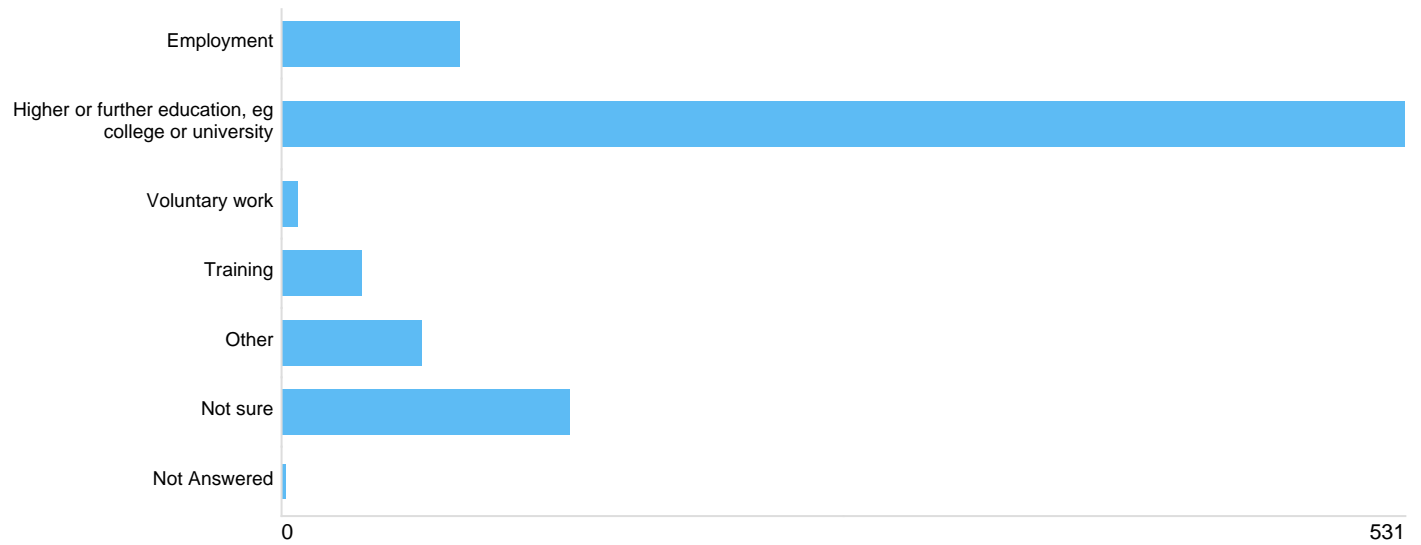


Question 1: When you leave school what are you most likely to go into?

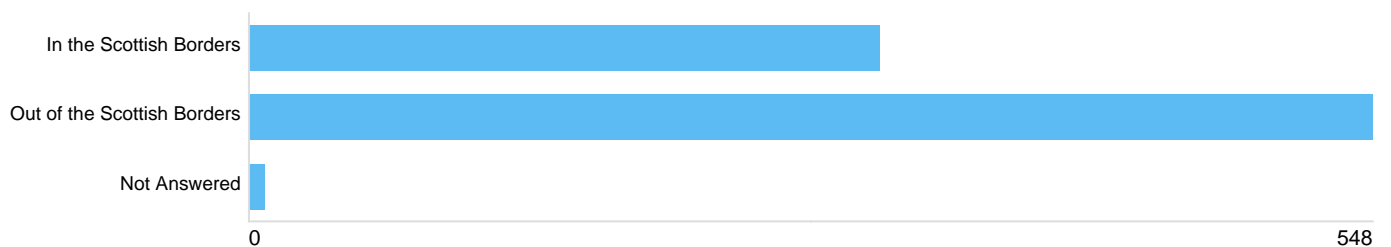
Destination



Option	Total	Percent
Employment	84	9.74%
Higher or further education, eg college or university	531	61.60%
Voluntary work	7	0.81%
Training	37	4.29%
Other	66	7.66%
Not sure	136	15.78%
Not Answered	1	0.12%

Question 2: Where would this likely be?

