LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY STONNINGTON CITY COUNCIL

2017 RESEARCH REPORT

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES



Welcome to the report of results and recommendations for the 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Stonnington City Council.

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates and auspices this State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey throughout Victorian local government areas. This coordinated approach allows for far more cost effective surveying than would be possible if councils commissioned surveys individually.

Participation in the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is optional. Participating councils have various choices as to the content of the questionnaire and the sample size to be surveyed, depending on their individual strategic, financial and other considerations.

The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of Stonnington City Council across a range of measures and to seek insight into ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some of their statutory reporting requirements as well as acting as a feedback mechanism to LGV.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING



This survey was conducted by Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18+ years in Stonnington City Council.

Survey sample matched to the demographic profile of Stonnington City Council as determined by the most recent ABS population estimates was purchased from an accredited supplier of publicly available phone records, including up to 10% mobile phone numbers to cater to the diversity of residents within Stonnington City Council, particularly younger people.

A total of n=400 completed interviews were achieved in Stonnington City Council. Survey fieldwork was conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March, 2017.

The 2017 results are compared with previous years, as detailed below:

- 2016, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February 30th March.
- 2015, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February 30th March.
- 2014, n=401 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 31st January 11th March.
- 2013, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February 24th March.
- 2012, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 18th May 30th June.

Minimum quotas of gender within age groups were applied during the fieldwork phase. Post-survey weighting was then conducted to ensure accurate representation of the age and gender profile of the Stonnington City Council area.

Any variation of +/-1% between individual results and net scores in this report or the detailed survey tabulations is due to rounding. In reporting, '—' denotes not mentioned and '0%' denotes mentioned by less than 1% of respondents. 'Net' scores refer to two or more response categories being combined into one category for simplicity of reporting.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING



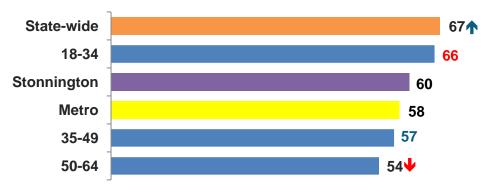
Within tables and index score charts throughout this report, statistically significant differences at the 95% confidence level are represented by upward directing blue and downward directing red arrows. Significance when noted indicates a significantly higher or lower result for the analysis group in comparison to the 'Total' result for the council for that survey question for that year. Therefore in the example below:

- The state-wide result is significantly <u>higher</u> than the overall result for the council.
- The result among 50-64 year olds is significantly <u>lower</u> than for the overall result for the council.

Further, results shown in blue and red indicate significantly higher or lower results than in 2016. Therefore in the example below:

- The result among 35-49 year olds in the council is significantly higher than the result achieved among this group in 2016.
- The result among 18-34 year olds in the council is significantly lower than the result achieved among this group in 2016.

Overall Performance – Index Scores (example extract only)



FURTHER INFORMATION



Further information about the report and explanations about the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey can be found in Appendix B, including:

- Background and objectives
- Margins of error
- Analysis and reporting
- Glossary of terms

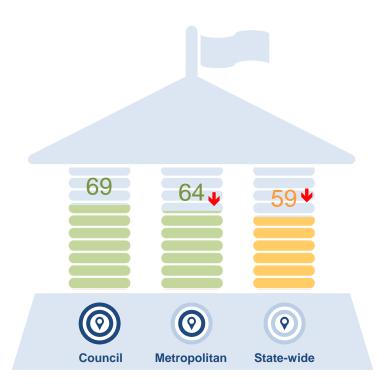
Contacts

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KEY FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS



STONNINGTON CITY COUNCIL



OVERALL COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

Results shown are index scores out of 100.

TOP PERFORMING AREAS



BOTTOM 3 PERFORMING AREAS





OVERALL PERFORMANCE



The **overall performance index score of 69** for Stonnington City Council is in line with the 2016 result. While there has been no decline in the overall performance rating in the past 12 months, this area had experienced small, but gradual declines since between 2014 to 2016. The current result has stabilised the downward trend.

- Stonnington City Council's overall performance is rated statistically **significantly higher** (at the 95% confidence interval) **than the average rating for councils State-wide and in the Metropolitan group** (index scores of 59 and 64 respectively).
- Residents aged 18 to 34 years (index score of 74) are significantly more favourable in their view of Council's overall performance than residents overall.
- Of note, residents aged 65+ years dropped four index points to an overall performance score of 66. Whilst this decline is not significant, this marks the third year in a row that ratings have dropped amongst this cohort (from a high of 78 index points in 2014). Council should monitor this moving forward.

More residents rate Stonnington City Council's overall performance as 'very good' (18%) than 'very poor' (1%). Half (49%) rate Council's overall performance as 'good', while a further 25% sit mid-scale providing an 'average' rating. Another 6% rate Council's performance as 'poor'.

OVERVIEW OF CORE PERFORMANCE MEASURES



Review of the core performance measures (as shown on page 19) shows that Stonnington City Council's **performance was largely stable, moving one or two index points in either direction,** compared to Council's own results in 2016. Although there were no significant changes in 2017, the results are generally *significantly higher* than the State-wide council averages and slightly higher than or equal to the Metropolitan group averages.

- Council's ratings are significantly higher than the State-wide result on the measures of consultation and engagement, lobbying, community decisions and sealed local roads.
- In terms of trends over time, **consultation and engagement** (index score of 58), **sealed local roads** (index score of 66) and **customer service** (index score of 72) ratings have been steadily and gradually declining since 2014. Ratings on each of these measures are at their lowest levels to date.

Among the core performance measures, there is are some **notable difference across demographic cohorts** within Stonnington City Council.

- Overall Council direction (index score of 54) is rated significantly lower among residents aged 35 to 49 years (49).
- Making community decisions (index score of 60) is rated *significantly higher* among residents aged 18 to 34 years (65).
- Lobbying (index score of 58) is rated *significantly higher* among residents aged 18 to 34 years (63) and *significantly lower* among residents aged 50 to 64 years (50).

In the area of **customer service** (index score of 72), Stonnington City Council is **similar** to the Statewide council and Metropolitan group averages (index scores of 69 and 71 respectively). This is also Stonnington City Council's highest rated core performance measure.

CUSTOMER CONTACT AND SERVICE



Two-thirds (66%) of Stonnington City Council residents have had recent contact with Council. This level of contact has been relatively consistent over time.

Those aged 50 to 64 years are *significantly more likely* to have contacted Council (82%), while those aged 18 to 34 years (56%) are *significantly less likely* to have done so.

The main method of contacting Council is by telephone and in person (28% and 25% respectively), followed closely by email (21%) and in writing (20%).

Positively for Council, as the most utilised method of contact, in person interactions with Council are also the most satisfactory in terms of customer service (performance index score of 79 among those who have recently contact council in person).

Stonnington City Council's customer service index of 72 is a positive result for Council. Customer service ratings have declined however from a peak rating of 77 in 2014. As mentioned previously, the 2017 result is the lowest rating Stonnington City Council has experienced in this service area to date.

A third (33%) rate Council's customer service as 'very good', with a further 32% rating customer service as 'good'.

There are no significant differences in customer service ratings across demographic and geographic sub-groups, meaning there is no particular cohort that Council should focus its attention on. Rather, Council should aim to improve customer service across all groups.

AREAS WHERE COUNCIL IS PERFORMING WELL



Art centres and libraries is the area where Stonnington City Council has **performed most strongly** (index score of 78). Council's rating in this area *significantly exceeds* the average ratings for the Metropolitan group and councils State-wide (index scores of 75 and 73 respectively).

- Art centres and libraries, however, are considered of lesser importance than other service areas, ranking third to last in terms of importance (importance index score of 68).
- ➤ However, more than half (59%) of Stonnington City Council residents personally use this service. Amongst the personal user sub-group, the performance index score (81) is *significantly higher* than the average for Council overall. This is a positive result.

Another area where Stonnington City Council is well regarded is the appearance of public areas. With a performance index score of 77, this service area is rated second highest.

- As with art centres and libraries, Council's rating in this area *significantly exceeds* the average ratings for the Metropolitan group and councils State-wide (72 and 71 respectively).
- ➤ The appearance of public areas is Council's second highest rated service area in terms of importance (importance index score of 75). Nearly all residents (90%) claim to personally use or experience this service area.
- Indeed, 24% of residents mention parks and gardens and 13% mention public areas as some of the best things about living in the council area.

Recreational facilities and community and cultural activities (performance index score of 74 each) are additional areas where Council is rated more highly compared to other service areas. Recreational facilities (8%), cultural activities (7%), and community/public events (7%) are also among the most frequently mentioned positive aspects of the Council.

AREAS IN NEED OF ATTENTION



The areas that stand out as being most in need of Council attention are **lobbying** and **consultation** and **engagement**. With performance index scores of 58 each, these are Council's lowest rated areas. Ratings, however, are still in line with Metropolitan group averages (index scores of 56 and 57 respectively) and *significantly higher* than State-wide council averages (index scores of 54 and 55 respectively) on these measures.

- Feedback from residents on what they consider Council most needs to do to improve its performance in the next 12 months support this finding, with **communication** mentioned by 9% of residents and **community consultation** by 7%.
- Ratings for consultation and engagement are largely consistent across geographic and demographic sub-groups, with no significant differences evident compared to Council's average rating.
- However, in the area of lobbying, residents aged 50 to 64 years old (index score of 50) are particularly critical in this area, rating Council's performance *significantly lower* than the council average. By contrast, residents aged 18 to 34 years (index score of 63) are *significantly more* favourable of Council in this area.

Making community decisions is the next lowest rated service area (index score of 60). Performance ratings for this service area have not changed significantly over time.

- > Residents aged 18 to 34 years provide *significantly higher* ratings (index score of 64) than average.
- As with the previous two service areas discussed, Council's performance in the area of making community decisions is on par with Metropolitan group averages (index score of 58) and *significantly higher* than State-wide averages (index score of 54).

FOCUS AREAS FOR COMING 12 MONTHS



For the coming 12 months, Stonnington City Council should pay particular attention to the areas where performance ratings are lower than what Council has previously achieved, to ensure that perceptions do not further decline. This makes the areas of consultation and engagement, lobbying, disadvantaged support services, sealed local roads and customer service key priorities.

Consideration should also be given to Stonnington City Council residents aged 35 to 64 years, who appear to be most driving negative opinion in 2017.

On the positive side, Council should maintain its relatively strong performance in the area of the arts centres and libraries and the appearance of public areas.

It is also important not to ignore, and to learn from, what is working amongst other groups, especially residents aged 18 to 34 years, and women, and use these lessons to build performance experience and perceptions in other areas.

FURTHER AREAS OF EXPLORATION



An approach we recommend is to further mine the survey data to better understand the profile of these over and under-performing demographic groups. This can be achieved via additional consultation and data interrogation, self-mining the SPSS data provided, or via the dashboard portal available to the council.

Please note that the category descriptions for the coded open ended responses are generic summaries only. We recommend further analysis of the detailed cross tabulations and the actual verbatim responses, with a view to understanding the responses of the key gender and age groups, especially any target groups identified as requiring attention.

A personal briefing by senior JWS Research representatives is also available to assist in providing both explanation and interpretation of the results. Please contact JWS Research on 03 8685 8555.

SNAPSHOT OF KEY FINDINGS



Higher results in 2017

(Significantly <u>higher</u> result than 2016)

None applicable

Lower results in 2017

(Significantly <u>lower</u> result than 2016)

None applicable

Most favourably disposed towards Council

Aged 18-34 years

Least favourably disposed towards Council

- Aged 35-49 years
- Aged 50-64 years

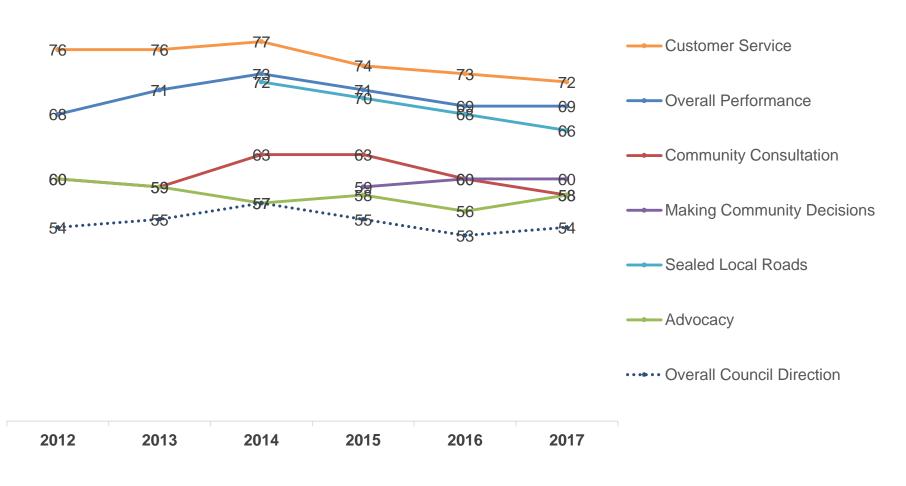
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS



2017 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES

INDEX SCORE RESULTS





2017 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES

DETAILED ANALYSIS



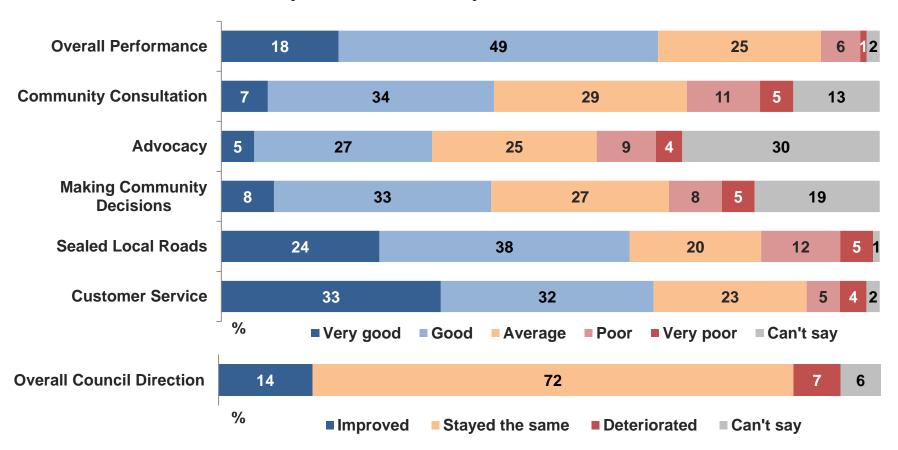
Performance Measures	Stonnington 2017	Stonnington 2016	Metro 2017	State- wide 2017	Highest score	Lowest score
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	69	69	64	59	Aged 18- 34 years	Aged 65+ years, Aged 50- 64 years
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (Community consultation and engagement)	58	60	57	55	Aged 18- 34 years	Aged 50- 64 years
ADVOCACY (Lobbying on behalf of the community)	58	56	56	54	Aged 18- 34 years	Aged 50- 64 years
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS (Decisions made in the interest of the community)	60	60	58	54	Aged 18- 34 years	Aged 65+ years, Aged 35- 49 years
SEALED LOCAL ROADS (Condition of sealed local roads)	66	68	66	53	Aged 18- 34 years, East Ward	South Ward
CUSTOMER SERVICE	72	73	71	69	Women	Men
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	54	53	54	53	Aged 18- 34 years	Aged 35- 49 years

