

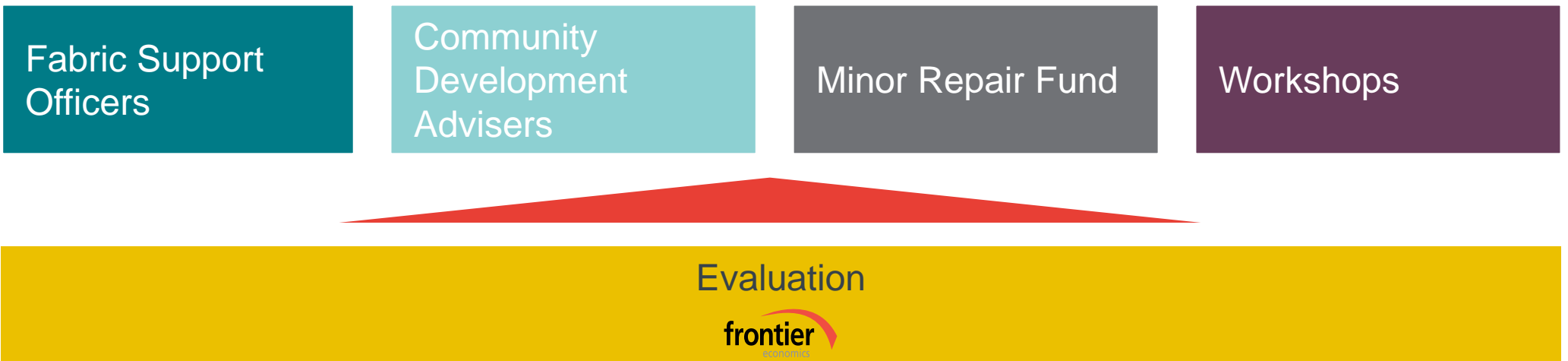
Taylor Review Pilot Evaluation

Interim evidence

May 2019



Evaluation is a key part of the Taylor Review Pilot



Example evaluation questions

1. Does the pilot help listed places of worship to understand the importance of maintenance and implement maintenance plans?
2. Does the pilot help listed places of worship to better engage with their communities?
3. How effective is the minor repairs grant in delivering maintenance and repair that would not otherwise have been possible?
4. Has it been possible to deliver the pilot as planned? What needed to change and why?
5. What level of resource may be needed if a similar approach were rolled out nationally after the pilot?

Why is it important to evaluate the pilot?



Facilitates valuable learning about what outcomes were achieved (relative to what would have happened anyway), for whom, and what could be improved upon



