



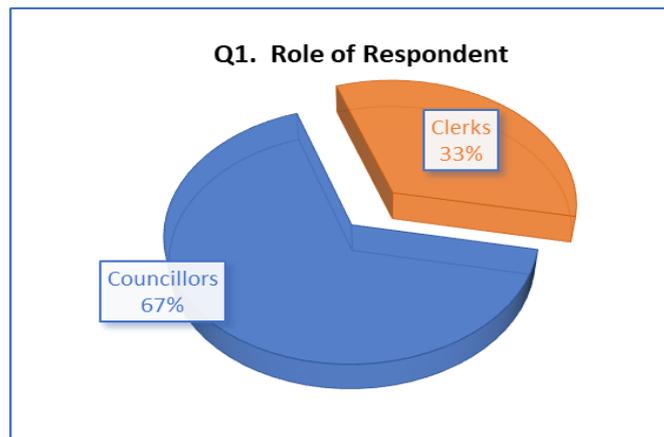
**DAPTC Towns and Larger Councils Committee Survey –  
Summary of responses**

March 2021

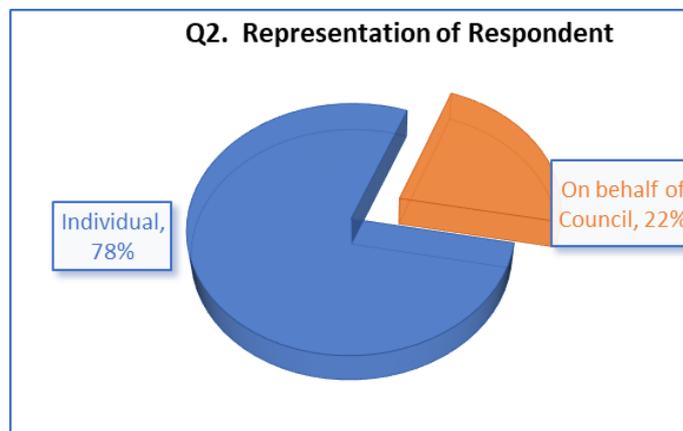
**Towns & Larger Councils Committee Information & No. of Responses received**

Committee Details		No. of Councils responding		No. of Responses	
Committee	No. of councils who are invited to attend?	No. of Councils responding	% of councils responding	No. of Representatives (from DAPTC Reps database)	No. of Responses to Survey
Towns & Larger Councils	26	9	35%	46	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>