2017 SUMMARY OF KEY COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

PERCENTAGE RESULTS



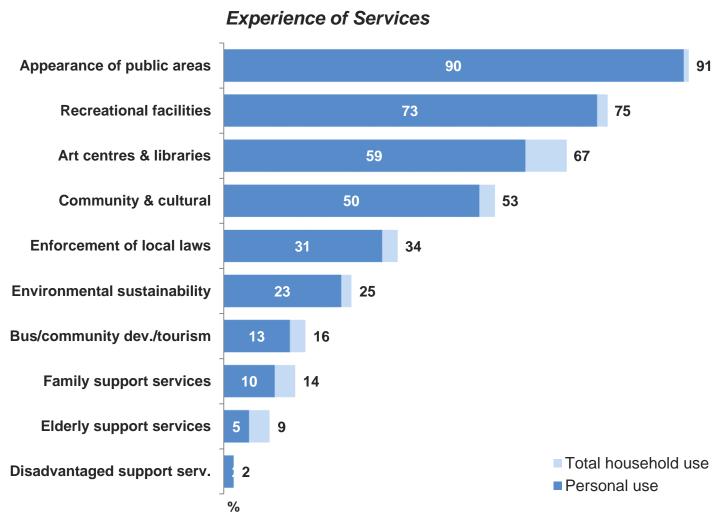
Key Measures Summary Results



2017 PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD USE AND EXPERIENCE OF

COUNCIL SERVICES PERCENTAGE RESULTS





Q4. In the last 12 months, have you or has any member of your household used or experienced any of the following services provided by Council?

2017 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY

INDEX SCORES OVER TIME





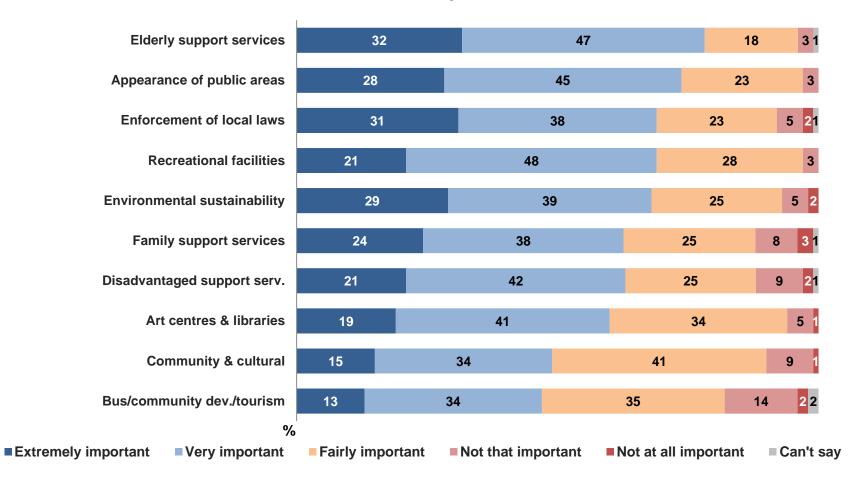
Q1. Firstly, how important should [RESPONSIBILITY AREA] be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 32 Councils asked group: 12 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation of significant differences

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS IMPORTANCE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES



Individual Service Areas Importance



2017 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

INDEX SCORES OVER TIME



	2017 Priority Area Pe	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	
Art centres & libraries		78	76	78	78	77	73
Appearance of public areas		77	n/a	80	77	78	76
Recreational facilities		74	n/a	76	74	75	74
Community & cultural		74	75	73	75	72	71
Enforcement of local laws		71	n/a	69	72	68	67
Elderly support services		69	72	71	71	68	69
Family support services		69	71	71	68	69	67
Sealed local roads		66	68	70	72	n/a	n/a
Bus/community dev./tourism		64	63	62	63	62	58
Environmental sustainability		63	65	63	64	65	62
Disadvantaged support serv.		61	62	64	64	62	63
Community decisions		60	60	59	n/a	n/a	n/a
Consultation & engagement	58		60	63	63	59	60
Lobbying	58		56	58	57	59	60

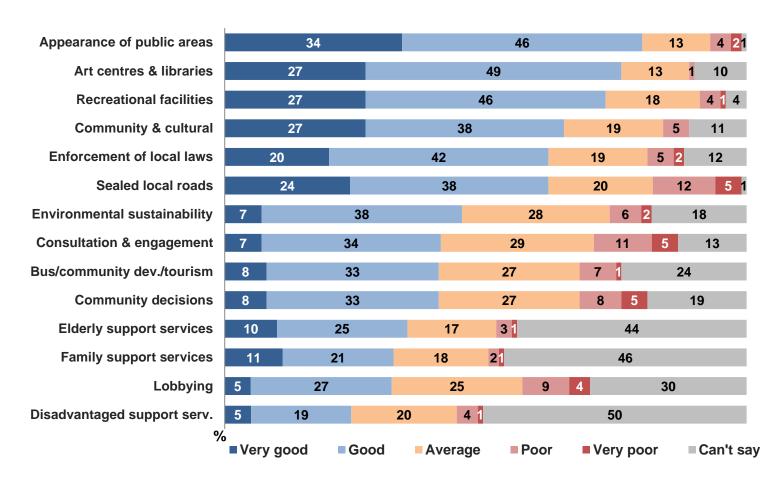
Q2. How has Council performed on [RESPONSIBILITY AREA] over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 68 Councils asked group: 18 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation of significant differences

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS PERFORMANCE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES



Individual Service Areas Performance



INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY

COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS STATE-WIDE AVERAGE



Significantly higher than state-wide average

- -Consultation & engagement
- -Lobbying
- -Enforcement of local laws
- -Recreational facilities
- -Appearance of public areas
- -Art centres & libraries
- -Community & cultural
- -Bus/community dev./tourism
- -Making community decisions
- -Sealed local roads

-None Applicable

Significantly lower than state-wide average

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY

COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS GROUP AVERAGE



-Enforcement of local laws -None Applicable Significantly higher than group -Appearance of public areas -Art centres & libraries -Community & cultural average Significantly lower than group -Bus/community dev./tourism average

2017 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY

BY COUNCIL GROUP



Top Three Most Important Service Areas

(Highest to lowest, i.e. 1. = most important)

Stonnington City Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Elderly support services Appearance of public areas Enforcement of local laws 	 Waste management Community decisions Local streets & footpaths 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Population growth Local streets & footpaths 	 Community decisions Sealed roads Emergency & disaster mngt 	 Unsealed roads Sealed roads Emergency & disaster mngt 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Community decisions Waste management

Bottom Three Least Important Service Areas

(Lowest to highest, i.e. 1. = least important)

Stonnington City Council	Metropolitan	Metropolitan Interface		Large Rural	Small Rural	
 Bus/community dev./tourism Community & cultural Art centres & libraries 	 Bus/community dev./tourism Community & cultural Slashing & weed control 	 Tourism development Community & cultural Art centres & libraries 	 Art centres & libraries Community & cultural Planning permits 	 Art centres & libraries Community & cultural Traffic management 	 Community & cultural Art centres & libraries Tourism development 	

2017 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

BY COUNCIL GROUP



Top Three Performing Service Areas

(Highest to lowest, i.e. 1. = highest performance)

Stonnington City Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Art centres & libraries Appearance of public areas Recreational facilities 	 Waste management Art centres & libraries Recreational facilities 	 Art centres & libraries Waste management Emergency & disaster mngt 	 Art centres & libraries Appearance of public areas Emergency & disaster mngt 	 Appearance of public areas Emergency & disaster mngt Art centres & libraries 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Art centres & libraries Community & cultural

Bottom Three Performing Service Areas

(Lowest to highest, i.e. 1. = lowest performance)

Stonnington City Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Lobbying Consultation & engagement Community decisions 	 Planning permits Population growth Parking facilities 	 Unsealed roads Planning permits Population growth 	 Parking facilities Community decisions Unsealed roads 	 Unsealed roads Sealed roads Slashing & weed control 	 Unsealed roads Sealed roads Planning permits

2017 BEST THINGS ABOUT COUNCIL DETAILED PERCENTAGES 2017 SERVICES TO IMPROVE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Best Aspects

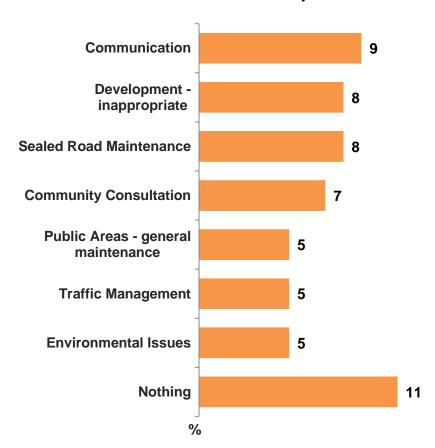
Public Areas Public Areas Recreational/Sporting Facilities Road/Street Maintenance 8 Customer Service 8 Community Facilities 7

Cultural Activities

Community/Public

Events/Activities

2017 Areas for Improvement



Q16. Please tell me what is the ONE BEST thing about Stonnington City Council? It could be about any of the issues or services we have covered in this survey or it could be about something else altogether?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 25 Councils asked group: 8

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Q17. What does Stonnington City Council MOST need to do to improve its performance?

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Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 41 Councils asked group: 13

POSITIVES AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

SUMMARY



BEST THINGS

- Parks and Gardens:24%(up 9 points from 2016)

- Public areas: 13% (up 7 points from 2016)
- Recreational/SportingFacilities: 8%(up 5 points from 2016)
- Road/StreetMaintenance: 8%(down 1 point from 2016)
- Customer Service -Positive: 8%(up 1 point from 2016)

- Communication: 9% (down 2 points from 2016)
- Development -inappropriate: 8%(down 2 points from 2016)
- Sealed Road Maintenance: 8% (up 3 points from 2016)

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

DETAILED FINDINGS



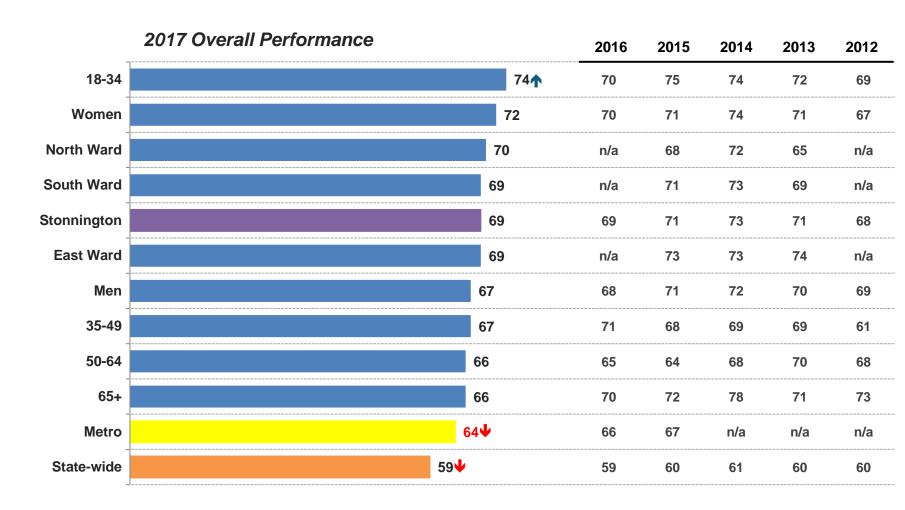
KEY CORE MEASURE OVERALL PERFORMANCE



OVERALL PERFORMANCE

INDEX SCORES





Q3. ON BALANCE, for the last twelve months, how do you feel about the performance of Stonnington City Council, not just on one or two issues, BUT OVERALL across all responsibility areas? Has it been very good, good, average, poor or very poor?

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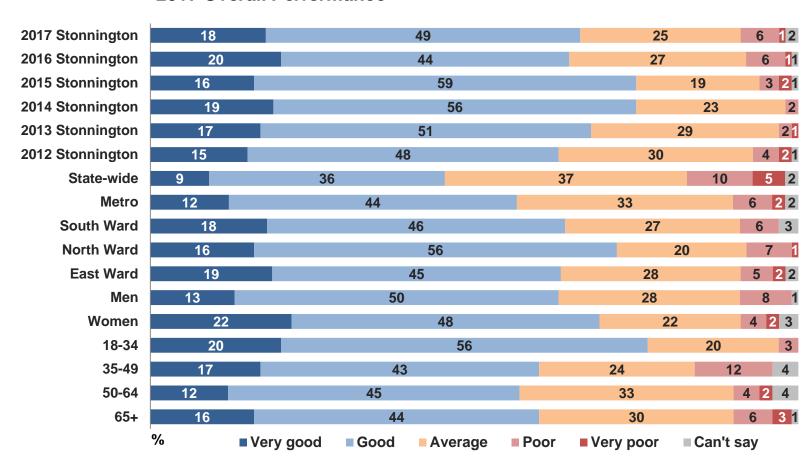
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OVERALL PERFORMANCE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Overall Performance



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KEY CORE MEASURE CUSTOMER SERVICE



CONTACT LAST 12 MONTHS

SUMMARY



Overall contact with		
Stonnington	City	Council

• 66%, down 1 point on 2016

Most contact with Stonnington City Council

• Aged 50-64 years

Least contact with Stonnington City Council

Aged 18-34 years

Customer service rating

• Index score of 72, down 1 point on 2016

Most satisfied with customer service

Women

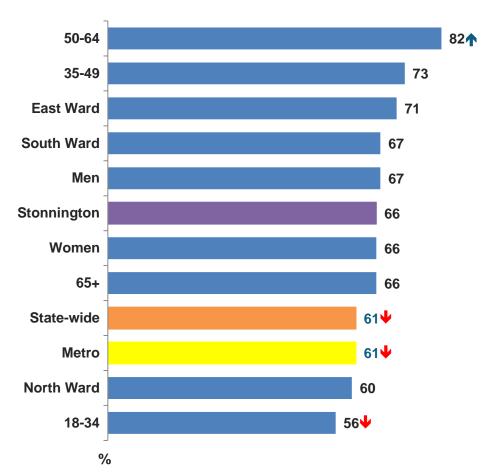
Least satisfied with customer service

• Men

2017 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL



2017 Contact with Council



Q5a. Have you or any member of your household had any recent contact with Council in any of the following ways?