Tests the effectiveness of the pilot approach



Informs future decisions about scaling up or rolling out

At this early stage we are reporting initial evidence on five main themes

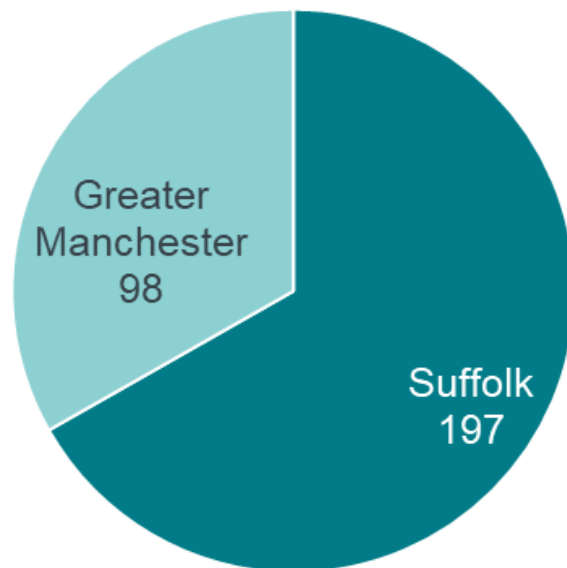


Thank you to thank everyone who has contributed to the evaluation so far

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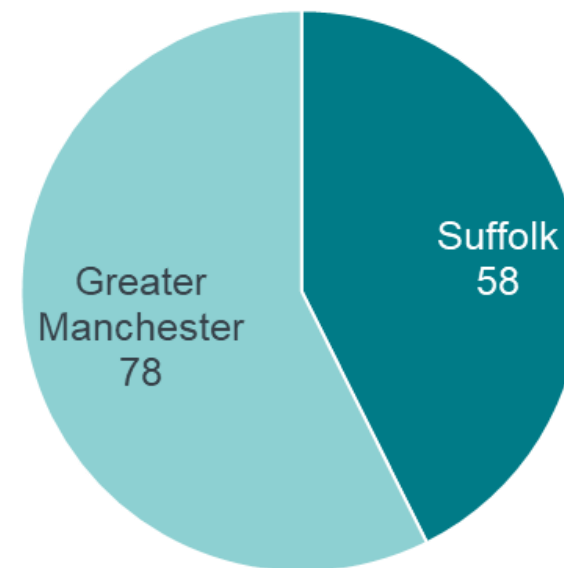
There has been a high level of engagement with the pilot overall, with some differences in the type of engagement between pilot areas

Total number of places of worship **engaged** (to March 2019)



Source: Frontier analysis of pilot team tracker data

Total number of places of worship **visited** (to March 2019)



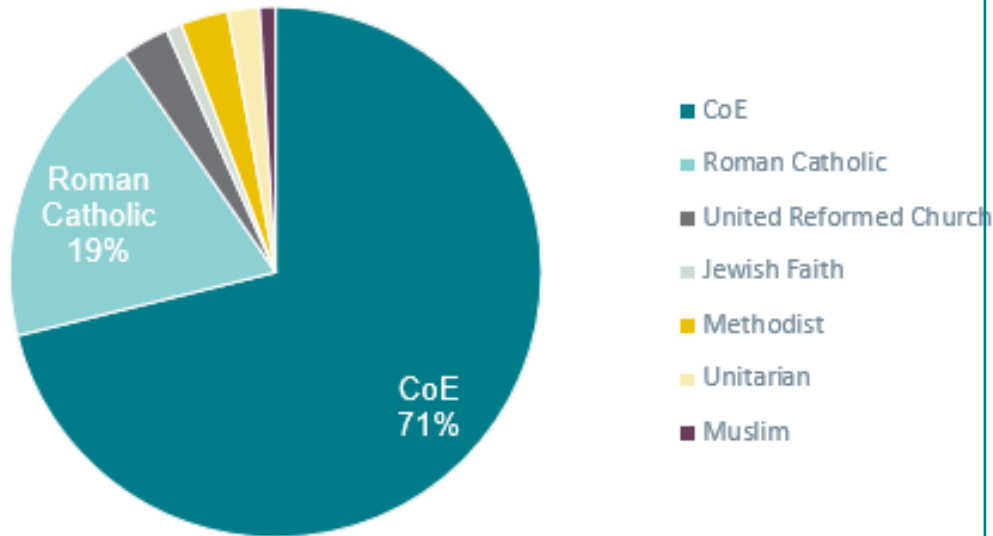
Source: pilot team data

Note: total includes all those contacting the pilot teams and all those the pilot teams have sought out

A range of denominations have engaged with the pilot but few listed places of worship from non-Christian faiths so far