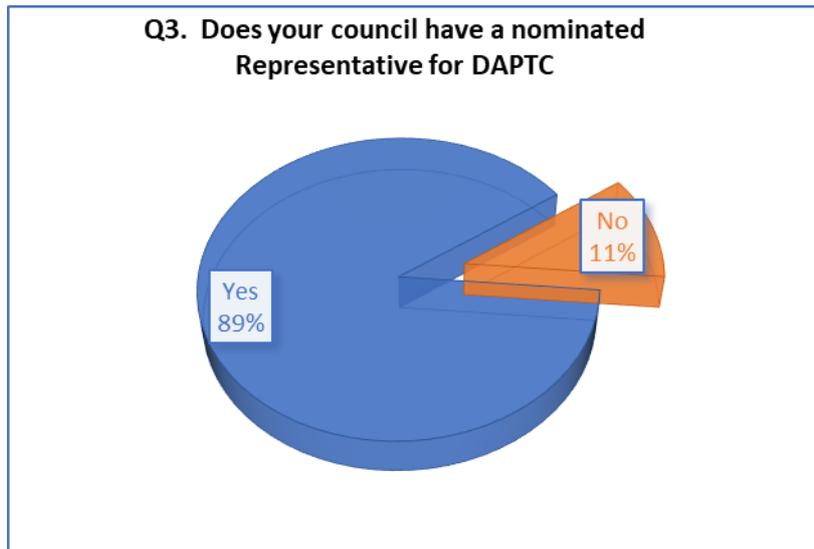
**Q1. Role of Respondent**



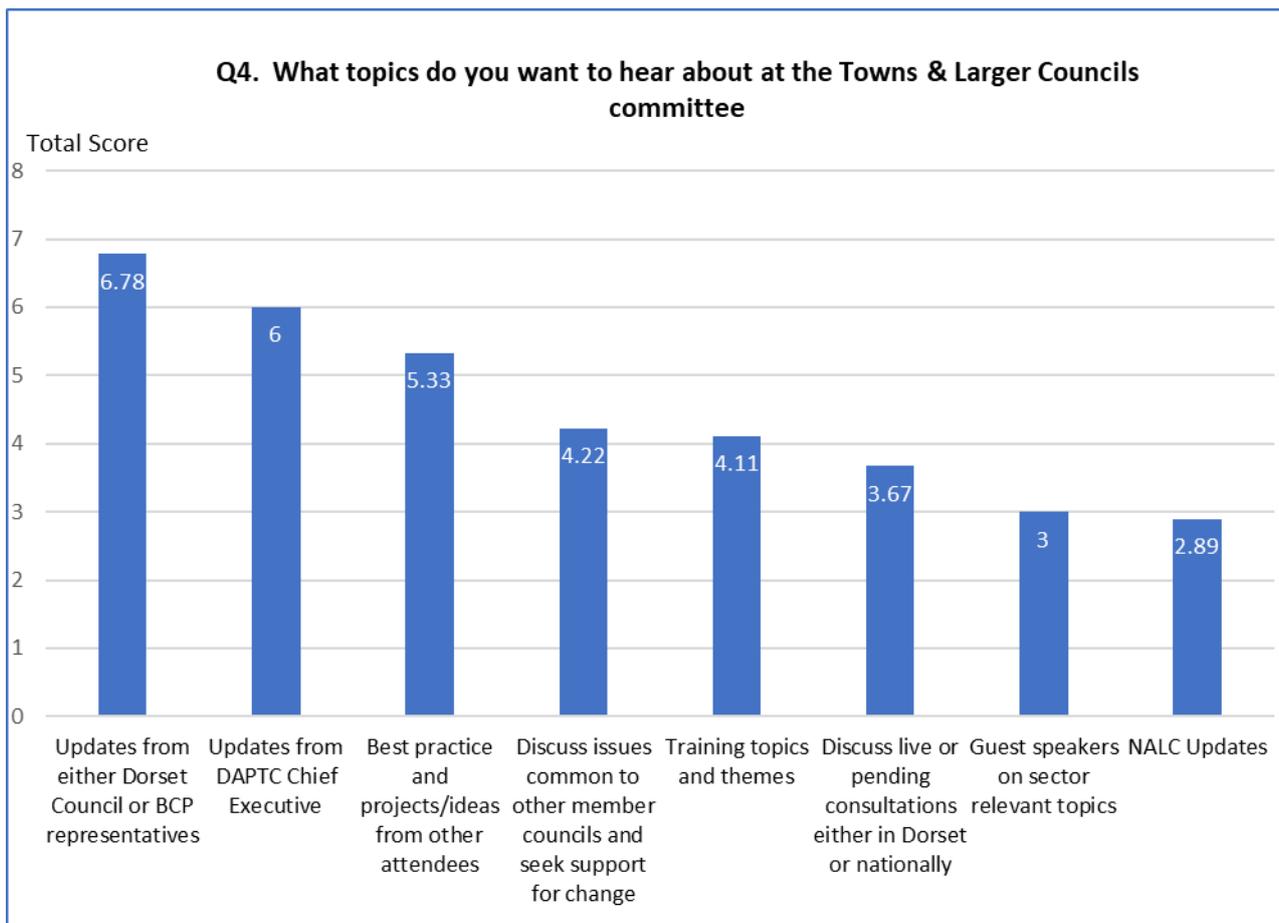
**Q2. Representation of Respondent**



**Q3. Does your council have a nominated representative for DAPTC?**



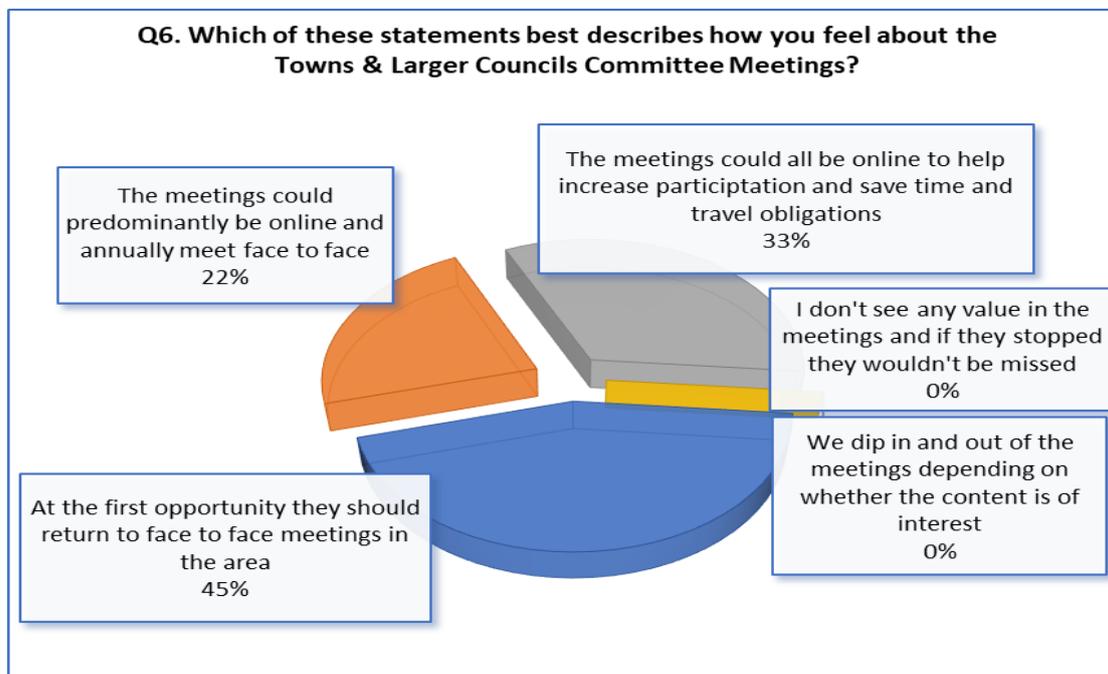