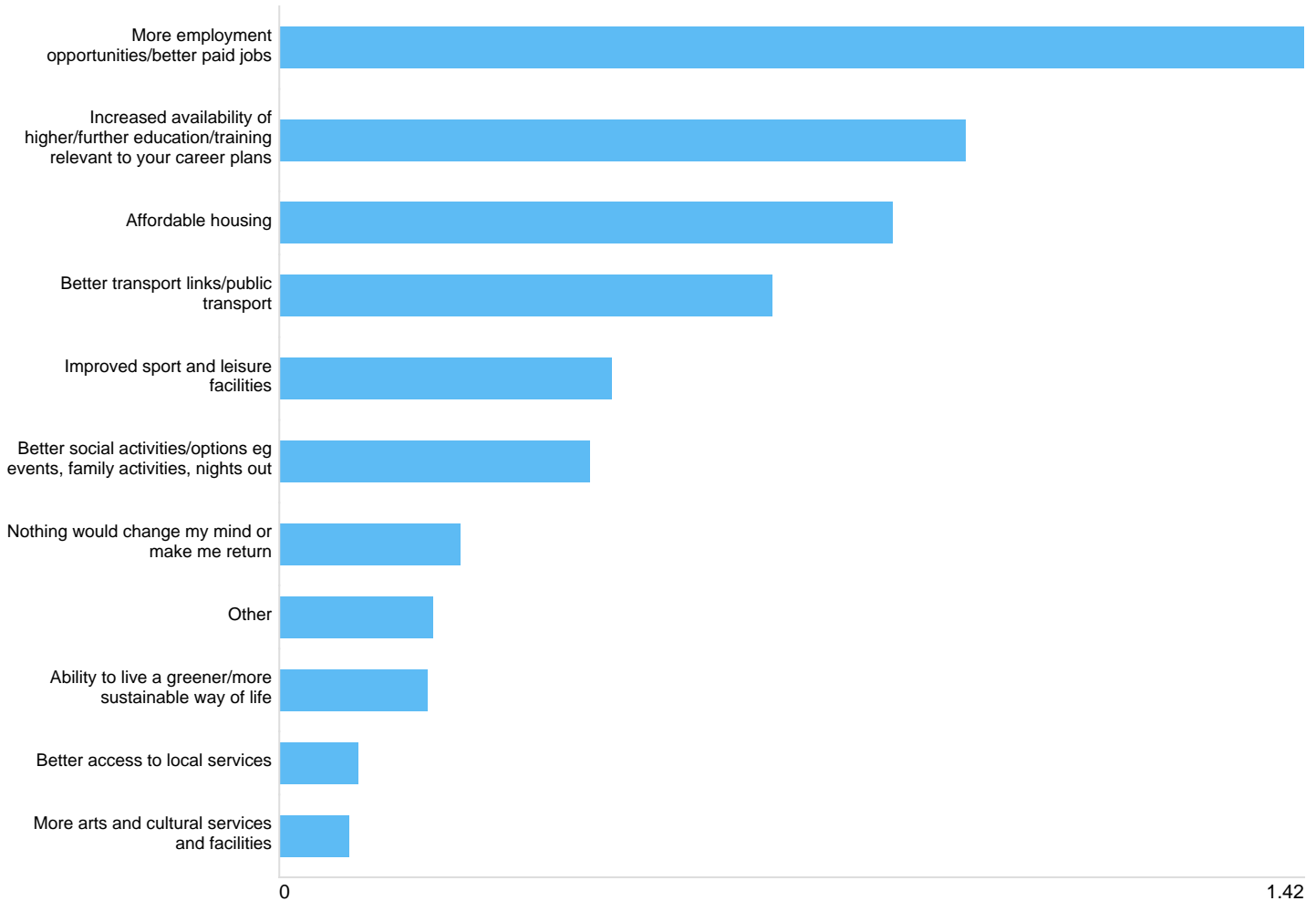
Location



Option	Total	Percent
In the Scottish Borders	307	35.61%
Out of the Scottish Borders	548	63.57%
Not Answered	7	0.81%

Question 3: Which of the following are the most important to you if you plan to stay in the Borders after school? If you plan to leave the area, which would make you reconsider this, or encourage you to return to the area? Rank your top 3. If nothing would make you reconsider leaving the area or return to the Borders, select that option at number 1 and choose any other 2.

Table of "Retaining young people" in rank order



Question 4: There are a number of big challenges facing the Scottish Borders and the Council. Many of these are connected. To help us prioritise action we want to know which of the following issues are most important to you. Please rank them in order of your priority - highest priority at number 1 and lowest at number 7.