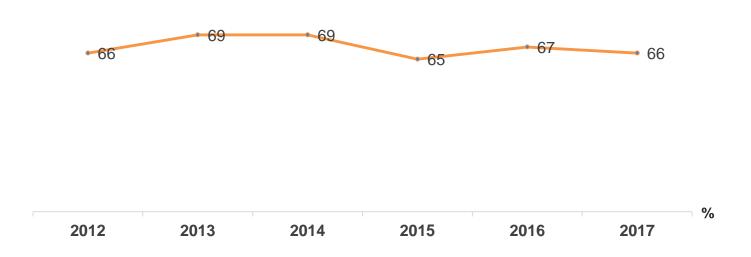
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2017 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL



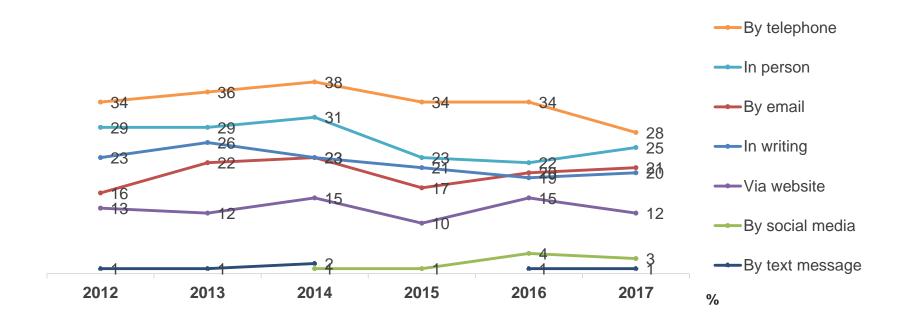
2017 Contact with Council Have had contact



2017 METHOD OF CONTACT WITH COUNCIL



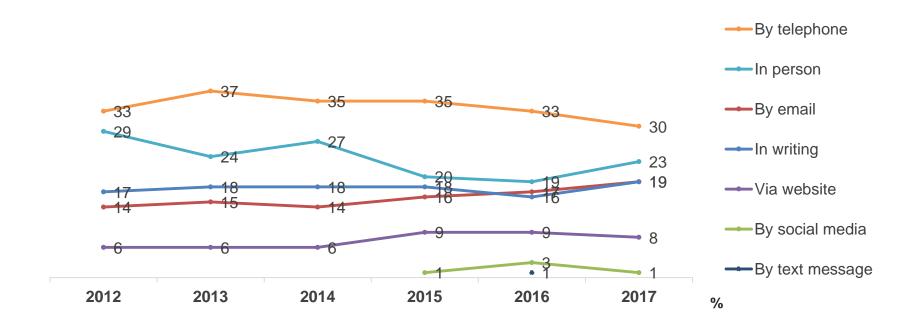
2017 Method of Contact



2017 MOST RECENT METHOD OF CONTACT WITH COUNCIL

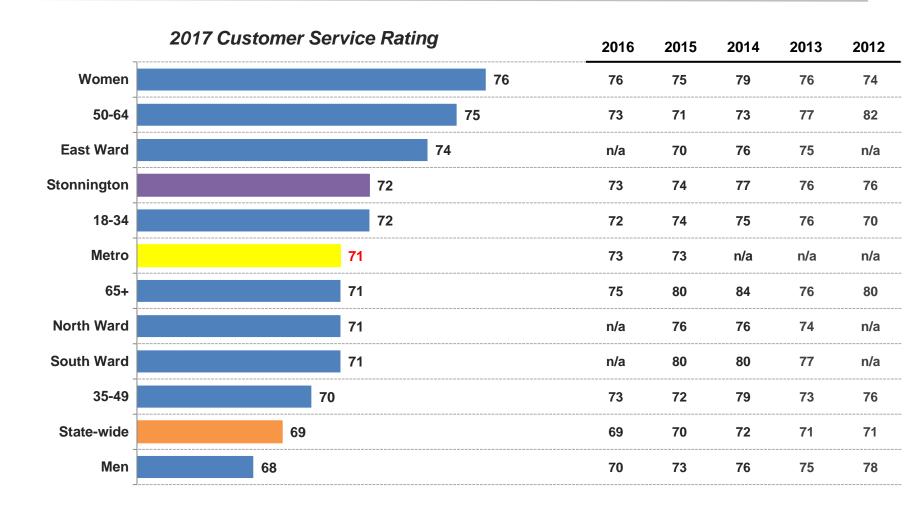


2017 Most Recent Contact



INDEX SCORES





Q5c. Thinking of the most recent contact, how would you rate Stonnington City Council for customer service? Please keep in mind we do not mean the actual outcome but rather the actual service that was received.

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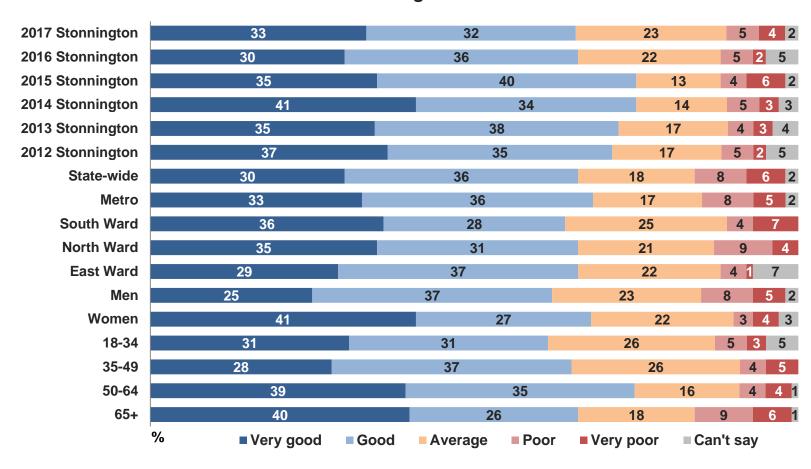
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DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Customer Service Rating



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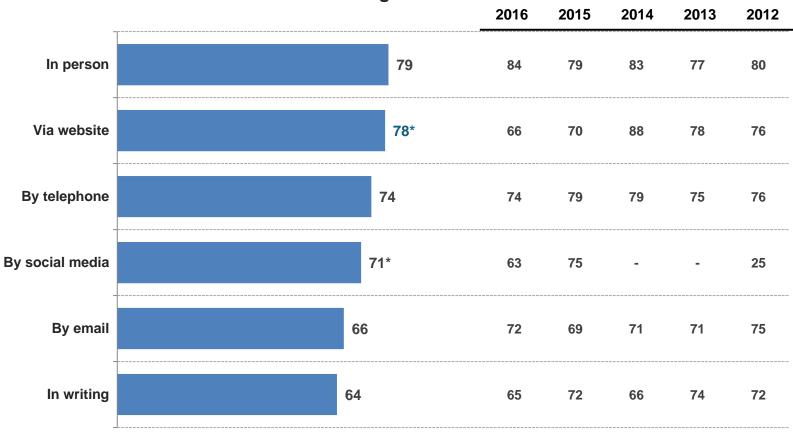
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INDEX SCORES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT



2017 Customer Service Rating



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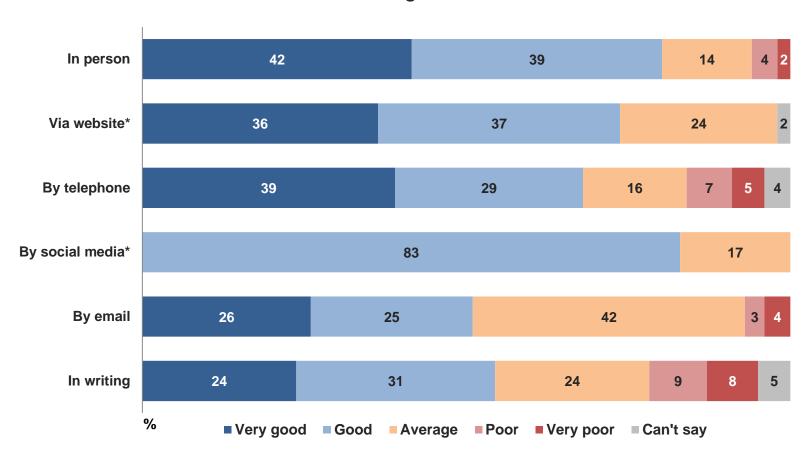
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DETAILED PERCENTAGES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT



2017 Customer Service Rating



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KEY CORE MEASURE COUNCIL DIRECTION INDICATORS



COUNCIL DIRECTION

SUMMARY



Council Direction from Q6

- 72% stayed about the same, down 2 points on 2016
- 14% improved, up 2 points on 2016
- 7% deteriorated, equal points on 2016

Most satisfied with Council Direction from Q6

Aged 18-34 years

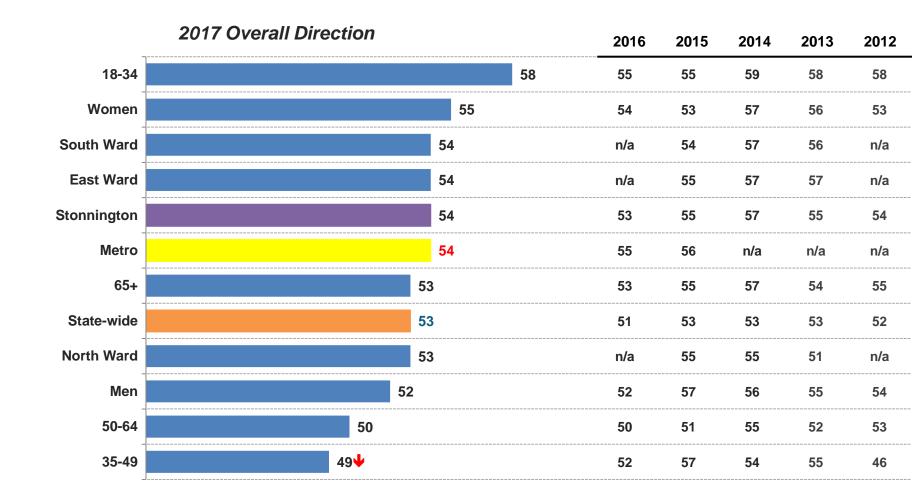
Least satisfied with Council Direction from Q6

Aged 35-49 years

2017 OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION LAST 12 MONTHS

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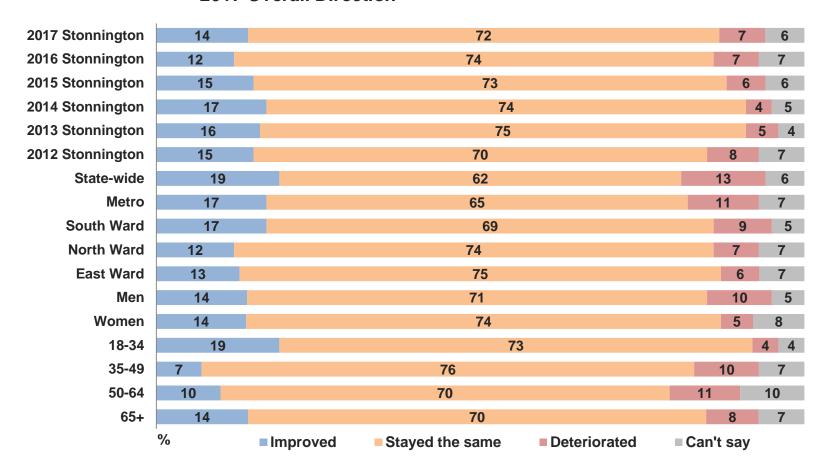
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2017 OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION LAST 12 MONTHS

DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Overall Direction



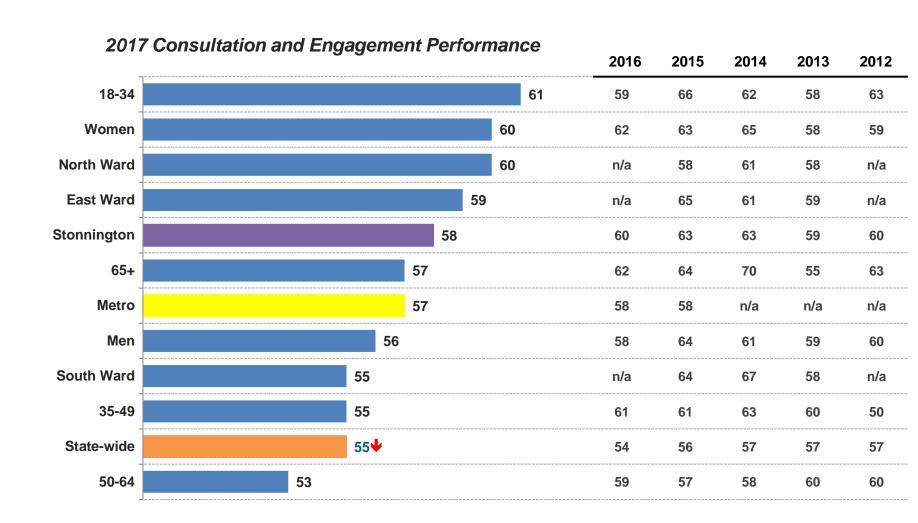
INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS



