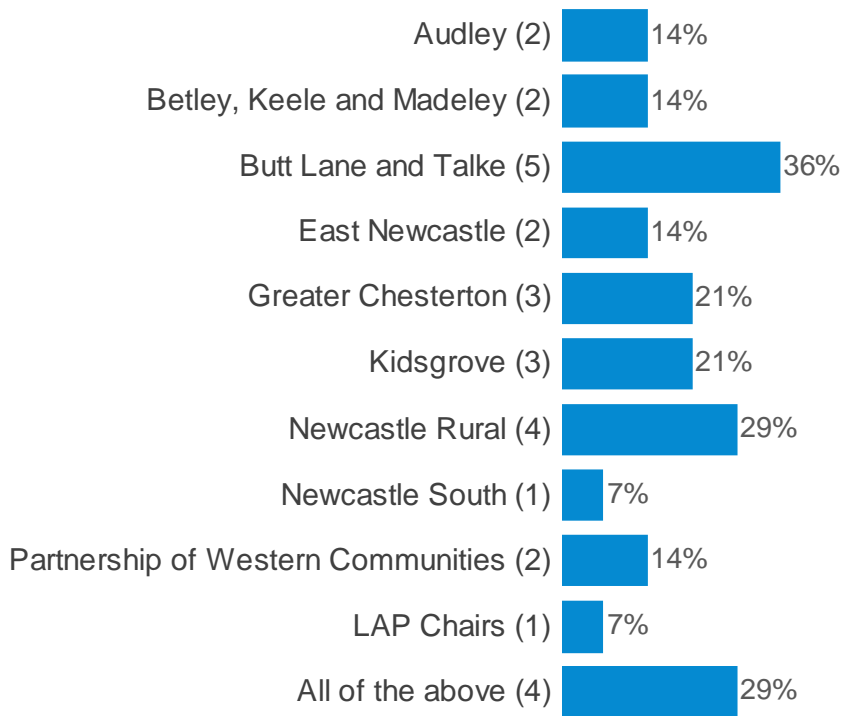


# LAP Survey 2015/16

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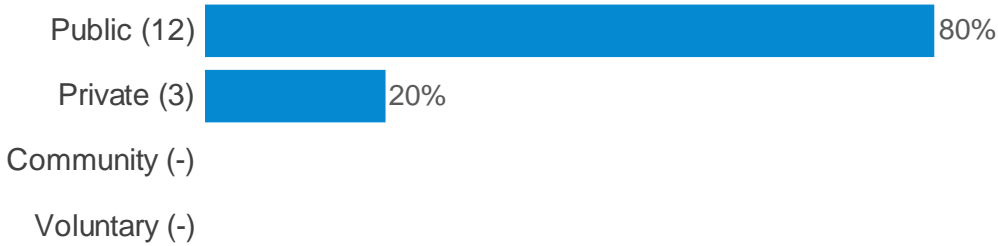
## Which LAP(s) do you attend or is your organisation represented at? (please tick all that apply)



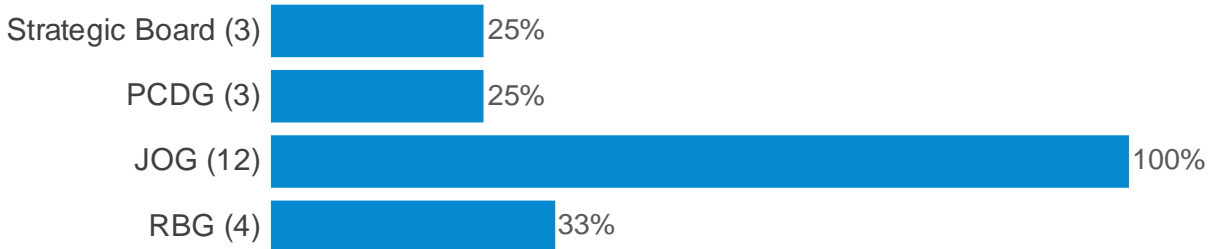
**Please state the name of the organisation that you represent and the department represented.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sporting Communities CIC
- \_\_\_\_\_ Staffordshire fire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newcastle Borough Council - Partnerships Team
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aspire Housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Staffordshire Police neighbourhood
- \_\_\_\_\_ Partnerships Team (Chief Executives) -Newcastle Borough Council
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newcastle Borough Council - Partnerships Team
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newcastle Police
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newcastle Borough Council, Partnerships Team
- \_\_\_\_\_ Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Prevent / Protect
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town Centre Partnership/Newcastle BID
- \_\_\_\_\_ police
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kidsgrove NPT
- \_\_\_\_\_ police
- \_\_\_\_\_ Police