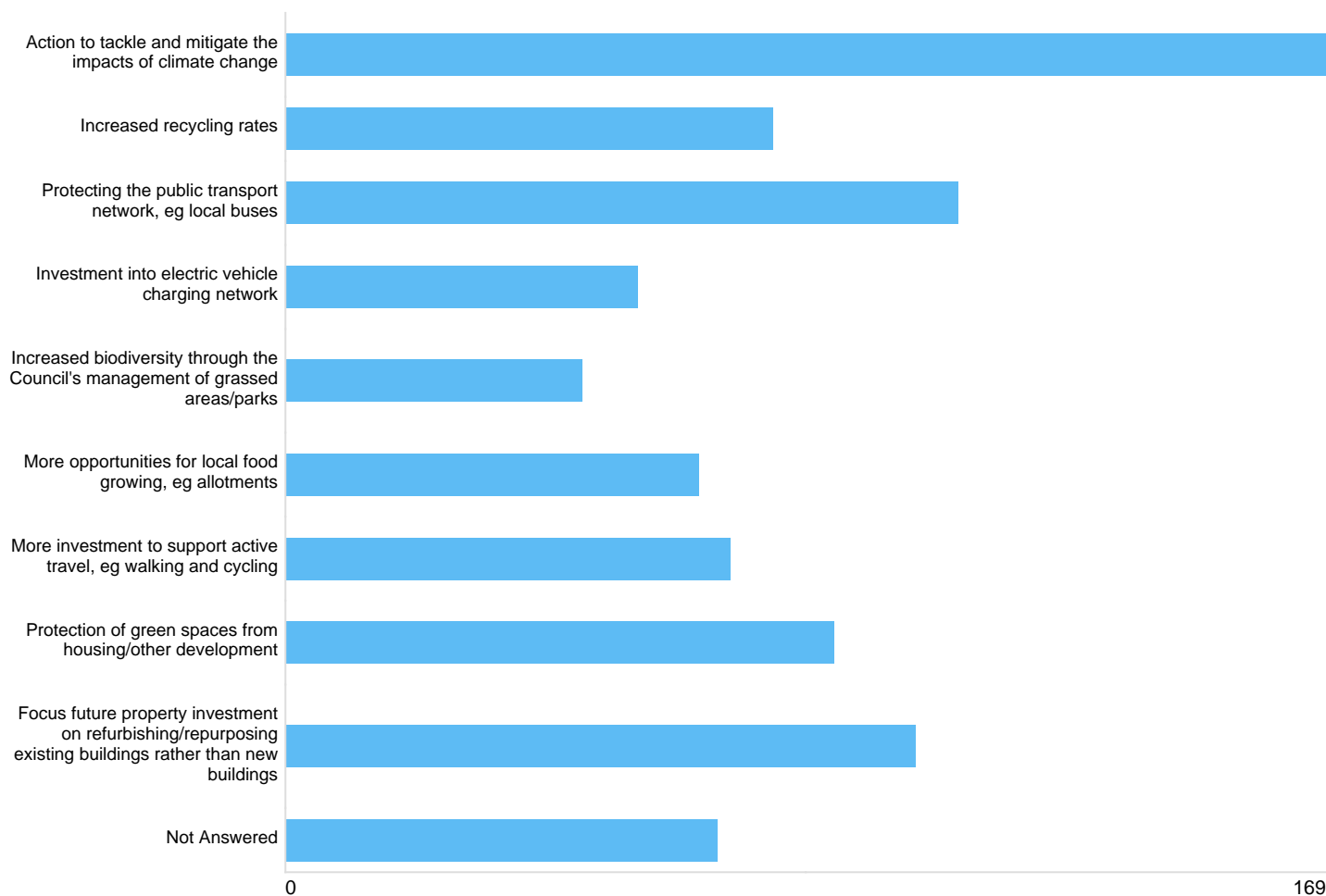
Table of "Priorities" in rank order



Item	Ranking
Economy - the average wage people earn in the Borders is less than the Scottish average. A lot of local jobs are in types of work which are more seasonal and which pay lower wages.	4.41
Health and Social Care - the number of people over the age of 75 is expected to increase by 33.5% in the Scottish Borders by 2026. This means more Borderers will be living with one or more complex health conditions and are likely to require more health and social care as they grow older. At the same time as demand for various health and social care services are increasing there is a national recruitment crisis.	4.17
Skills, Training, Employability and Transitions – although the number of people out of work has reduced, there are significant skill shortages which results in long term job vacancies. Attracting better paid jobs can be helped by having younger people in the area having the right skills for those jobs.	3.85
Environment/Climate Change - the Scottish Borders must play its part in meeting the national target of a 75% reductions in greenhouse gases by 2030, and a net zero target by 2045.	3.84
Demography - the population of the Scottish Borders is getting smaller. Young people and those up to 65 years of age are also leaving the area. The average age of the population is getting older. Combined, this results in fewer workers and more older people needing support. This affects businesses and also leads to increased costs for the Council.	3.09
Transport - around 10,000 people in the Borders are not connected to the public transport system at all. For those that can easily access public transport, the costs are higher than for people in cities. Private car use is high in the Borders.	3.08
Vulnerable Communities – the Borders' economy is reliant on a small number of business types, such as hospitality, visitor services and food and drink. There is a general lack of business infrastructure and digital connectivity is worse than in urban areas. This makes our area more vulnerable to economic changes than other areas.	2.93