2017 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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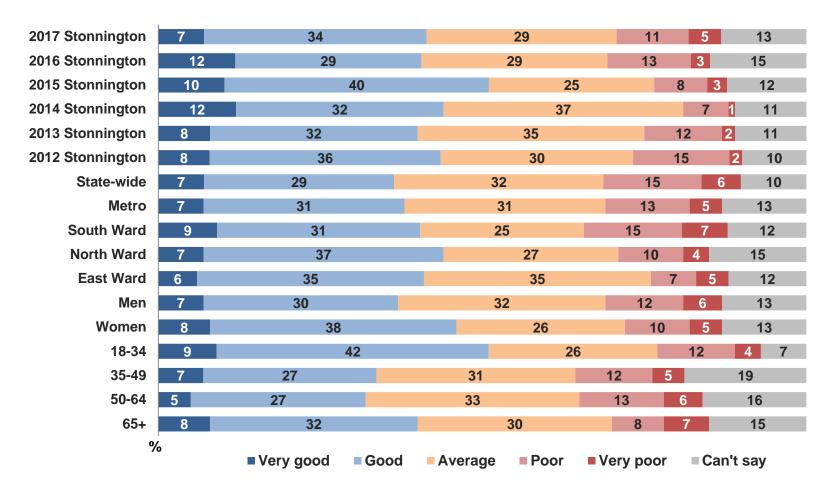
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2017 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

PERFORMANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



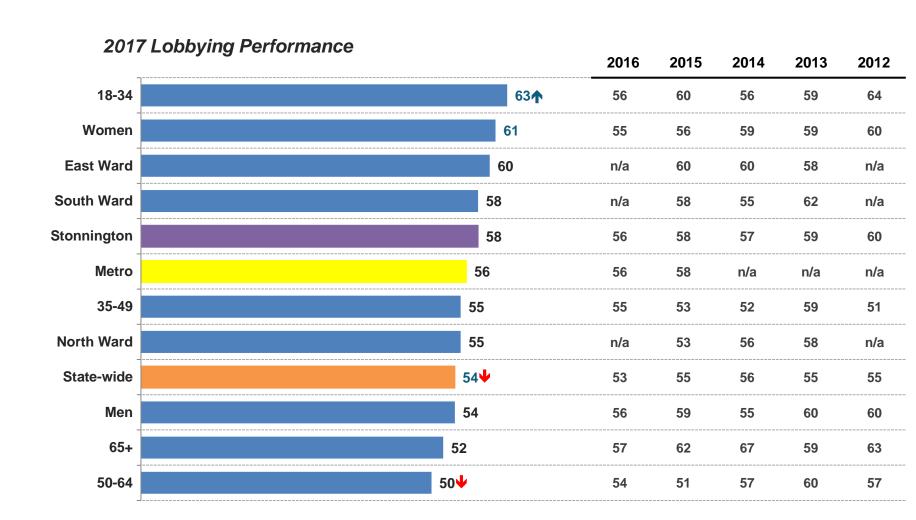
2017 Consultation and Engagement Performance



2017 LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY

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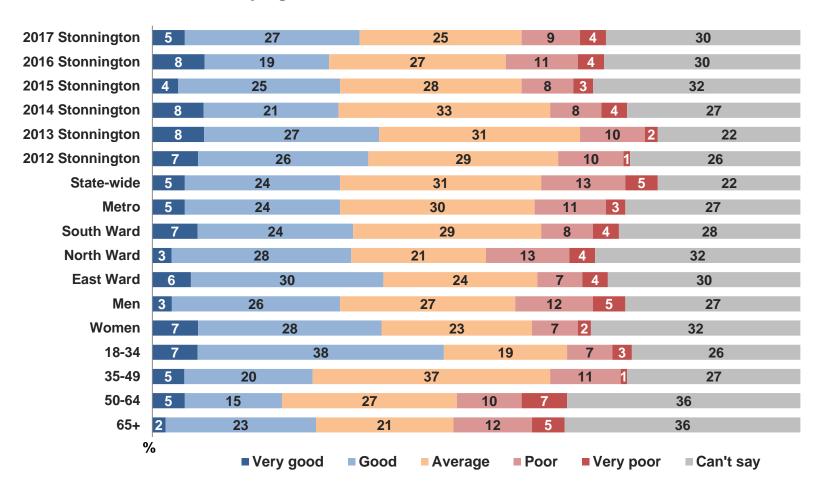
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2017 LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY

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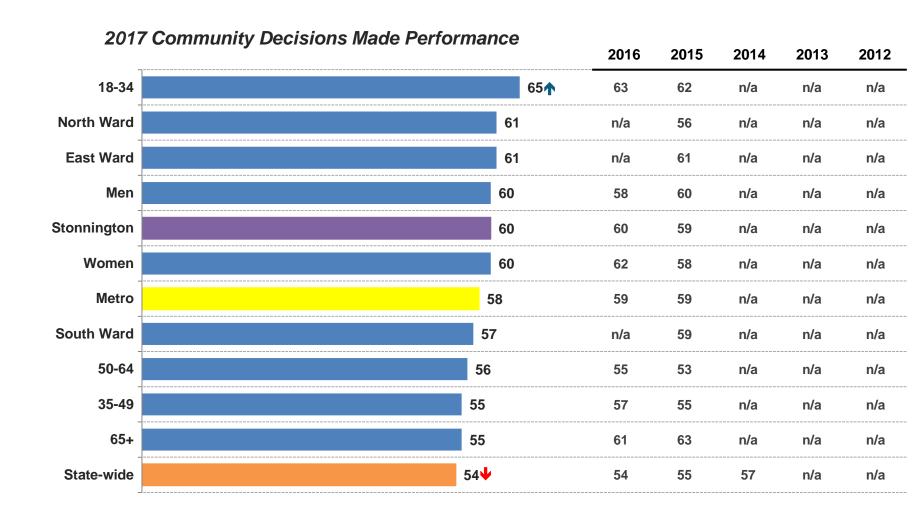
2017 Lobbying Performance



2017 DECISIONS MADE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY

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Q2. How has Council performed on 'decisions made in the interest of the community' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 68 Councils asked group: 18

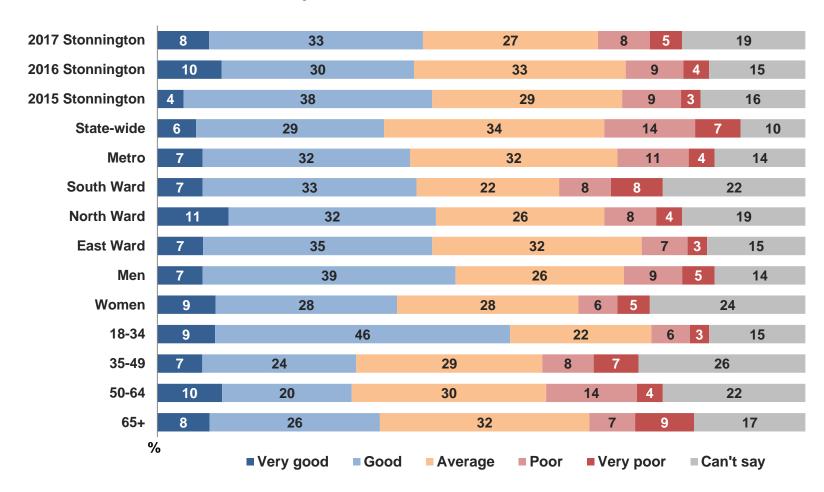
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2017 DECISIONS MADE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY

PERFORMANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Community Decisions Made Performance



2017 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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2017 Sealed Local Roads Performance 2016 2015 2012 2014 2013 **East Ward** 70 71 n/a 72 n/a n/a 18-34 69 69 72 73 n/a n/a **North Ward** 68 n/a 69 69 n/a n/a 67 50-64 67 68 64 n/a n/a 67 Men 70 71 71 n/a n/a Stonnington 66 72 68 70 n/a n/a Metro 66 67 69 n/a n/a n/a Women 66 72 67 68 n/a n/a 65+ 63 66 69 74 n/a n/a 35-49 **62** 71 67 72 n/a n/a South Ward 61 n/a 75 68 n/a n/a 53₩ State-wide 54 55 55 n/a n/a

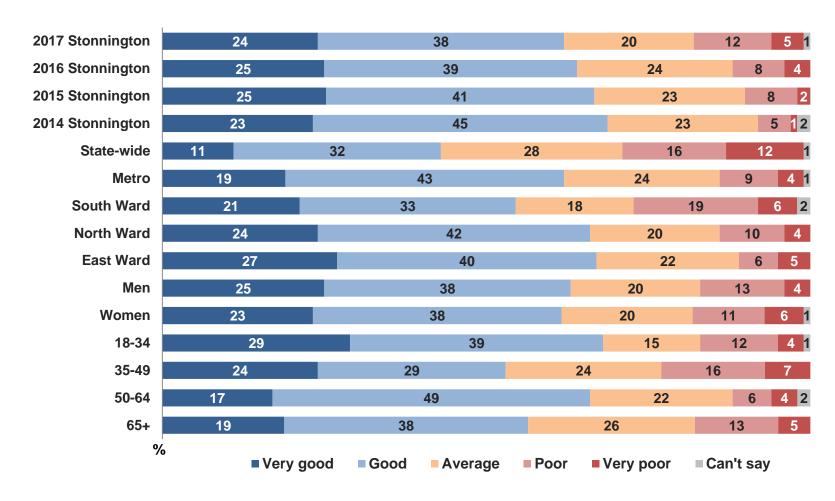
Q2. How has Council performed on 'the condition of sealed local roads in your area' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 68 Councils asked group: 18 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

2017 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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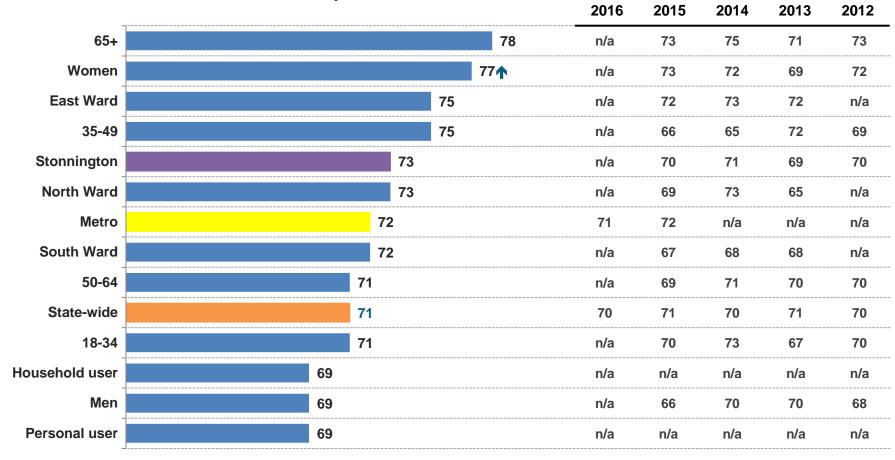
2017 Sealed Local Roads Performance



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2017 Law Enforcement Importance

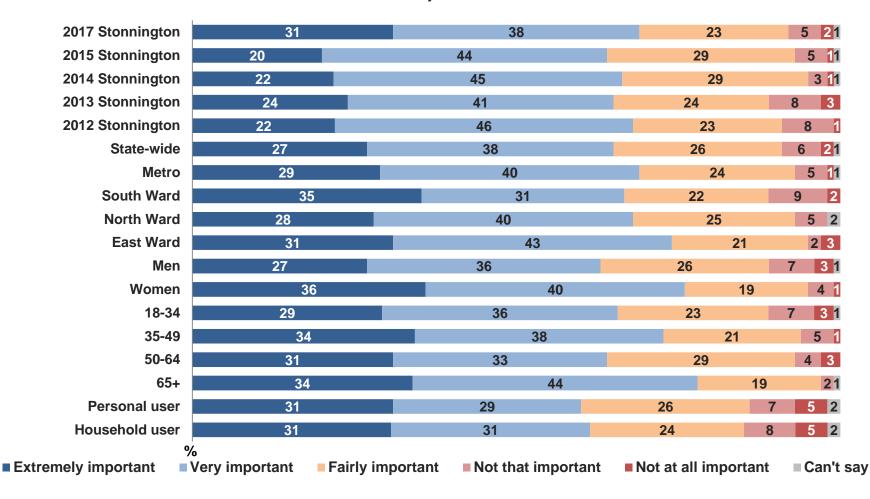


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'enforcement of local laws' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 23 Councils asked group: 10 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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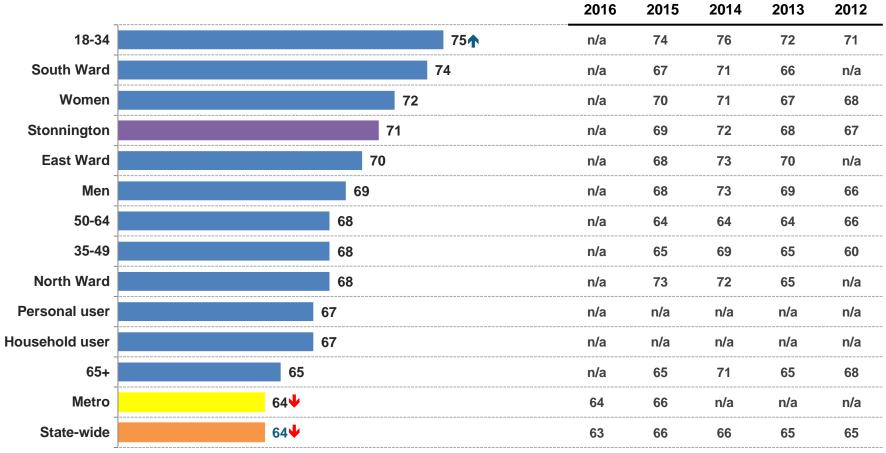
2017 Law Enforcement Importance



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2017 Law Enforcement Performance