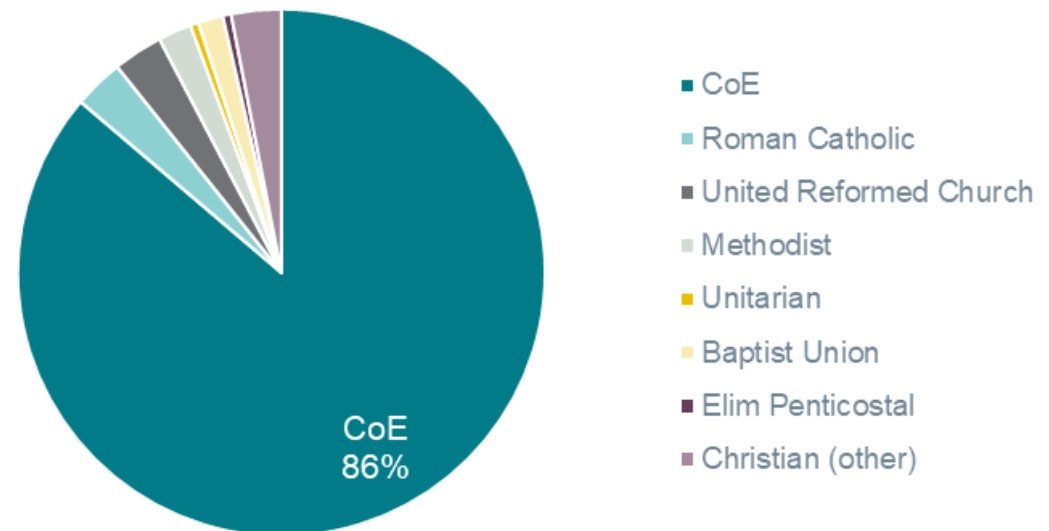
Total number of places of worship engaged by faith/denomination (to March 2019)

Greater Manchester pilot area



Source: Frontier analysis of pilot team tracker data

Suffolk pilot area



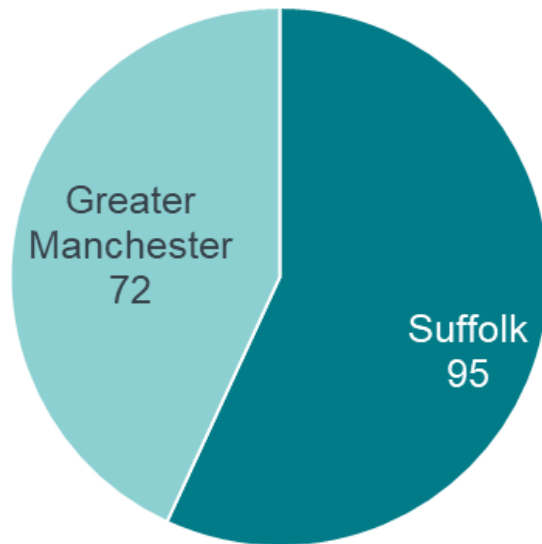
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There has been a high demand for the minor repair fund

Total number of places of worship engaged on minor repair fund (to March 2019)



Source: Frontier analysis of pilot team tracker data

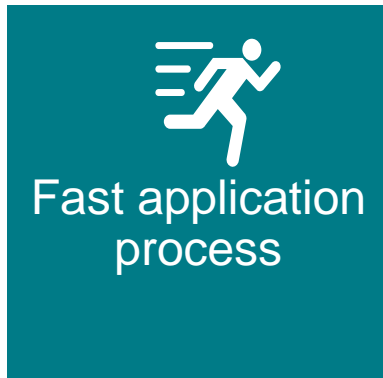
Grants approved (to March 2019)



Source: Historic England

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The speed of the grant process and FSO support has been highly valued by places of worship...



“very happy with the application process, and particularly appreciated the guidance provided by the FSO on what works would and would not fall within the [pilot] funding support.”