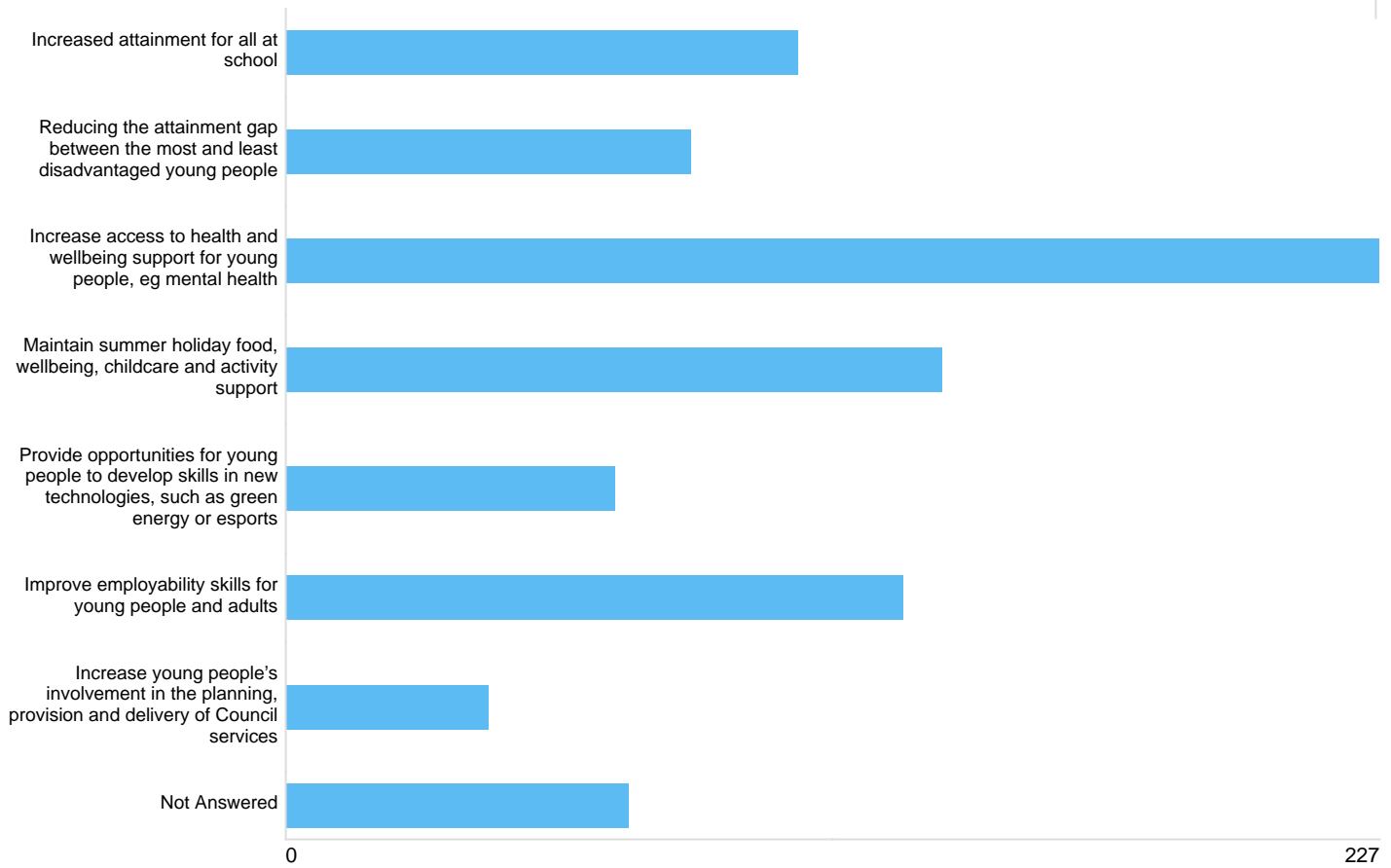
Question 5: The Council want to increase the opportunities for local people and communities to have a say in how we invest and support priorities which we agree together. Select your top priority within each of our six current Council Plan themes.