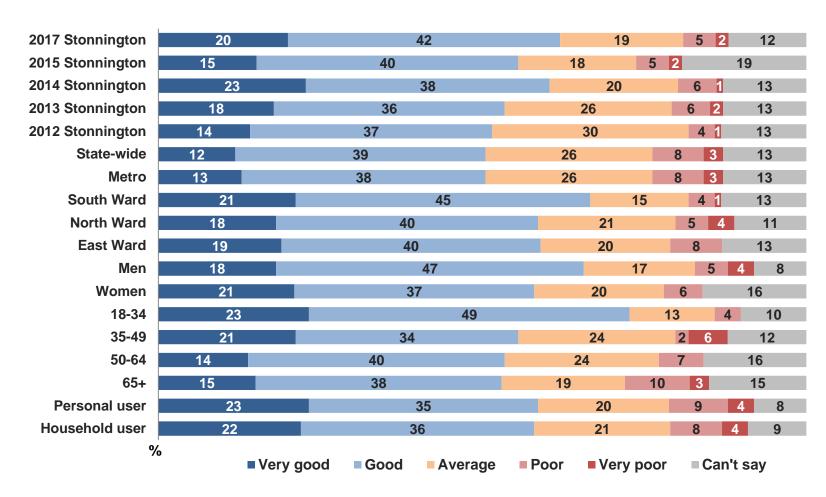


Q2. How has Council performed on 'enforcement of local laws' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 32 Councils asked group: 13 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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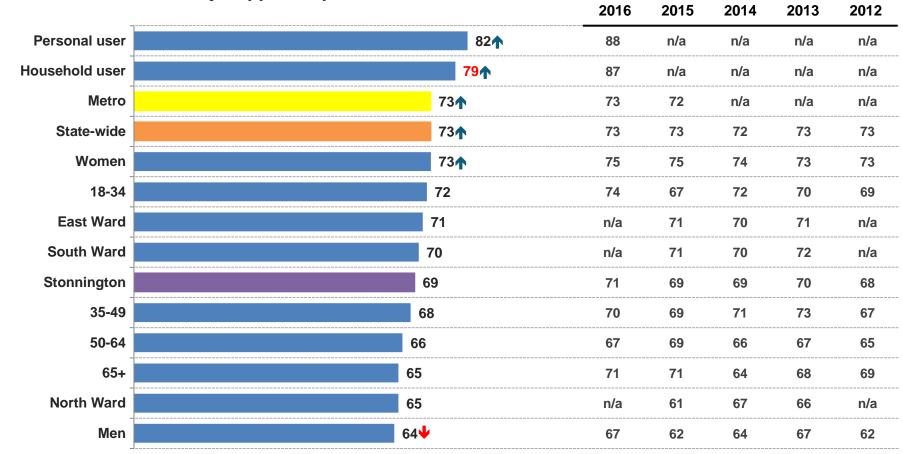
2017 Law Enforcement Performance



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2017 Family Support Importance

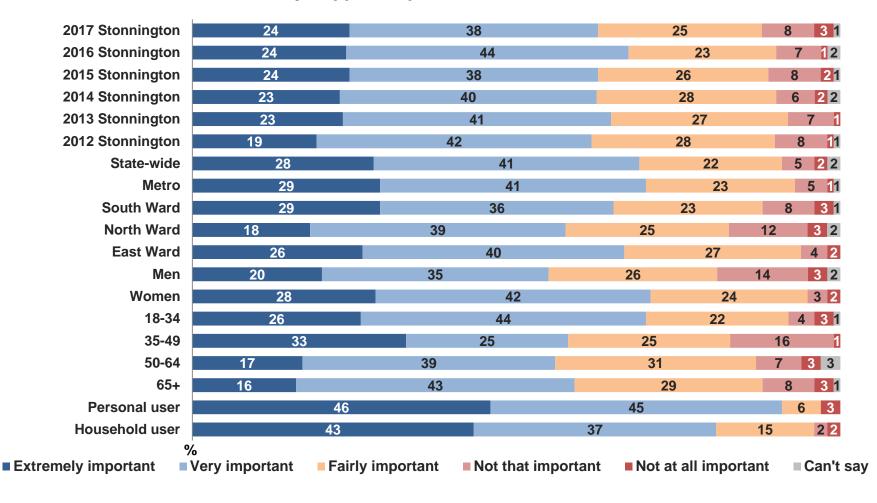


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'family support services' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 21 Councils asked group: 7 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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2017 Family Support Importance



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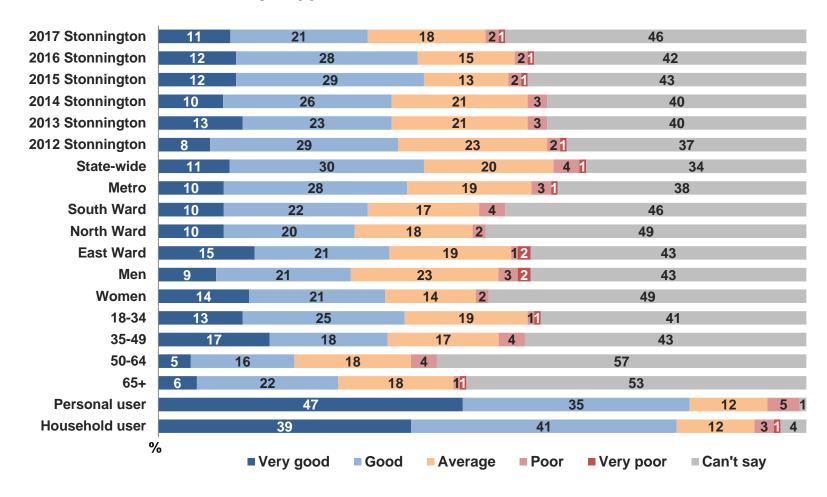
2017 Family Support Performance



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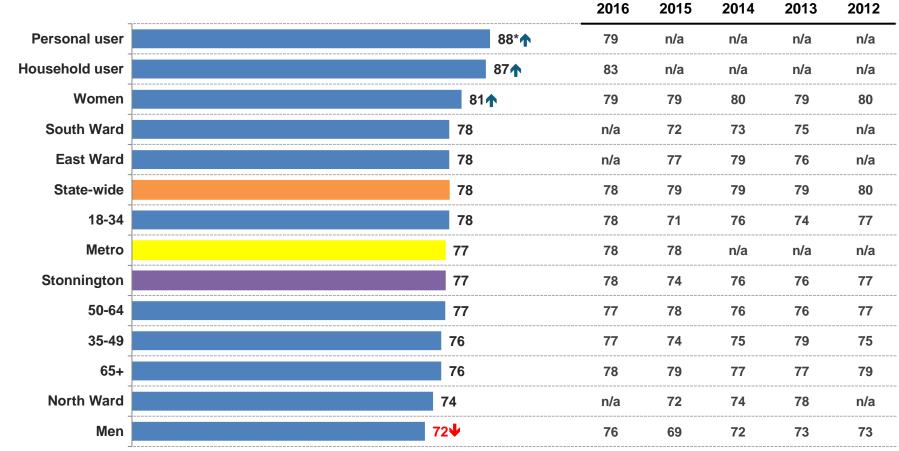
2017 Family Support Performance



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2017 Elderly Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'elderly support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 24 Councils asked group: 10

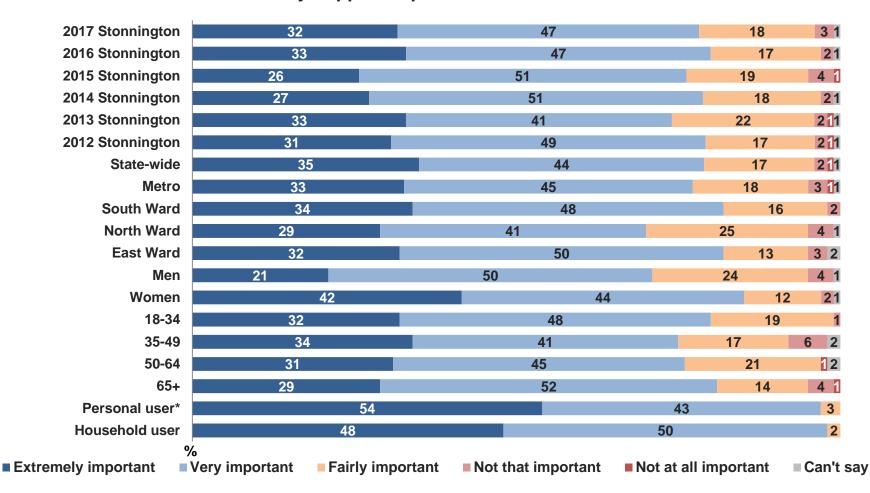
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2017 Elderly Support Importance

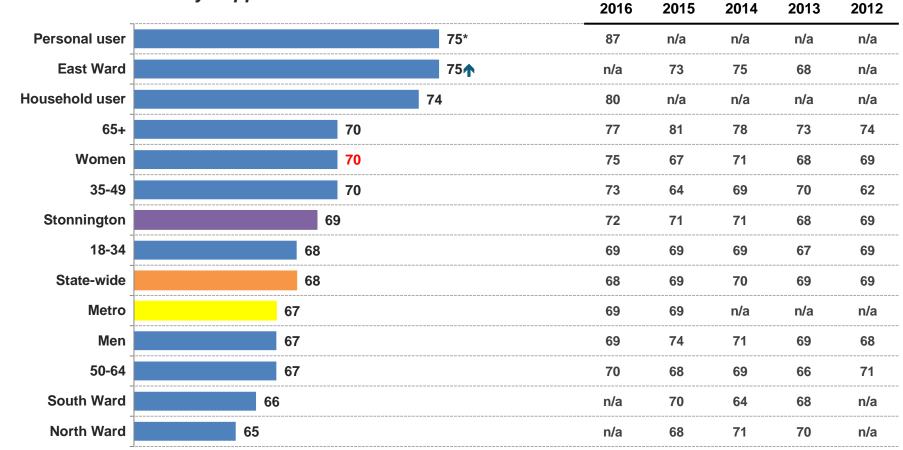


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2017 Elderly Support Performance



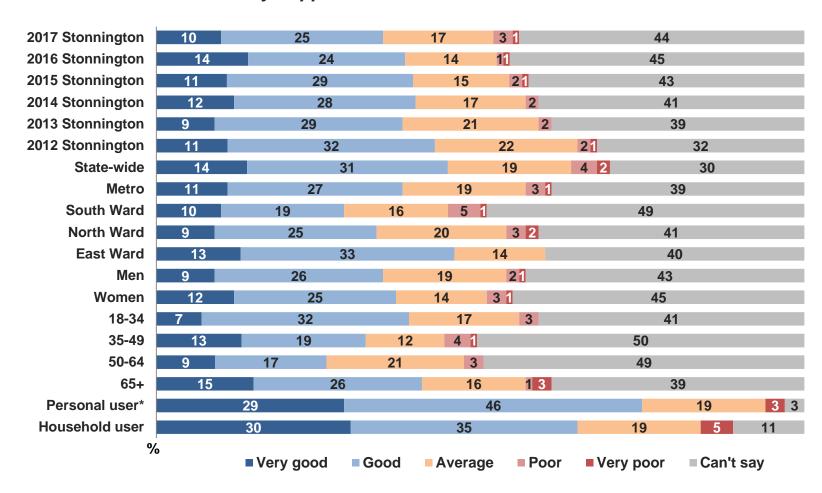
Q2. How has Council performed on 'elderly support services' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 35 Councils asked group: 13 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

*Caution: small sample size < n=30

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2017 Elderly Support Performance



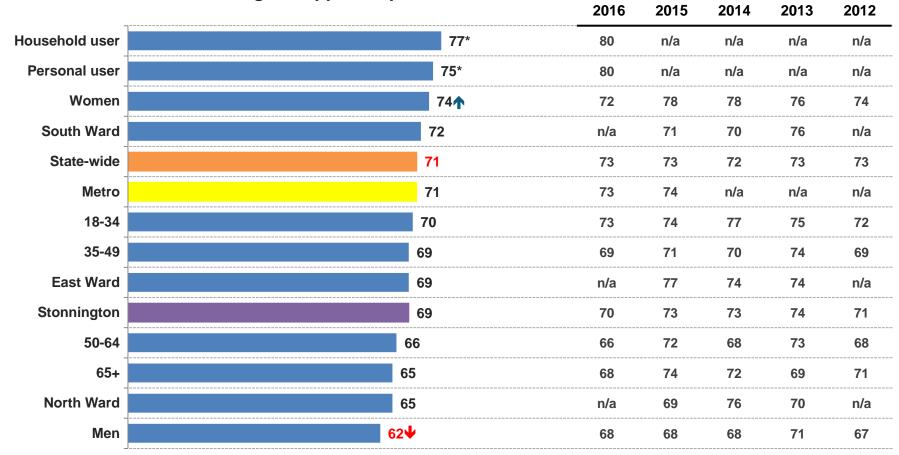
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2017 DISADVANTAGED SUPPORT SERVICES

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2017 Disadvantaged Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'disadvantaged support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 12 Councils asked group: 6

Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

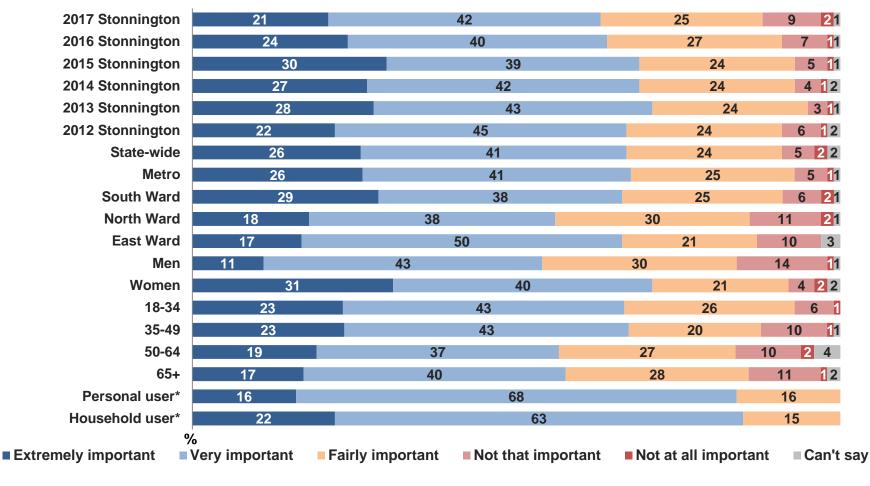
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2017 DISADVANTAGED SUPPORT SERVICES

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2017 Disadvantaged Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'disadvantaged support services' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 12 Councils asked group: 6 *Caution: small sample size < n=30

2017 DISADVANTAGED SUPPORT SERVICES

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2017 Disadvantaged Support Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'disadvantaged support services' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 16 Councils asked group: 8

Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

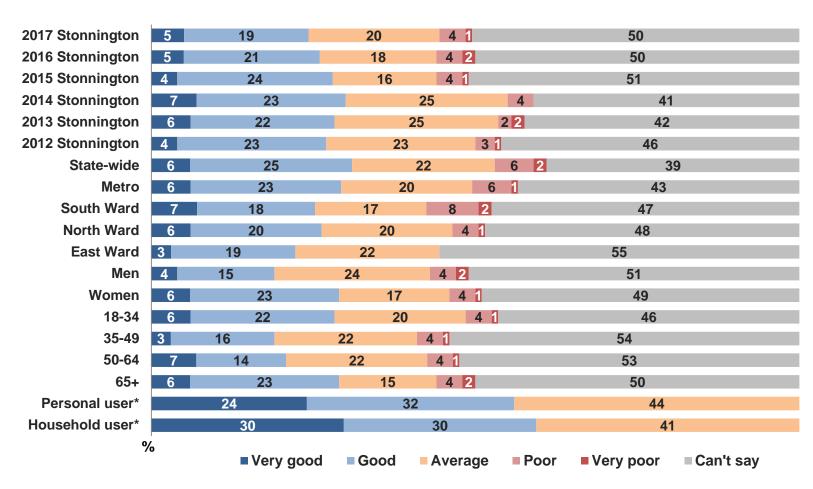
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2017 DISADVANTAGED SUPPORT SERVICES

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2017 Disadvantaged Support Performance

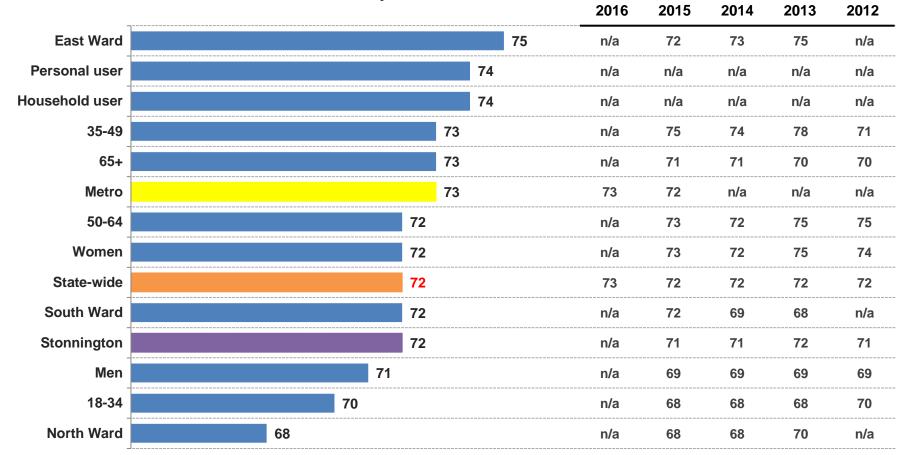


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2017 Recreational Facilities Importance

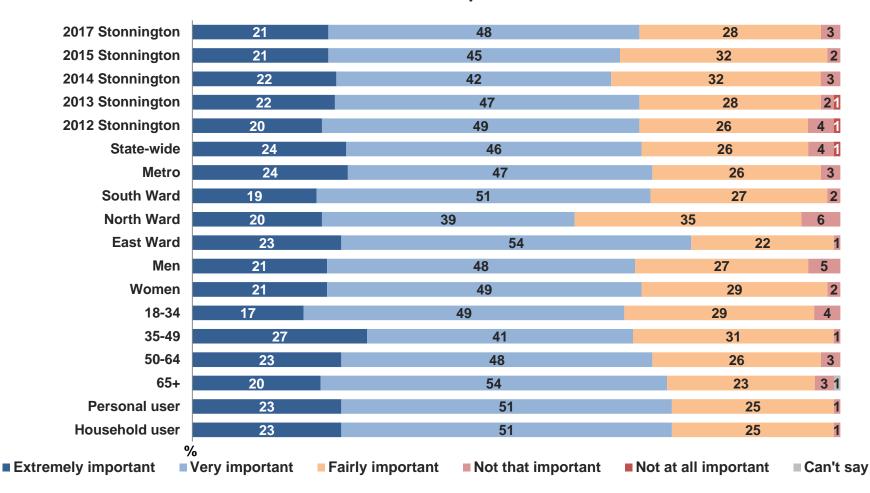


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'recreational facilities' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 27 Councils asked group: 10 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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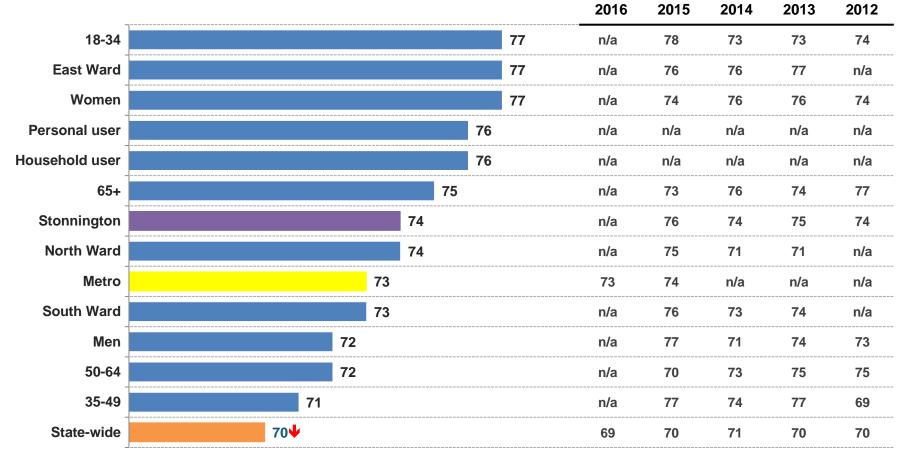
2017 Recreational Facilities Importance



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2017 Recreational Facilities Performance

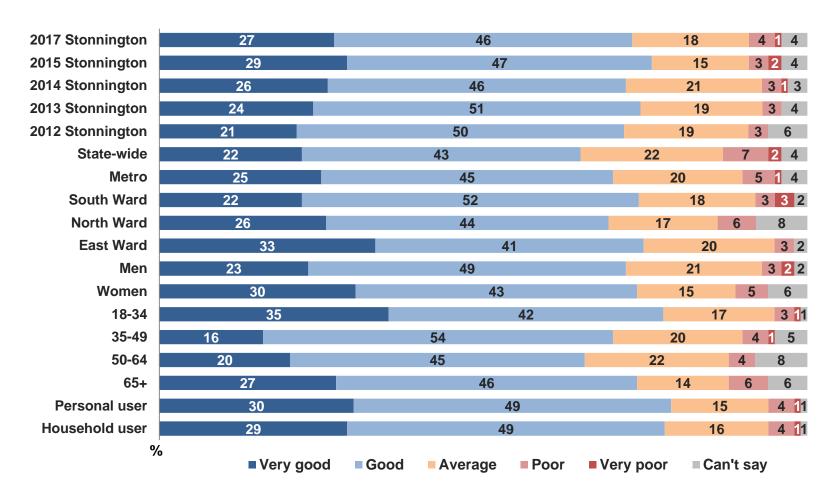


Q2. How has Council performed on 'recreational facilities' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 40 Councils asked group: 13 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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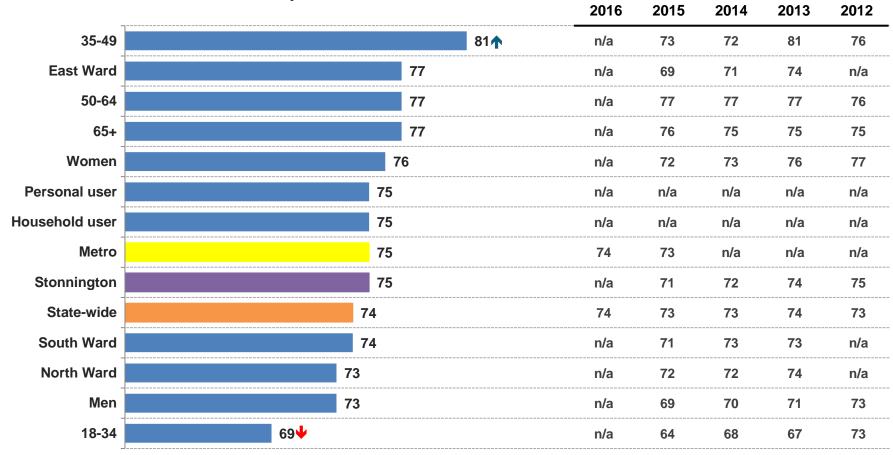
2017 Recreational Facilities Performance



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2017 Public Areas Importance

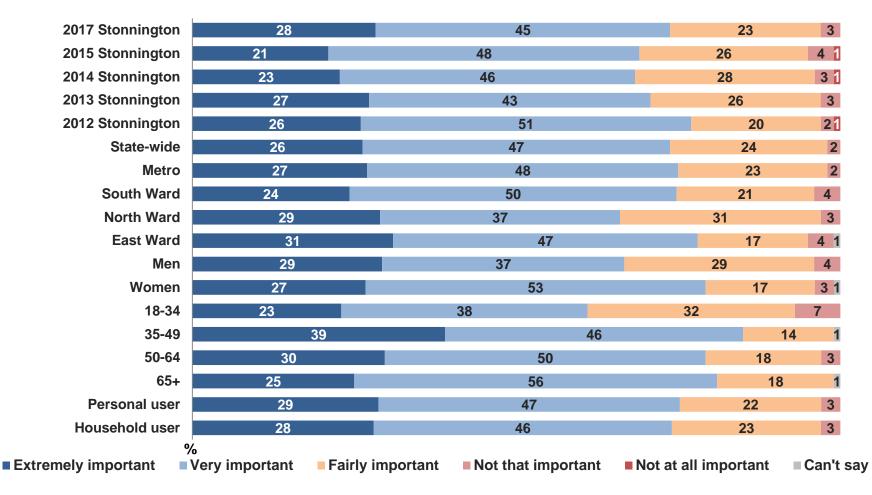


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the appearance of public areas' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 28 Councils asked group: 11 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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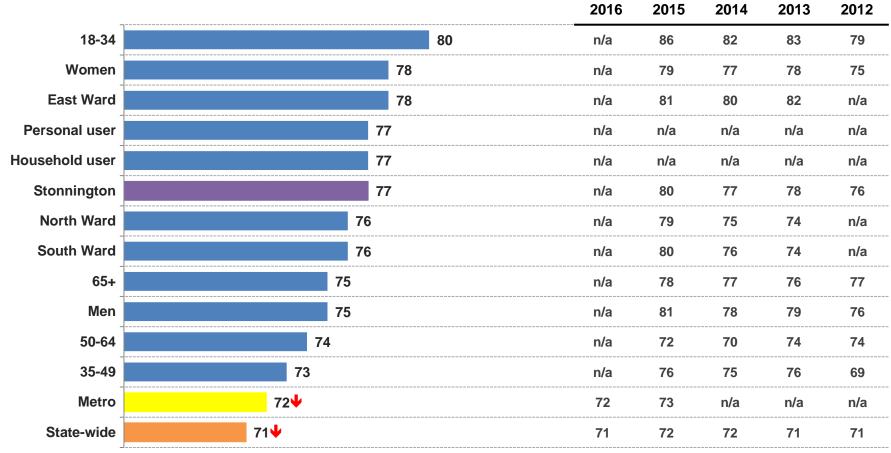
2017 Public Areas Importance



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2017 Public Areas Performance

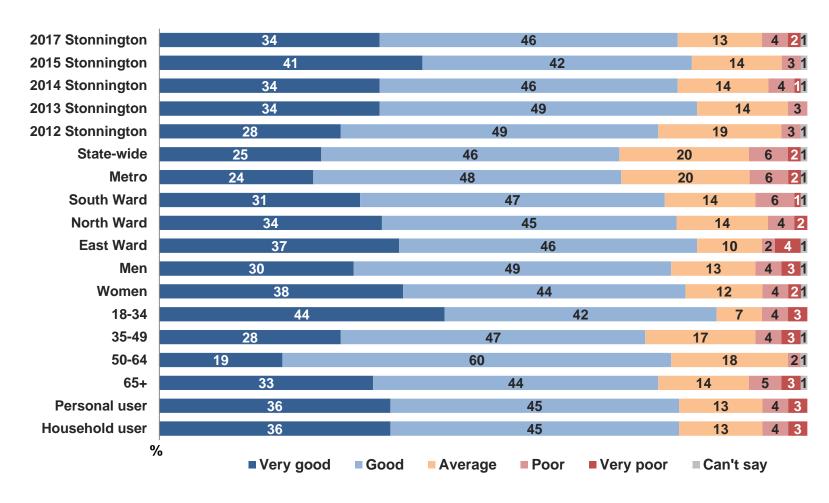


Q2. How has Council performed on 'the appearance of public areas' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 39 Councils asked group: 14 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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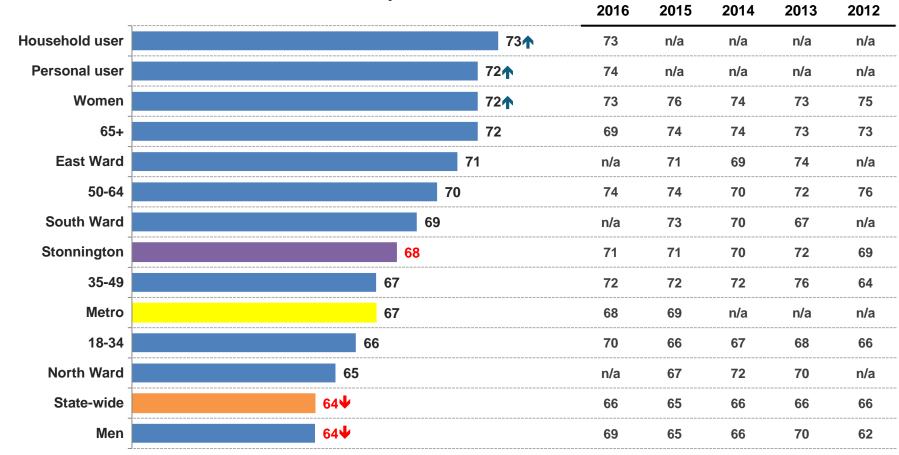
2017 Public Areas Performance



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2017 Art Centres & Libraries Importance