**Which sector is this organisation in?**



**At which other Newcastle Partnership meetings/groups is your organisation represented?**



**Other (Please state below)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Probably all of them?? !!!
- \_\_\_\_\_ police

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**Do you feel that the LAP(s) are able to contribute appropriately to the work of the Newcastle Partnership?**



**Why not?**

Some laps work better than others, attendance is poor their ability to address residents concerns is limited. Not quite sure how much additional funding the laps have brought into the area. ( this was one of the main reason to setting up the laps )

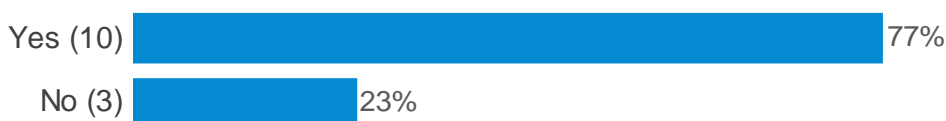
**Do you consider the frequency of the LAP(s) meetings to be right?**



**Do you consider the length of the LAP(s) meetings to be appropriate?**



**Do you feel the purpose of the LAP(s) meetings that you or your organisation attend is clear?**



**Why not?**

Some LAPs absolutely get the purpose of their role in the Borough. Our team is responsible for co-ordinating all LAPs and partners report to us that some of the groups stray from the agreed agenda and do not consider the wider area in which they operate. Some groups spend too much time on individual issues and some groups need to establish a more action driven approach.

It depends on the LAP in question. Some of the LAP's I feel are talking shops and their purpose gets blurred in the midst of personal and political agendas. That said there are a small number of LAP's that have a clear purpose and do not deviate from this.

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**Do you understand your role within the LAP(s) and the contribution that your organisation makes?**



**Do you/your organisation benefit from contributing to the LAP(s)?**



**How?**

We have applied jointly for funding to develop services within the area of Chesterton. This successful collaboration has reach national and regional recognition. Collaboration is important to develop local services

Invariably the Council benefits from the delivery of projects and initiatives from the LAPs. Also, from the joined up working locally and the partnership activity that is tasked to solve local issues.

It is an excellent way to share partner, stakeholder and community priorities and ensure they are accountable for actions

Able to provide update to key members of the group e.g. Aspire, NULBC. However I feel that some groups attendance is selective.

Able to share best practice with them all and share information of intrest.

By being able to identify, through use of the excellent Profiles and local intelligence, Action Plans that deliver tangible improvements to the local community

We can directly impart information to the local community and listen to their worries

Communication is enhanced between organisations

we get to see what other partners are already doing towards specific problems or are able to contribute. There is also an opportunity to seek funding and engage with other community events.

keeping us all updated

Keeping them updated and informed to keep community safe. Funding projects we do in the community

**Do you feel that the Newcastle Partnership priorities of ‘vulnerability & economic growth’ are reflected by the work of the LAPs?**



### Why not?

As in question 8 - it can be a bit hit and miss. The stronger groups absolutely get the purpose and how they contribute to the priorities. Some however, do not enjoy the strategic overview and consider the Newcastle Partnership to be a hinderance to their operation.

When issues are highlighted I feel that they are left and often go domant

One size does not fit all and while some of the LAPs are addressing issues thta affect their communities other meetings are just talking shops with actions being progressed outside of the meetings by Partnership Officers/Partners.

They are very insular and are lookig at their own issues without regard to the greater picture. They need to understand how they can impact on the greater good.

I have put 'No' but this is not completely true, the LAP's do touch upon vulnerability and economic growth but nowhere near as much as they should in general (token gesture). Of course, certain LAP's do touch upon these priorities more than others.

### Is your organisation able to contribute to the development of the LAP(s) sufficiently?



### Why not?

in sufficient staff

We struggle with the understanding and communication with some of the LAP Chairs. The Borough Council are an active and supportive partner to LAPs and often this is overlooked, particularly when we make suggestions for improvements.