Priority - Clean Green Future



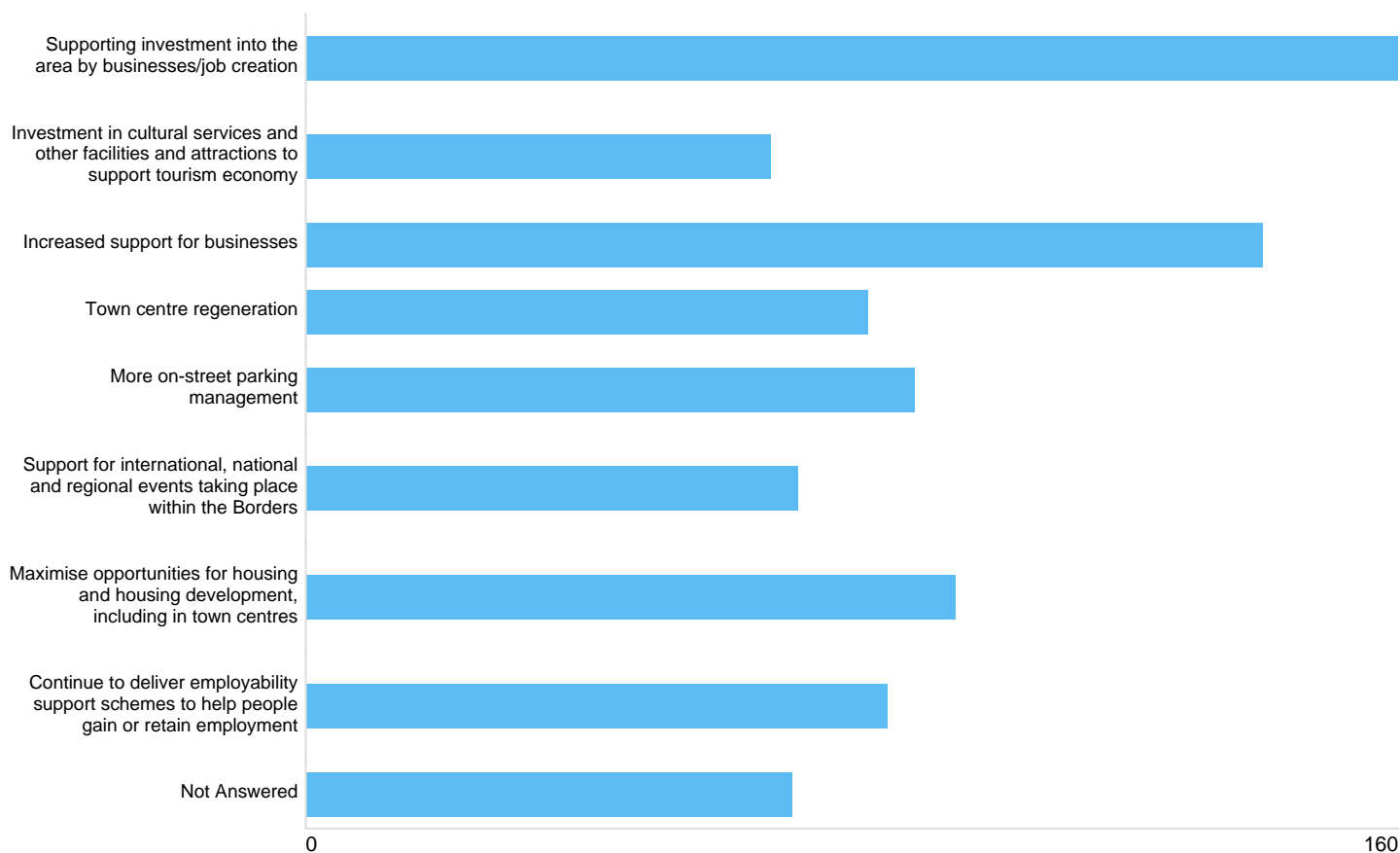
Option	Total	Percent
Action to tackle and mitigate the impacts of climate change	169	19.61%
Increased recycling rates	79	9.16%
Protecting the public transport network, eg local buses	109	12.65%
Investment into electric vehicle charging network	57	6.61%
Increased biodiversity through the Council's management of grassed areas/parks	48	5.57%
More opportunities for local food growing, eg allotments	67	7.77%
More investment to support active travel, eg walking and cycling	72	8.35%
Protection of green spaces from housing/other development	89	10.32%
Focus future property investment on refurbishing/repurposing existing buildings rather than new buildings	102	11.83%
Not Answered	70	8.12%