**Q4. What topics do you want to hear about at the Towns & Larger Councils committee?**



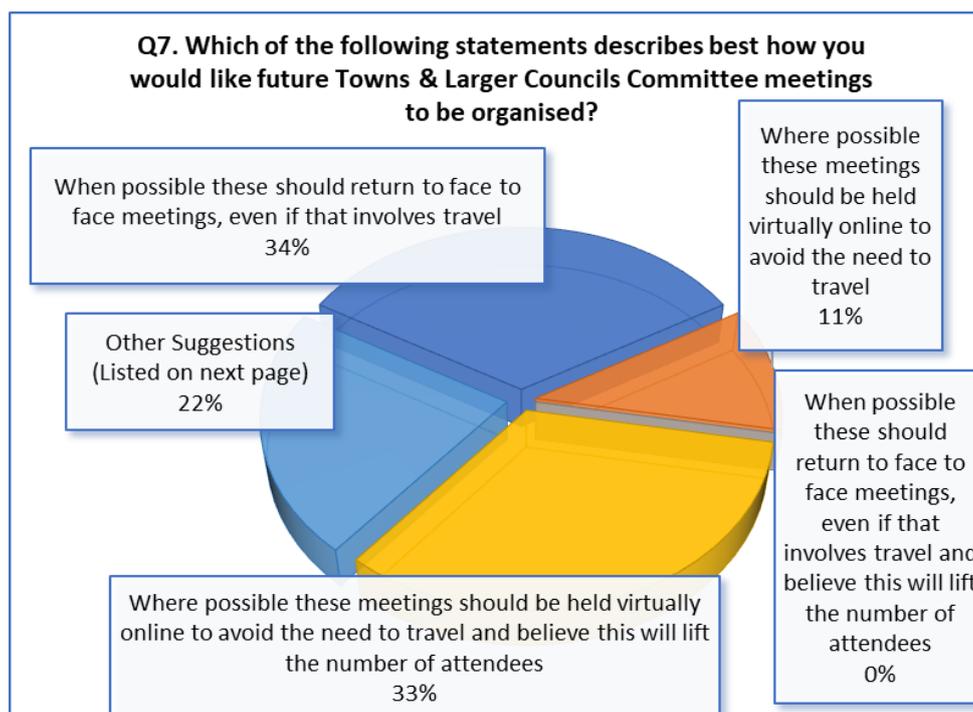
**Q5. Other Topics representatives are interested in hearing about at the Towns & Larger Councils Committee Meetings (copied directly from the TLC Committee survey)**