LAP members need to be responsible for leading on actions, working in partnership by engaing with relevant partners.

### Are you/your organisation confident to challenge if there are issues/problems that need to be addressed within the LAP(s)?



### Why not?

confident to raise an issue but not confident it can be resolved.

### Are you/your organisation confident with information sharing within the LAP(s)?



## Why not?

In most cases yes, as appropriate. The LAPs aren't meant to be sharing information about individuals, this is for professionals operating in other forums.

## What else could be done by partners to help the LAP(s) become more effective?

Devolution of funding held by the Newcastle partnership should be devolved to the LAPs. Through the localism agenda this would give the people who represent their area more control and more control over public assets.

The vast majority of the public are unaware of the LAPS. What do the customers/residents want of the LAPS . Should it be more focused on dealing with vulnerable people. Dealing with the root causes of problems.

Support, guidance and a strong collective steer, as required with some of the groups that need more direction.

Ensure representation is consistent and actively promote positive initiatives/services/changes to services in the specified areas

Action plans are rarely followed through and have been left for too long without progress, they need to be removed or those who have accepted responsibility carry them through.

Membership of the LAPs needs to be strengthened and those new members attending should be there for the greater good of their community. A few members are only interested in their personal issues i.e. crime or litter which is fine but there needs to be a solution that benefits all of the community and is progressed through the appropriate LAP.

- Varies from LAP to LAP, but some partners could be more involved, especially the health sector - some gradual improvements thereof - and more consistent in attendance. - Help to communicate about the good work that LAPs can, and do, do. Equally important, about what they shouldn't and can't do. - Make sure that they send the appropriate representative to LAP meetings.

There needs to be greater local involvement within the LAP and value within the community. Some of the LAPs need a change of chair and core members as they are self-promoting about their issues and less about the community as a whole

These are the elements I think could be done:- 1.) Consistent, regular attendance by partners 2.) Better quality of input and contribution - sometimes the LAP's seem to go through the motions 3.) Taking ownership of some of the issues that arise 4.) Bringing in expertise where required into the forums - the partner representation around the table could be improved 5.) Chair dedication. A number of the LAP's I've attended the chairperson has been very late.

I do not feel that there is anything else at this time that could be done.

do less parish council work

## If you have any additional comments about the LAPs, please make them here.

The LAP that I attend is excellent in looking at the issues relating to the Neighbourhood area. They successfully co-ordinate an action plan which currently has 111 actions recorded, relating to:- The Community, Young/Older People, Health & Wellbeing, Training and skills and The Environment. Everyone is aware of the Neighbourhood Plan and we need to encourage partners to record their actions/services too.

I question if the chair and vice chair of the group should be local councillors and should not be somebody from local community safety and have a more independent view.

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Most of the LAPS are progressing and undertaking some great work to benefit the community and bridge gaps. Unfortunately one or two of them are dominated by individuals who are only interested in their own Agenda i.e the Chair of Newcastle South only discusses problems in and around Westbury Park and fails to address any issues in Town or Thistleberry. Kildgrove LAP attendance has fallen as one individual takes over the meeting and again raises issues that are only of interest to him. Often these issues are being addressed but he is not happy with how this is being done. He feels that travellers should pay to stay at Bathpool and the Police just want the area secured so they cannot gain access.

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- When they work well they can do excellent things. We need to build on that. - Better promotion of, and publicity about, LAPs. - Some LAPs can be hijacked by disfunctional individuals with their own agenda - puts other people off and stifles involvement. - Would like to see at least one LAP make serious moves towards setting themselves up independently as a CIC. - LAPs need to be bolder and more imaginative in what they seek to do, and in the way they do that. - Impact of changes at Aspire need to be considered.

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Nope

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I understand the validity and purpose of the LAP's, however I'm unsure of partners buy-in on a consistent level across the board. Several of the LAP's I have attended are just not fit for purpose. Some are ok at best and others are reasonably useful and proactive. I remember when we had LAG's and I don't think things have moved on a great deal now we have LAP's - evolution has been slow, cumbersome and repetitive. I question the long term future of the LAP's I really do, because a lot of officer time goes into them and the outcomes and outputs sometimes do not yield enough positive rewards.