Priority - Fulfilling our potential



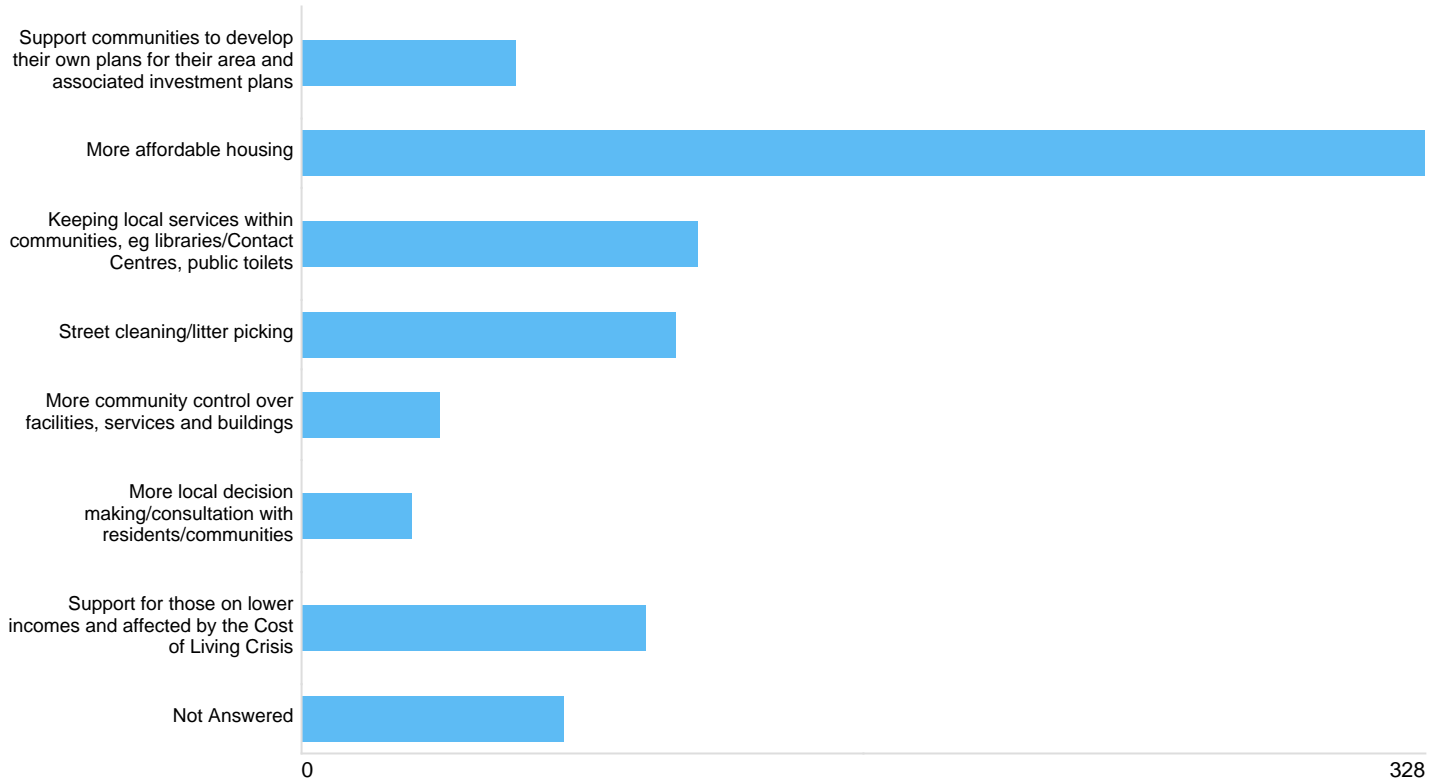
Option	Total	Percent
Increased attainment for all at school	106	12.30%
Reducing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged young people	84	9.74%
Increase access to health and wellbeing support for young people, eg mental health	227	26.33%
Maintain summer holiday food, wellbeing, childcare and activity support	136	15.78%
Provide opportunities for young people to develop skills in new technologies, such as green energy or esports	68	7.89%
Improve employability skills for young people and adults	128	14.85%
Increase young people's involvement in the planning, provision and delivery of Council services	42	4.87%
Not Answered	71	8.24%

Priority - Strong inclusive economy



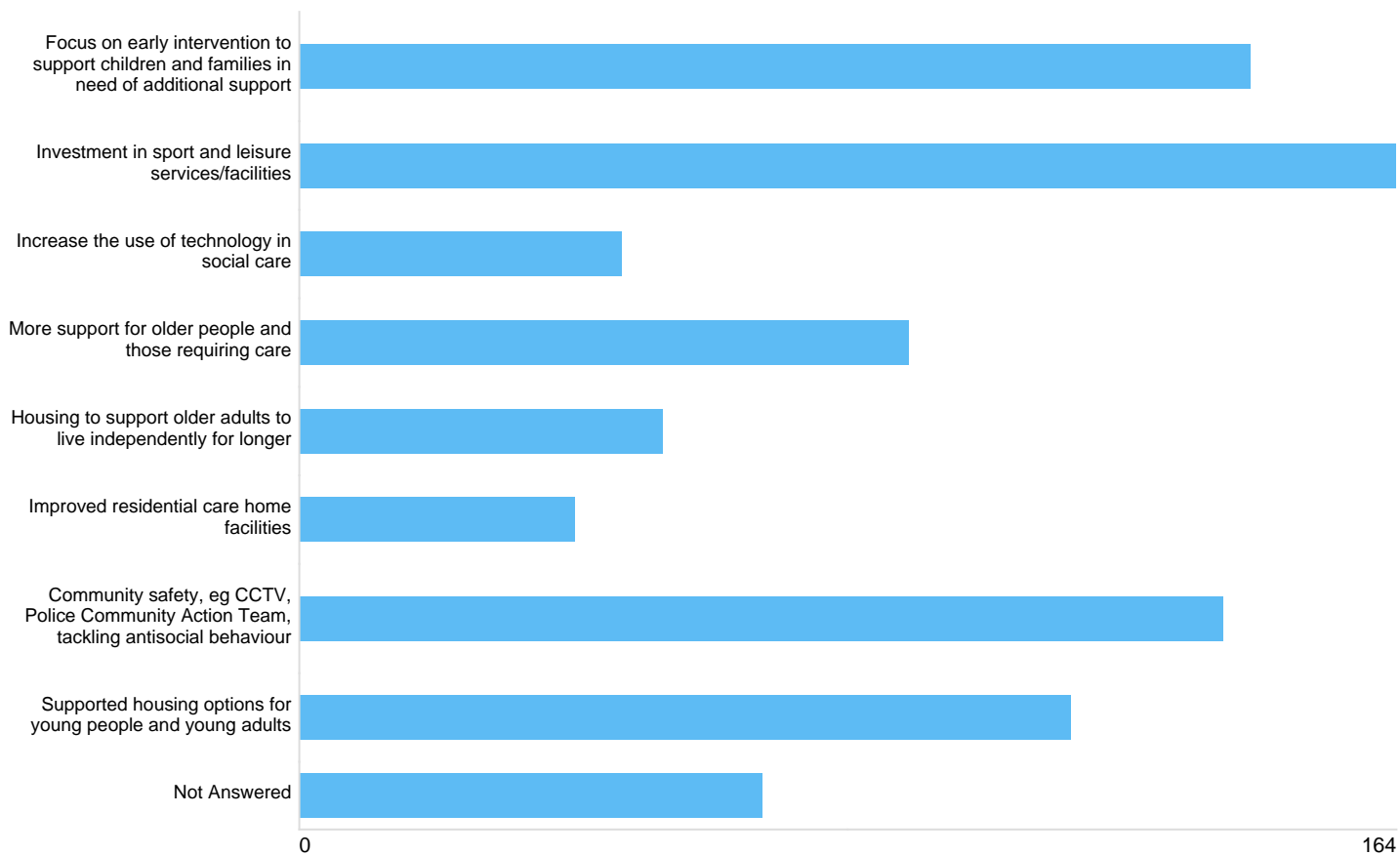
Option	Total	Percent
Supporting investment into the area by businesses/job creation	160	18.56%
Investment in cultural services and other facilities and attractions to support tourism economy	68	7.89%
Increased support for businesses	140	16.24%
Town centre regeneration	82	9.51%
More on-street parking management	89	10.32%
Support for international, national and regional events taking place within the Borders	72	8.35%
Maximise opportunities for housing and housing development, including in town centres	95	11.02%
Continue to deliver employability support schemes to help people gain or retain employment	85	9.86%
Not Answered	71	8.24%