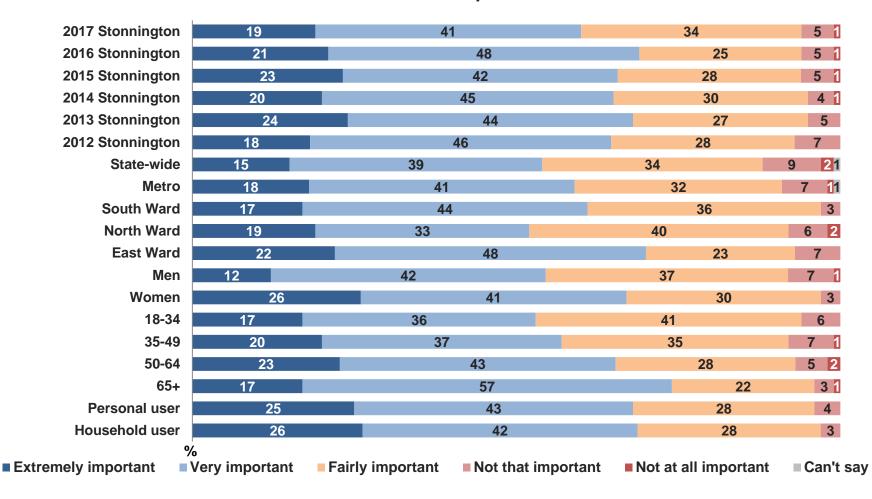


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'art centres and libraries' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 9 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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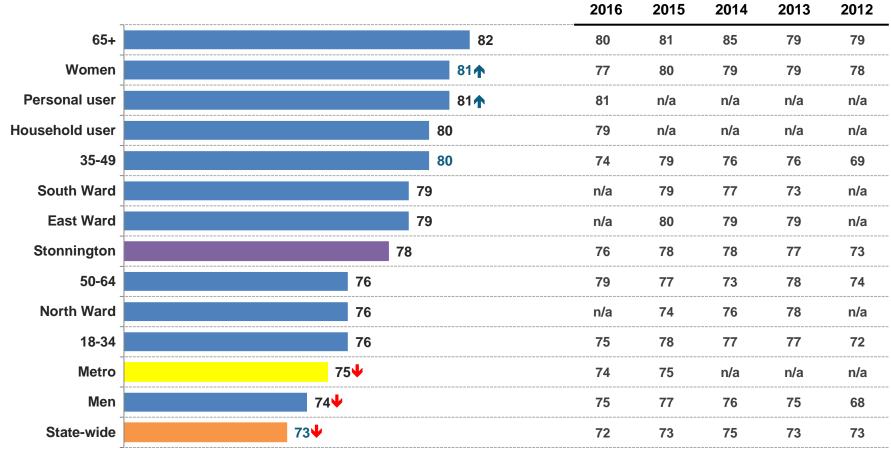
2017 Art Centres & Libraries Importance



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2017 Art Centres & Libraries Performance

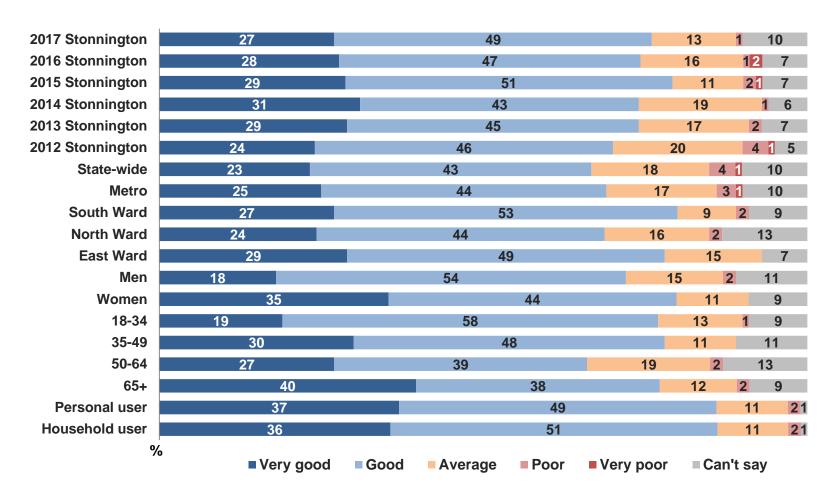


Q2. How has Council performed on 'art centres and libraries' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 28 Councils asked group: 13 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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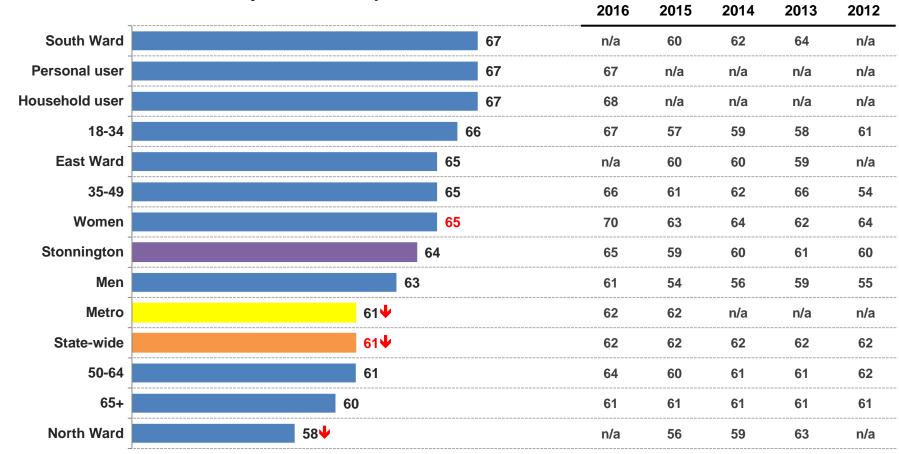
2017 Art Centres & Libraries Performance



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2017 Community Activities Importance



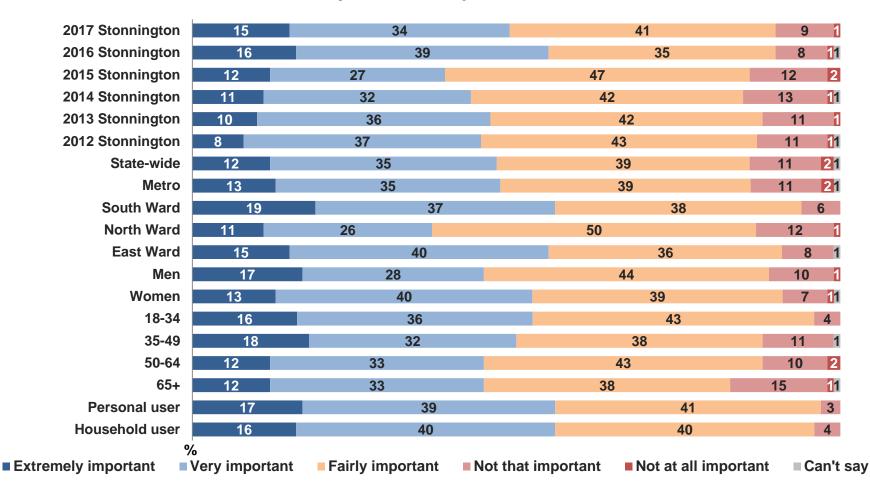
Q1. Firstly, how important should 'community and cultural activities' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 21 Councils asked group: 9

Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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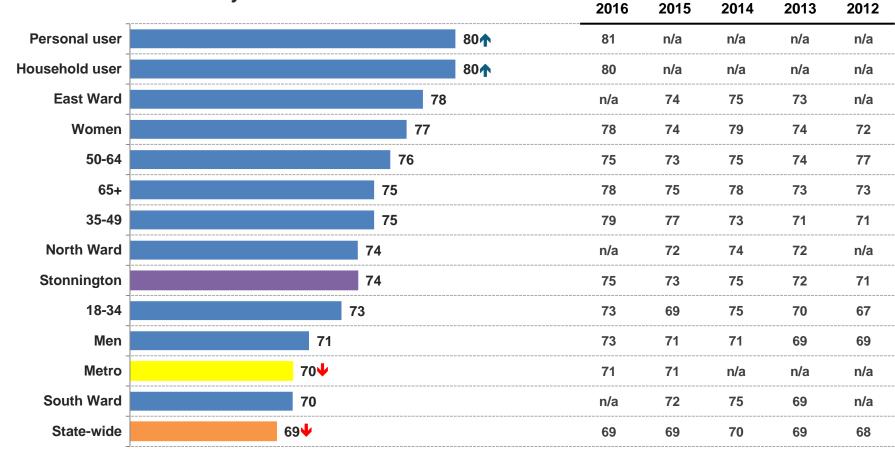
2017 Community Activities Importance



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2017 Community Activities Performance

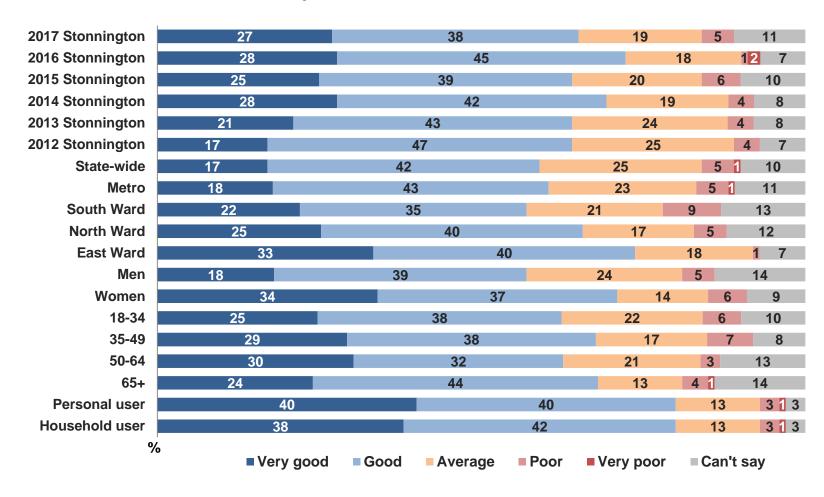


Q2. How has Council performed on 'community and cultural activities' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 29 Councils asked group: 13 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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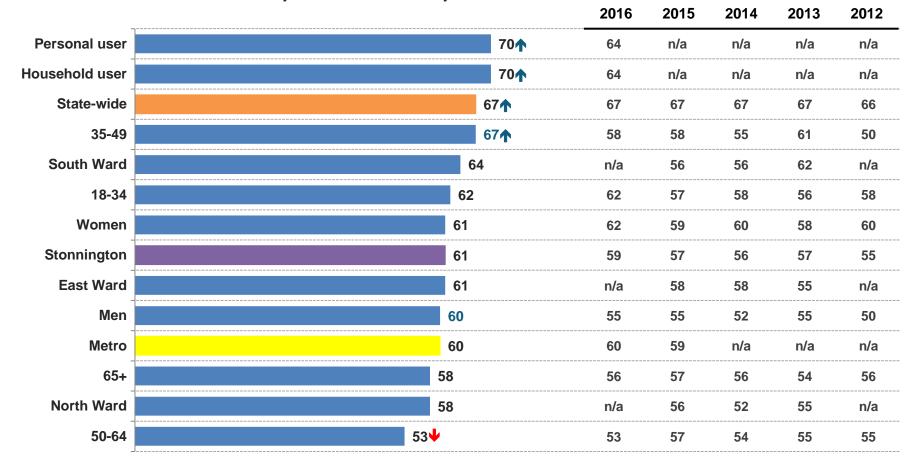
2017 Community Activities Performance



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2017 Business/Development/Tourism Importance



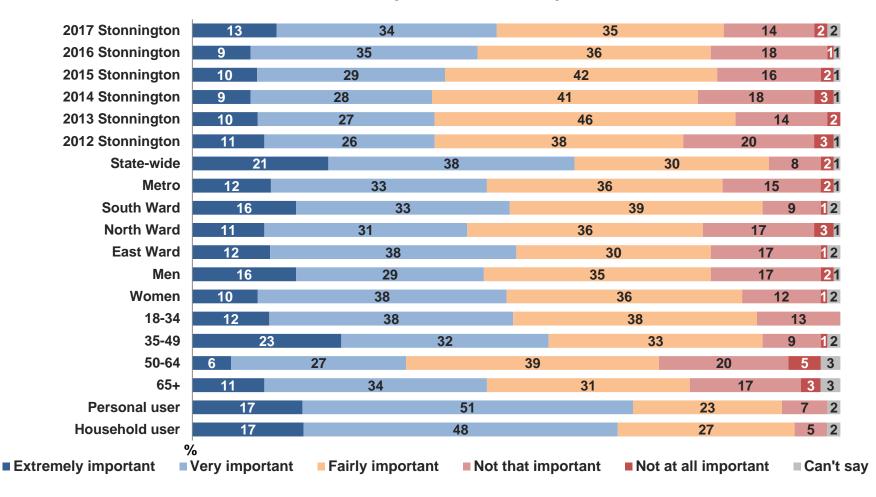
Q1. Firstly, how important should 'business and community development and tourism' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 6

Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

TOURISM IMPORTANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2017 Business/Development/Tourism Importance



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2017 Business/Development/Tourism Performance 18-34 69♠ Women South Ward n/a n/a Household user n/a n/a n/a n/a **East Ward** n/a n/a **Stonnington** Personal user n/a n/a n/a n/a **North Ward** n/a n/a Men State-wide **↓** 60\ Metro n/a n/a n/a 65+ 50-64



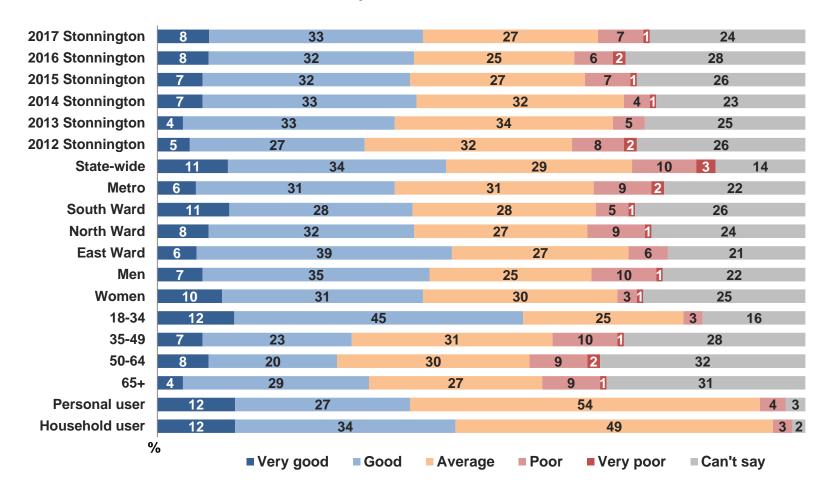
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TOURISM PERFORMANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



