

- Almost three-quarters of English authorities (71 per cent) thought that central government engaged not very or not at all well with local government in the design and implementation of business support schemes. By contrast, 86 per cent of Welsh authorities felt that Welsh Government engaged very or fairly well with them.
- On average, across a range of schemes, nearly two-thirds (62 per cent) of English authorities felt they did not have enough time between receiving notice of business support schemes and the public announcement of them. Half of Welsh authorities (50 per cent) felt they did not have enough time, whilst 45 per cent felt they had about enough time.
- Around half of English authorities (49 per cent) and two-thirds of Welsh authorities (68 per cent) thought that, on balance, the amount of local discretion they had in administering business support was about right. Just over a quarter of English authorities (27 per cent) thought they did not have enough discretion.