Priority - Empowered vibrant communities



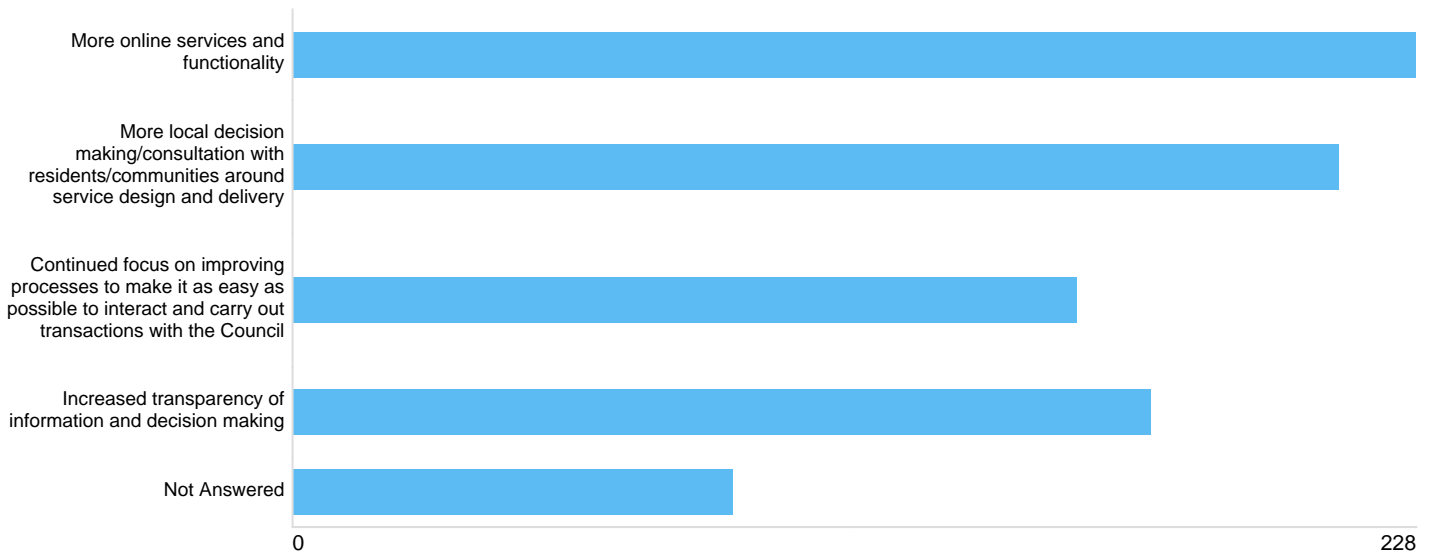
Option	Total	Percent
Support communities to develop their own plans for their area and associated investment plans	62	7.19%
More affordable housing	328	38.05%
Keeping local services within communities, eg libraries/Contact Centres, public toilets	115	13.34%
Street cleaning/litter picking	109	12.65%
More community control over facilities, services and buildings	40	4.64%
More local decision making/consultation with residents/communities	32	3.71%
Support for those on lower incomes and affected by the Cost of Living Crisis	100	11.60%
Not Answered	76	8.82%

