

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 18 February 2026

REPORT OF: Licensing Officer

SUBJECT: Request for Tariff Increase for Hackney Carriages
PART I

RECOMMENDATION

That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee considers a request from the trade for a 10% increase to the Tariff and Tariff 2 to commence at 21:00 pm.

1. PURPOSE

The Council sets the fares that can be charged to customers by Hackney Carriage drivers. The Council has received a request from the trade for an increase to the current tariff which has not been increased since 2022. Following this request the Licensing Team put the increase proposals to the trade of 10% and Tariff 2 commencement at 21:00 pm using Survey Monkey. The results are set out in the body of the report.

It is an offence under Section 67 of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (the Act) to charge more than the metered fare in a hackney carriage.

The Council is required to publish a notice in a local newspaper setting out the proposed fares or the variation of fares. The notice must specify the date that the new fares are to come into force, and this date must not be less than 14 days from the date of the notice. This notice must also be displayed at the Council Offices. The notice should also give the address for receipt of objections to the proposed fares. The Council is required to consider any objections to the proposals.

The tariff was previously increased by 10% and commenced 19th August 2022.

2. BACKGROUND

Section 65 of the Act allows for the Council to set the fares for Hackney Carriage vehicles; however, the Council is not responsible for setting the fares for Private Hire Vehicles.

A full consultation with all 312 drivers took place in April 2025.

The summarised results of the consultation are as follows.

10 % increase	Drivers	Percentage of respondents
Agree	95	30.44%
Disagree	4	1.28%

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None of the above	1	0.32%
No Response	212	67.94%

Tariff 2 commencement at 21:00	Drivers	Percentage of respondents
Agree	94	30.12%
Disagree	5	1.60%
None of the above	1	0.32%
No Response	212	67.94%

Below is a comment made by a driver who responded to the survey:

- the meter starting on £5 and including the first mile.

3. THE PROPOSALS

Tariff 1 – Monday to Saturday 7am to 11pm

Tariff 2 – Monday to Saturday 9pm to 7am, all day Sunday and Bank Holidays and from 6pm to 11pm 24 December and 31 December

Tariff 3 – 11pm on 24 December to 7am 27 December and 11pm on 31 December to 7am on 2 January.

Proposal

The tables below show the proposed increase to the tariff of 10%

Tariff 1- if increase set with initial pull off at £3.38 for the first 447 yds and 20p per 164 yds thereafter

Distance	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	% Increase	Increase in £'s / p's
1 mile	5.06	5.54	9.49	.48
2 Miles	7.26	7.94	9.37	.68
5 Miles	14.30	15.62	9.23	1.32
10 Miles	26.18	28.58	9.17	2.40

Tariff 2 – if increase set with initial pull off at £5.08 for the first 447 yds and 30p per 164 yds thereafter

Distance	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	% Increase	Increase in £'s / p's
1 mile	7.59	8.32	9.62	0.73
2 Miles	10.89	11.92	9.46	1.03
5 Miles	21.45	23.44	9.28	1.99
10 Miles	39.27	42.88	9.19	3.61

Tariff 3 – if increase set with initial pull off at £6.16 for the first 447yds and 40p per 164yds thereafter

Distance	Current	Proposed	% Increase	Increase in
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	Fare	Fare		£'s / p's
1 mile	9.20	10.12	10	0.92
2 Miles	13.20	14.52	10	1.32
5 Miles	26.00	28.60	10	2.60
10 Miles	47.60	52.36	10	4.76

Please note these calculations may vary slightly when finalised for meter calibration.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Only one driver made comment regarding the increase asking for the meter to start on £5 and including the first mile but agreed with the proposal above.

Please note - Drivers do not have to charge the full amount on the meter and do not have to add any extras should they not wish too. The purpose of the tariff is that it is the maximum amount that can be charged.

Less than 32.05% percent of the trade responded, with 95% of those responding wanting an increase. It is extremely difficult to get the opinion of the overall trade when 67.94% did not respond to the survey.

Section 65(6) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states '.... any table of fares previously made under this section for the district, as the case may be, shall cease to have effect.'

There remains a financial implication for the trade of approximately £36.00, including VAT, to have the meter calibrated to a new tariff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the request is granted the Committee are asked to authorise the proposal to be advertised. Should any additional comments be received, the matter may need to be reconsidered by the Committee. If no additional comments are received the new fare will take effect. The cost of printing tariff and contacting all drivers. The cost of advertising the proposed tariff increase is approximately £1075.20.

6. The Committee may:

1. Grant the proposal
2. Refuse the proposal or
3. Authorise an increase in fares

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5. OPTIONS

The Committee may:

1. Grant the proposal
2. Refuse the proposal or
3. Authorise an increase in fares different to the proposals with full written reasons.

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Wards affected	All
Contact for any more information	Vicky Limb
Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976, Section 65
Key Decision	N
In Forward Plan	Y
In O&S Work Programme	N
Community Impact Assessment attached:	N
Appendices attached:	A: Advert (draft) B: National Average data