

Updates to the Teignbridge Discretionary Rate Relief Policy from 1 April 2026.

Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 makes provision for Non-Domestic Rate relief to be awarded in certain circumstances to certain types of organisations and businesses.

Teignbridge District Council has a policy in place to determine the award of any discretionary rate relief. This policy makes provision for the Council to use its discretionary powers to adopt and administer Government-led, fully-funded discretionary schemes.

The Government have created three new schemes for the financial year 2026/27 that will be included within our Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.

Summary details are provided below of these new fully Government led schemes due to take effect from 1 April 2026, along with weblinks, where available, to the full Government guidance.

- Supporting Small Business Relief (SSBR)
- Pub and Live Music Venues Relief
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Electric Vehicle only Forecourts (EVCP relief)

Supporting Small Business Relief (SSBR)

2026 Supporting Small Business relief (SSBR) will help those ratepayers who as a result of the national rates revaluation carried out by the Valuation Office agency, are seeing large increases in their bills as a result of losing some or all of their :

- (a) Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief
- (b) 40% Retail Hospitality and Leisure Relief, and/or
- (c) 2023 Supporting Small Business Relief

Full guidance available at –

[Business Rates Relief: 2026 Supporting Small Business Relief, local authority guidance - GOV.UK](#)

Pub and Live Music Venues Relief

The Government announced on 27 January 2026 that in 2026-27, eligible pubs and live music venues will benefit from a 15% business rates relief on top of the support announced at the Budget 2025. The relief applies to occupied properties only.

Full guidance available at –

[1/2026: Pubs and live music venues relief 2026 to 2027 - GOV.UK](#)

Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Electric Vehicle only Forecourts (EVCP relief).

The Government announced on 27 November 2025, a ten year 100% business rates relief for EVCP's separately assessed by the VOA and Electric Vehicle only forecourts to ensure that they face no business rates liability.

Guidance and full details of the relief have yet to be provided but it will be our policy to grant relief strictly in accordance with Central Government guidelines.

Following consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Resources and the S151 Officer it is decided that the Council will apply these fully-funded reliefs for the financial year 2026-27 in strict accordance with the Government guidance.