1. Pursuing and monitoring the localism agenda and partnership working

**Q6. Which of these statements best describes how you feel about the Towns & Larger Councils Committee Meetings?**



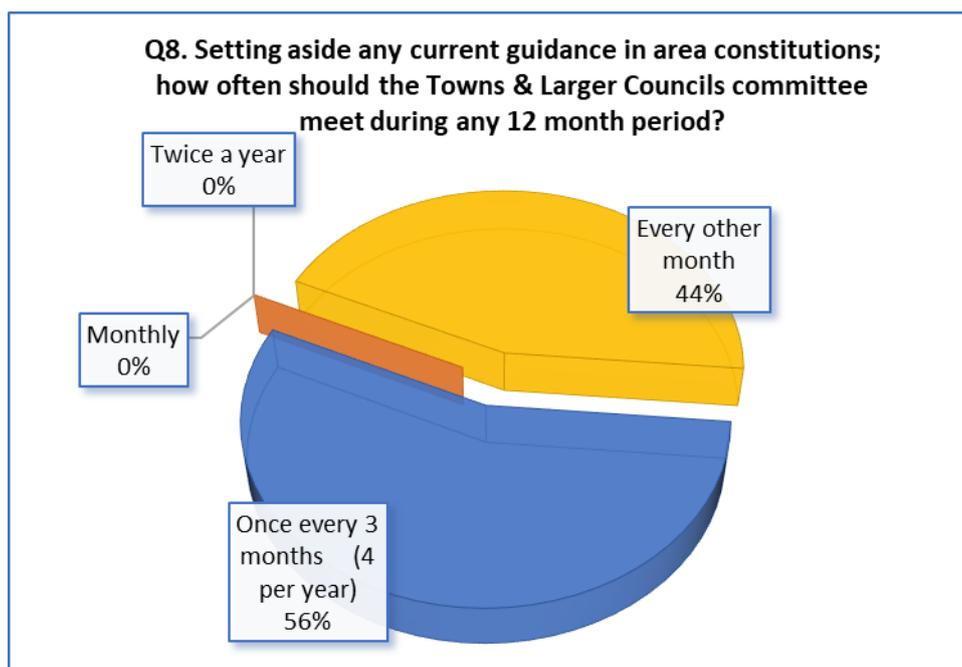
**Q7. Which of the following statements describes best how you would like future Towns & Larger Councils Committee Meetings organised?**



## Q7. Ideas on future meetings from TLC Committee meetings

1. There are advantages to both camps but getting over to other parts of the county and seeing how things are done in other towns and larger parishes is of benefit, as is also the social and informal aspects of the face-to-face meetings. There may be some merit in alternating between physical and virtual, or some members and third-party representatives can attend virtually, as required. The latter was common practice in committees at the former East Dorset and Christchurch Councils - where there were three or four people in a meeting room in East Dorset, two in Christchurch and another at home.
2. Whilst the concept of virtual meetings may increase attendance it should be recognised that the level of debate will not be as good as face to face meetings. Also, documents which are to be considered at meetings need to be circulated in sufficient time to enable representatives to be able to consult their parent councils on matters for discussion and decision. The DAPTC calendar of meetings needs to allow for this consultation process to take place.

## Q8. Setting aside any current guidance in area constitutions; how often should the Towns & Larger Councils Committee meet during any 12 month period?



## Q9. What works well or could work better for the area committee for the TLC Committee meeting

1. Towns & Larger Parishes committee should continue, as it brings all areas of the County together.

2. It is important that these meetings have adequate representation from Dorset Council (possibly also BCP), DAPTC and other agencies. These fora are an important way of communicating between the tiers and agencies. Just having a talking shop amongst ourselves is less attractive than being able to have a meaningful exchange of views and data with service partners.
3. Early circulation of documents so that reps can consult their councils. This could be an agenda item for the next meeting.
4. If there is to be a guest speaker, limit "business" to allow for time or strictly limit the speaker. In the past the meetings with speakers were too frequent and much too long