Place of Worship volunteer

...and the pilot is resulting in maintenance and minor repairs happening earlier



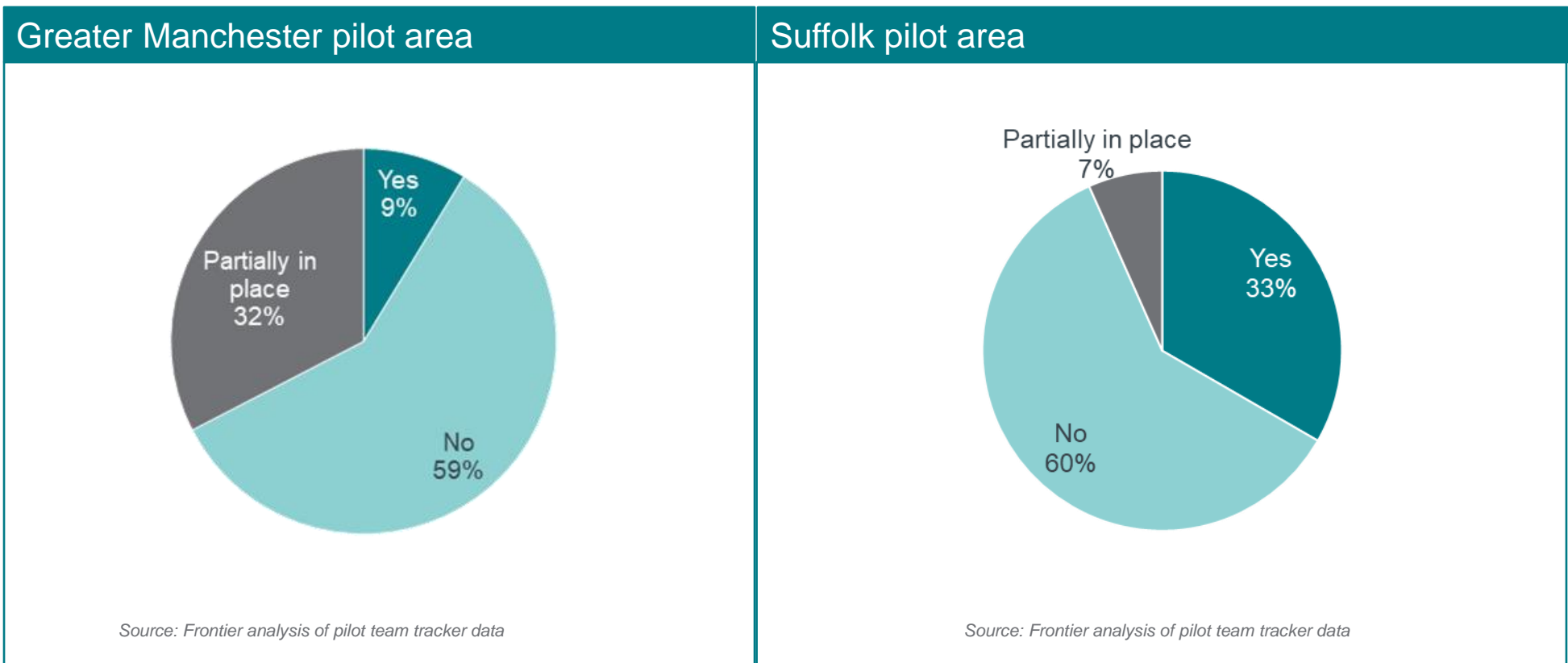
*“[without the grant] minor repair issues would only have been addressed approximately **2-3 years** further down the line ... but would have been more of a piecemeal approach if undertaken at all.”*

Place of Worship staff

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Most places of worship engaged did not already have a maintenance plan at the start of the pilot

Places of worship with a maintenance plan when first engaged



There are early examples of the pilot helping places of worship to implement maintenance plans...

Case study: new maintenance plan implemented in St. Paul's Church, Sale (Greater Manchester)



... but limited opportunity for FSO follow-up on maintenance plans so far

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Community Development Advisers have been enabling places of worship to take a broader perspective and develop engagement ideas



Changing perspectives



“the enthusiasm and advice of the CDA has completely changed the board of trustee’s attitude towards community engagement and what is possible to do.”

Place of Worship volunteer



Bringing forward engagement and new ideas



“without this support, the church would have had to learn the hard way ... it would likely have taken a couple of failed grant attempts to learn, and people may have lost heart.”

Place of Worship volunteer

Examples of community engagement ideas developed with the pilot support

All Saints Church, Barton upon Irwell

- Engaged with CDA and attended the Places of Worship and the Wider Community workshop.
- The place of worship has developed a list of **new community engagement ideas** to take forward.



St. Michael's Church, Hunston

- Engaged with the CDA
- Attended a 'drop-in' session with the CDA, FSO and Diocese
- The PCC has implemented a plan **to open the church** once a month in the summer.



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The pilot has highlighted the different challenges for places of worship and how the support they need can vary

Size and condition of place of worship



Rural and urban communities



Hard to reach places of worship



There have been some initial implementation challenges

Managing
implementation



Administration
time



Maintenance
plans



Maximising
workshop
attendance





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