Tees Valley think that health care provision should be the most important priority for local politicians. Of the policy areas within the Mayor’s remit, housing (13 per cent) and business support (10 per cent) are a higher priority for people than transport or adult skills (both 3 per cent).

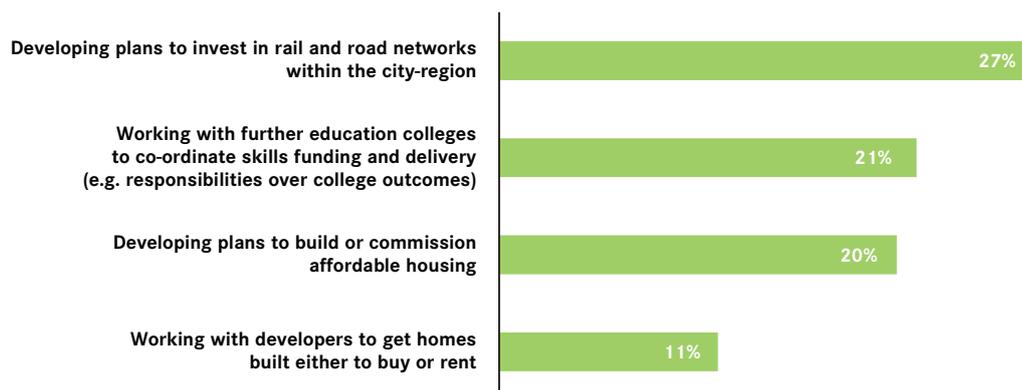
Figure 1: Which, if any, of the following issues do you think should be the most important priority for politicians in your city at the moment?



Source: ComRes. Average first preference of adults across Tees Valley (n=300)

However, when minds are focused on the specific powers that the new Mayor will have, a quarter (27 per cent) say that investing in rail and road networks should be the top priority for the Mayor. A significant number also think the Mayor should prioritise adult skills (21 per cent) and affordable housing (20 per cent).

Figure 2: Of the powers that the new Mayor will have, which of the following issues, if any, do you think should be her/his top priority in their first 100 days?

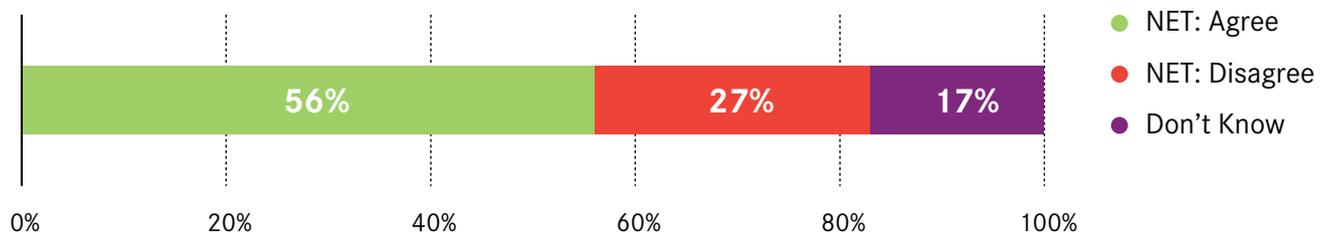


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Mayoral powers

More than half of adults from Tees Valley (56 per cent) say that they agree that the new Mayor should have greater powers than local council leaders.

Figure 3: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that the new Mayor should have greater powers than local council leaders?

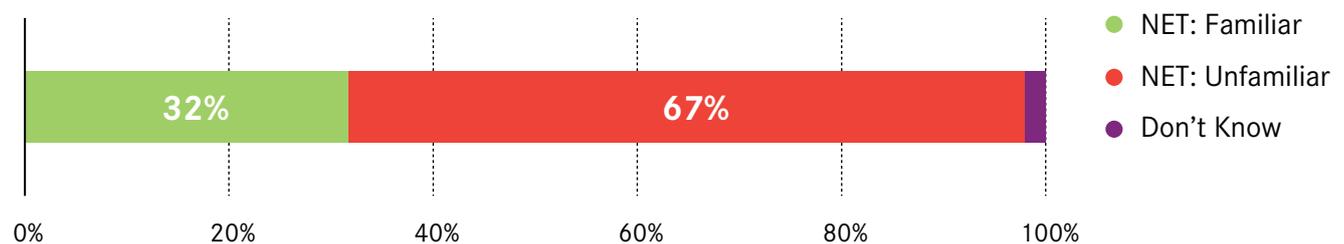


Source: ComRes. All adults in Tees Valley (n=300). Percentages are rounded.

Awareness

Just under a third (32 per cent) of adults in Tees Valley say they were previously familiar with the plans to introduce a new Mayor for their region.

Figure 4: To what extent, if at all, were you previously familiar or unfamiliar with the plans to introduce a new Mayor for the city-region?



Source: ComRes. All adults in Tees Valley (n=300).

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