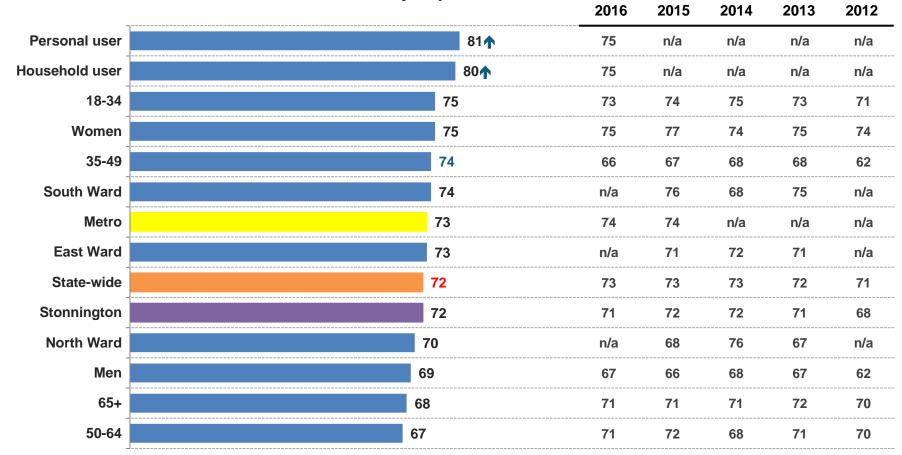
2017 Business/Development/Tourism Performance



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2017 Environmental Sustainability Importance

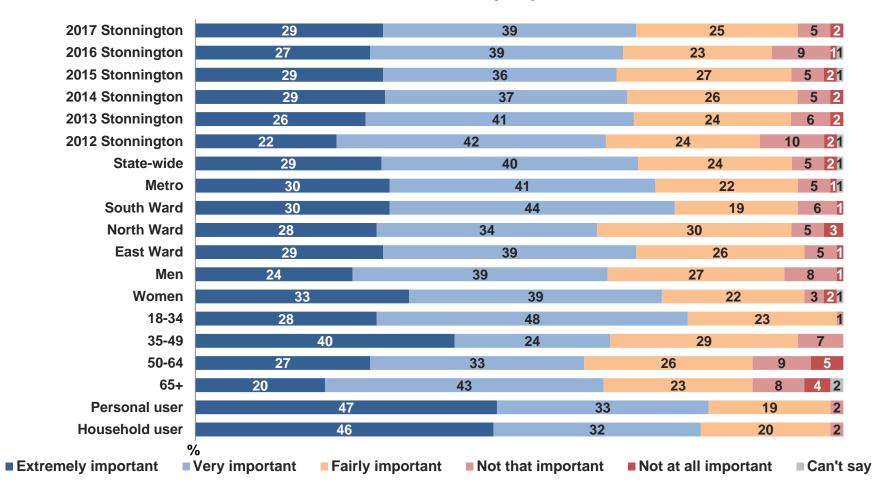


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'environmental sustainability' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 10 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences

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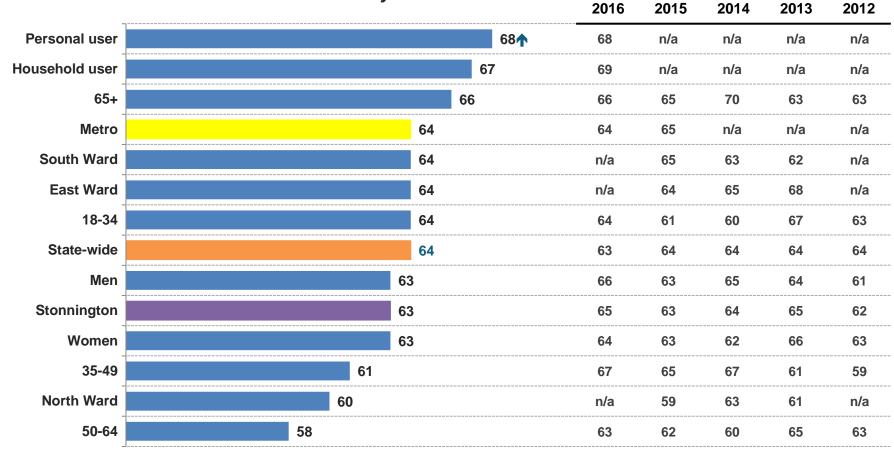
2017 Environmental Sustainability Importance



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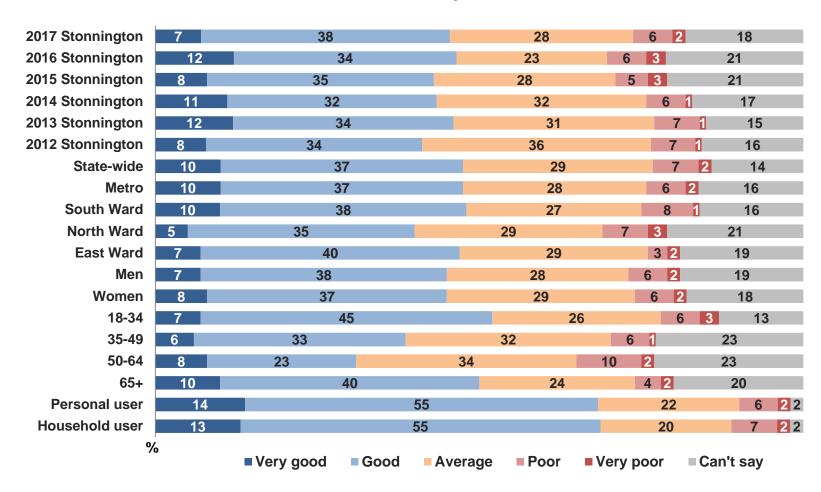
2017 Environmental Sustainability Performance



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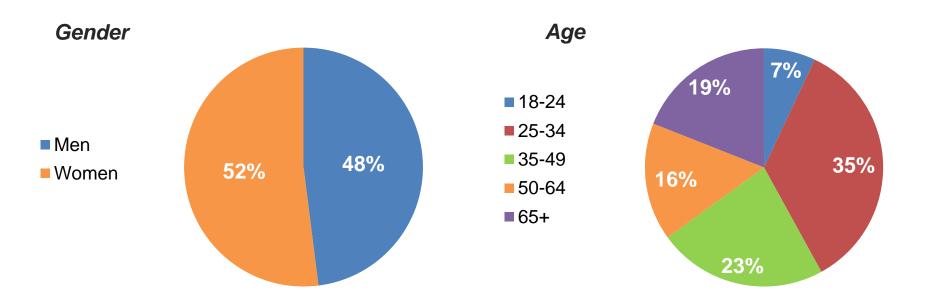


DETAILED DEMOGRAPHICS



2017 GENDER AND AGE PROFILE





Please note that for the reason of simplifying reporting, interlocking age and gender reporting has not been included in this report. Interlocking age and gender analysis is still available in the dashboard and data tables provided alongside this report.

APPENDIX A: DETAILED SURVEY TABULATIONS AVAILABLE IN SUPPLIED EXCEL FILE



APPENDIX B: FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION



APPENDIX B: BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES



The survey was revised in 2012. As a result:

- ➤ The survey is now conducted as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18 years or over in local councils, whereas previously it was conducted as a 'head of household' survey.
- As part of the change to a representative resident survey, results are now weighted post survey to the known population distribution of Stonnington City Council according to the most recently available Australian Bureau of Statistics population estimates, whereas the results were previously not weighted.
- The service responsibility area performance measures have changed significantly and the rating scale used to assess performance has also changed.

As such, the results of the 2012 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey should be considered as a benchmark. Please note that comparisons should not be made with the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results from 2011 and prior due to the methodological and sampling changes. **Comparisons in the period 2012-2017 have been made throughout this report as appropriate.**

APPENDIX B: MARGINS OF ERROR



The sample size for the 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Stonnington City Council was n=400. Unless otherwise noted, this is the total sample base for all reported charts and tables.

The maximum margin of error on a sample of approximately n=400 interviews is +/-4.9% at the 95% confidence level for results around 50%. Margins of error will be larger for any sub-samples. As an example, a result of 50% can be read confidently as falling midway in the range 45.1% - 54.9%.

Maximum margins of error are listed in the table below, based on a population of 92,000 people aged 18 years or over for Stonnington City Council, according to ABS estimates.

Demographic	Actual survey sample size	Weighted base	Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence interval
Stonnington City Council	400	400	+/-4.9
Men	180	193	+/-7.3
Women	220	207	+/-6.6
South Ward	133	145	+/-8.5
North Ward	134	130	+/-8.5
East Ward	133	126	+/-8.5
18-34 years	69	167	+/-11.9
35-49 years	76	93	+/-11.3
50-64 years	114	63	+/-9.2
65+ years	141	78	+/-8.3



All participating councils are listed in the state-wide report published on the DELWP website. In 2017, 68 of the 79 Councils throughout Victoria participated in this survey. For consistency of analysis and reporting across all projects, Local Government Victoria has aligned its presentation of data to use standard council groupings. Accordingly, the council reports for the community satisfaction survey provide analysis using these standard council groupings. Please note that councils participating across 2012-2017 vary slightly.

Council Groups

Stonnington City Council is classified as a Metropolitan council according to the following classification list:

Metropolitan, Interface, Regional Centres, Large Rural & Small Rural

Councils participating in the Metropolitan group are: Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Melbourne, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Whitehorse.

Wherever appropriate, results for Stonnington City Council for this 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been compared against other participating councils in the Metropolitan group and on a state-wide basis. Please note that council groupings changed for 2015, and as such comparisons to council group results before that time can not be made within the reported charts.



Index Scores

Many questions ask respondents to rate council performance on a five-point scale, for example, from 'very good' to 'very poor', with 'can't say' also a possible response category. To facilitate ease of reporting and comparison of results over time, starting from the 2012 survey and measured against the state-wide result and the council group, an 'Index Score' has been calculated for such measures.

The Index Score is calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale), with 'can't say' responses excluded from the analysis. The '% RESULT' for each scale category is multiplied by the 'INDEX FACTOR'. This produces an 'INDEX VALUE' for each category, which are then summed to produce the 'INDEX SCORE', equating to '60' in the following example.

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Very good	9%	100	9
Good	40%	75	30
Average	37%	50	19
Poor	9%	25	2
Very poor	4%	0	0
Can't say	1%		INDEX SCORE 60



Similarly, an Index Score has been calculated for the Core question 'Performance direction in the last 12 months', based on the following scale for each performance measure category, with 'Can't say' responses excluded from the calculation.

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Improved	36%	100	36
Stayed the same	40%	50	20
Deteriorated	23%	0	0
Can't say	1%	-	INDEX SCORE 56

APPENDIX B: INDEX SCORE IMPLICATIONS



Index scores are indicative of an overall rating on a particular service area. In this context, index scores indicate:

- a) how well council is seen to be performing in a particular service area; or
- b) the level of importance placed on a particular service area.

For ease of interpretation, index score ratings can be categorised as follows:

INDEX SCORE	Performance implication	Importance implication	
75 – 100	Council is performing very well in this service area	This service area is seen to be extremely important	
60 – 75	Council is performing well in this service area, but there is room for improvement	This service area is seen to be very important	
50 – 60	Council is performing satisfactorily in this service area but needs to improve	This service area is seen to be fairly important	
40 – 50	Council is performing poorly in this service area	This service area is seen to be somewhat important	
0 – 40	Council is performing very poorly in this service area	This service area is seen to be not that important	

APPENDIX B: INDEX SCORE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE CALCULATION



The test applied to the Indexes was an Independent Mean Test, as follows:

$$Z Score = (\$1 - \$2) / Sqrt ((\$3*2 / \$5) + (\$4*2 / \$6))$$

Where:

>\$1 = Index Score 1

>\$2 = Index Score 2

▶\$3 = unweighted sample count 1

>\$4 = unweighted sample count 1

⇒\$5 = standard deviation 1

▶\$6 = standard deviation 2

All figures can be sourced from the detailed cross tabulations.

The test was applied at the 95% confidence interval, so if the Z Score was greater than +/- 1.954 the scores are significantly different.



Core, Optional and Tailored Questions

Over and above necessary geographic and demographic questions required to ensure sample representativeness, a base set of questions for the 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey was designated as 'Core' and therefore compulsory inclusions for all participating Councils.

These core questions comprised:

- Overall performance last 12 months (Overall performance)
- Lobbying on behalf of community (Advocacy)
- Community consultation and engagement (Consultation)
- Decisions made in the interest of the community (Making community decisions)
- Condition of sealed local roads (Sealed local roads)
- Contact in last 12 months (Contact)
- Rating of contact (Customer service)
- Overall council direction last 12 months (Council direction)

Reporting of results for these core questions can always be compared against other participating councils in the council group and against all participating councils state-wide. Alternatively, some questions in the 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey were optional. Councils also had the ability to ask tailored questions specific only to their council.



Reporting

Every council that participated in the 2017 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey receives a customised report. In addition, the state government is supplied with a state-wide summary report of the aggregate results of 'Core' and 'Optional' questions asked across all council areas surveyed.

Tailored questions commissioned by individual councils are reported only to the commissioning council and not otherwise shared unless by express written approval of the commissioning council.

The overall State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Report is available at https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/our-programs/council-community-satisfaction-survey.

APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Core questions: Compulsory inclusion questions for all councils participating in the CSS.

CSS: 2017 Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

Council group: One of five classified groups, comprising: metropolitan, interface, regional centres, large rural and small rural.

Council group average: The average result for all participating councils in the council group.

Highest / lowest: The result described is the highest or lowest result across a particular demographic sub-group e.g. men, for the specific question being reported. Reference to the result for a demographic sub-group being the highest or lowest does not imply that it is significantly higher or lower, unless this is specifically mentioned.

Index score: A score calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale). This score is sometimes reported as a figure in brackets next to the category being described, e.g. men 50+ (60).

Optional questions: Questions which councils had an option to include or not.

Percentages: Also referred to as 'detailed results', meaning the proportion of responses, expressed as a percentage.

Sample: The number of completed interviews, e.g. for a council or within a demographic sub-group.

Significantly higher / lower: The result described is significantly higher or lower than the comparison result based on a statistical significance test at the 95% confidence limit. If the result referenced is statistically higher or lower then this will be specifically mentioned, however not all significantly higher or lower results are referenced in summary reporting.

Statewide average: The average result for all participating councils in the State.

Tailored questions: Individual questions tailored by and only reported to the commissioning council.

Weighting: Weighting factors are applied to the sample for each council based on available age and gender proportions from ABS census information to ensure reported results are proportionate to the actual population of the council, rather than the achieved survey sample.

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