Priority - Good health and wellbeing



Option	Total	Percent
Focus on early intervention to support children and families in need of additional support	142	16.47%
Investment in sport and leisure services/facilities	164	19.03%
Increase the use of technology in social care	48	5.57%
More support for older people and those requiring care	91	10.56%
Housing to support older adults to live independently for longer	54	6.26%
Improved residential care home facilities	41	4.76%
Community safety, eg CCTV, Police Community Action Team, tackling antisocial behaviour	138	16.01%
Supported housing options for young people and young adults	115	13.34%
Not Answered	69	8.00%

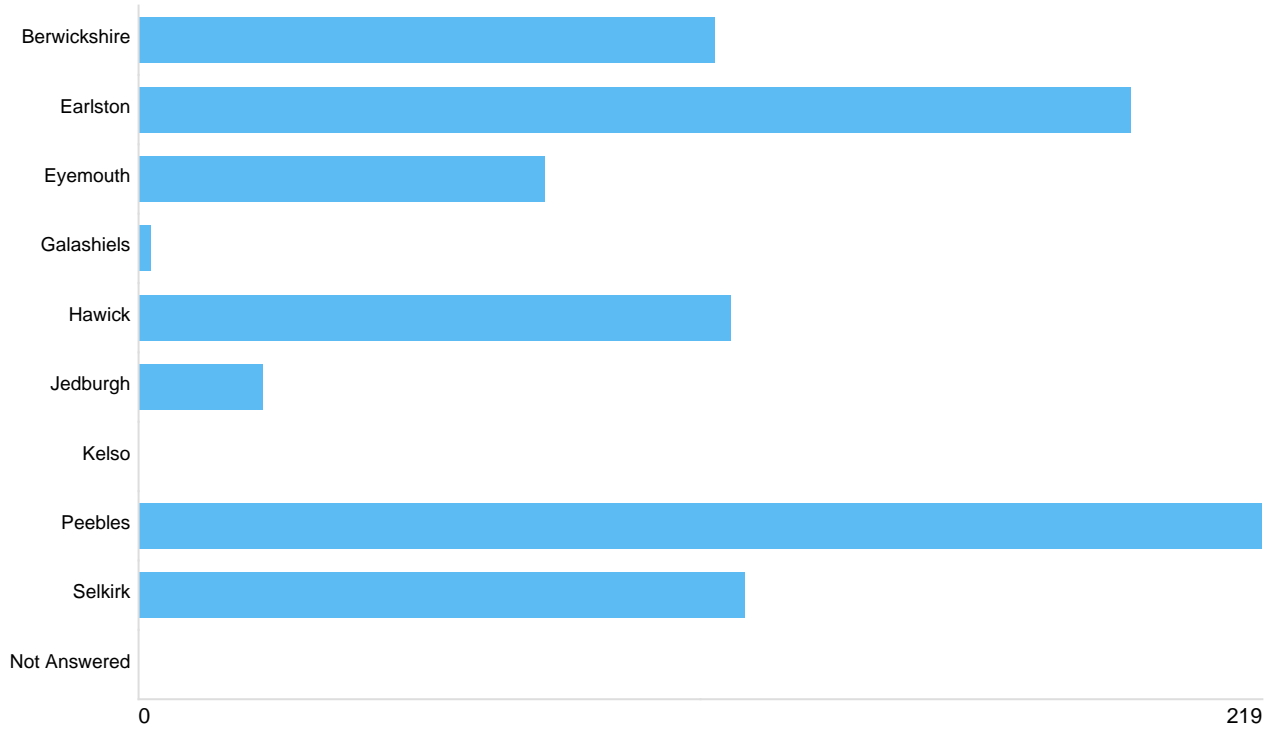
Priority - Working together improving lives



Option	Total	Percent
More online services and functionality	228	26.45%
More local decision making/consultation with residents/communities around service design and delivery	212	24.59%
Continued focus on improving processes to make it as easy as possible to interact and carry out transactions with the Council	159	18.45%
Increased transparency of information and decision making	174	20.19%
Not Answered	89	10.32%

Question 6: Which secondary school do you attend?

School



Option	Total	Percent
Berwickshire	112	12.99%
Earlston	193	22.39%
Eyemouth	79	9.16%
Galashiels	2	0.23%
Hawick	115	13.34%
Jedburgh	24	2.78%
Kelso	0	0.00%
Peebles	219	25.41%
Selkirk	118	13.69%
Not Answered	0	0.00%