



# Launch of the Stronger Communities Agenda

## Survey outcomes

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# The survey

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- The aim of the survey is to better understand the range and scope of LA responses to the stronger communities agenda
- The survey results will influence the RIEPs programme and delivery plan
- 35% of LAs in the South West completed a survey



## Past activity on the stronger communities agenda

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- The most important community empowerment issue is improving the quality of services for users
- Involving all different groups of society to participate in this agenda was considered important
- 3rd of respondents have a strategy specifically on community empowerment



# Response to the White Paper

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- The WP had the most significant impact on how councils tackle the issue of enabling citizens to influence local decision-making
- Improving the ways that citizens might hold the council to account was being reviewed by half respondents
- Support and training is sought on networking to improve engagement with the third sector
- Most local authorities have a specific officer charged with developing engagement with the third sector