

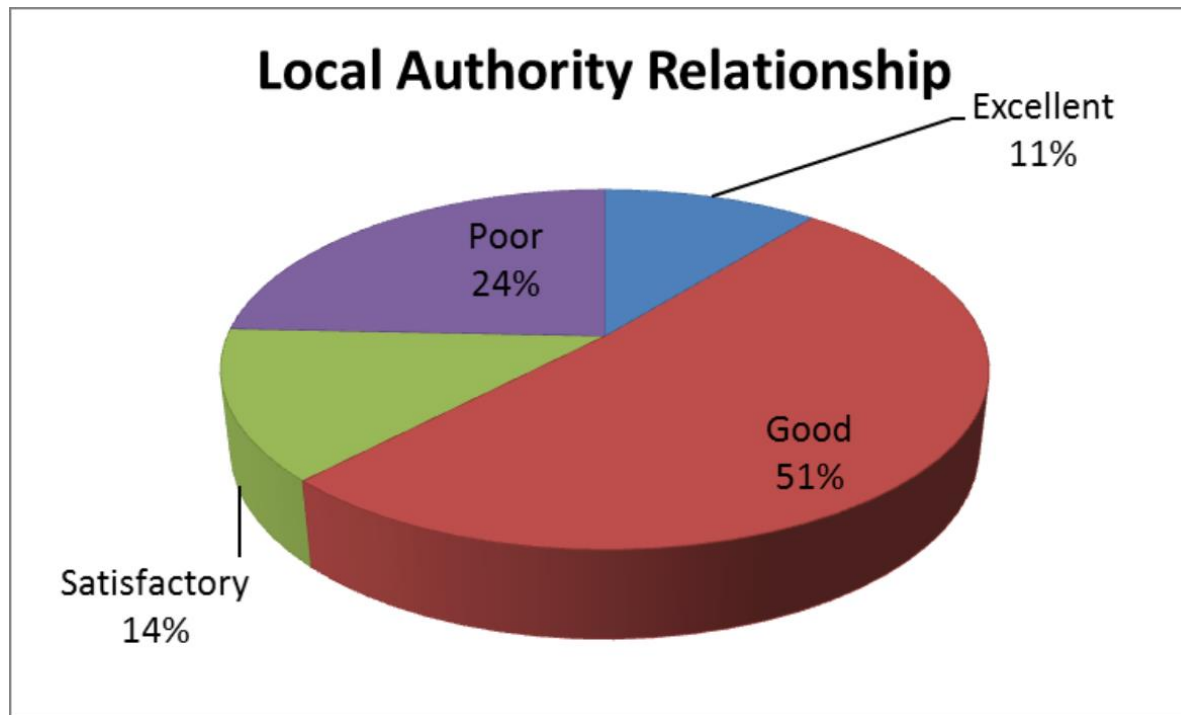
***‘Local authorities and community groups: getting the best for your project through supportive partnership’***



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# Why is this important?

- Community groups need the local authority
- Local authorities need community groups
- A poor relationship doesn't help anyone



HERE'S TO A COLLABORATIVE  
PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER.

BY THE WAY, OUR PAYMENT TERMS  
ARE NET 120 DAYS OF DEMORALIZING  
BUREAUCRACY.

OH, AND CAN YOU PICK UP THIS TAB?



**TOM  
FISH  
BURNE**

# Benefits to the community

- Equipment and labour
- Funding and jobs
- Assets
- Technical expertise, data and staff resource
- Procurement expertise
- Partnership working
- Networking

# Benefits to local authority

- Delivery on services and outcomes
- Community engagement on the ground
- Funding
- Innovation
- Punch above their weight
- Public profile

Relationship Status:  
**it's complicated**

# Share experience

- What are you most proud of in your relationship with the local authority?
- What single factor would help unlock doors for you? If only.....
- Examples, short list of top tips (15 mins)

# Top Tips (1)

- Use your contacts and find a 'sherpa'.
- Get to know your local authority and how it works. Speak their language.
- Be clear about what your group aims to achieve.
- The first approach matters –be the solution and show how you can be useful.
- Inform and involve your elected members.



## Top Tips (2)

- Relationships need continuous support - be patient!
- Set realistic expectations.
- Have, or always be prepared to develop, a Plan B.
- See change as positive and adapt.
- Prioritise and build in capacity for engagement.

# Local Authority Policy Toolbox

- Single Outcome Agreement
- Community Planning Partnership
- Environmental Strategy
- Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy
- Local Authority Corporate Plan
- Right policy for your project



# National Policy Toolbox



- National Performance Framework
- Low Carbon Scotland Strategy for Meeting Emissions Targets
- Low Carbon Scotland: A Behaviours Framework
- Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland
- Scottish Sustainable Procurement Action Plan
- Cycling Action Plan Scotland
- National Food and Drink Policy

# Networking

- How can we help each other to build positive relationships that help achieve our projects?
- 1:1 opportunities?
- What should the network do? (10 mins)
- Take home action



# Thank you

Full report available [here](#)



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