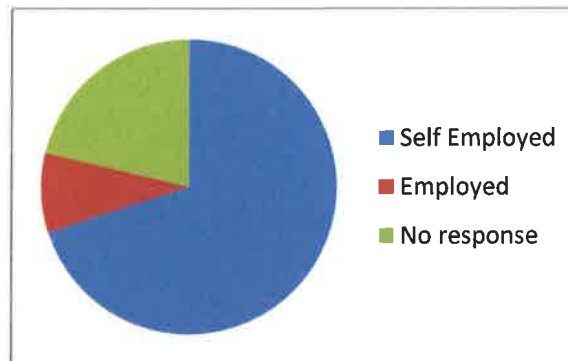


APPENDIX V:

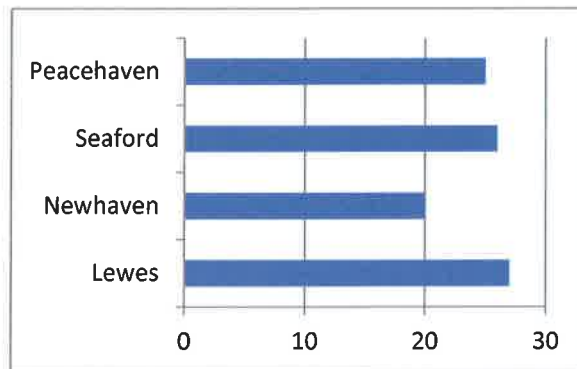
Results of the Lewes District Council: Table of Fare Consultation

295 Consultation letters sent and 80 responses were received, this equates to **27%** overall response. The key responses have been outlined in the committee report but a visual representation is shown below.

Of the **80 responses** received, a breakdown of the individuals is as follows:

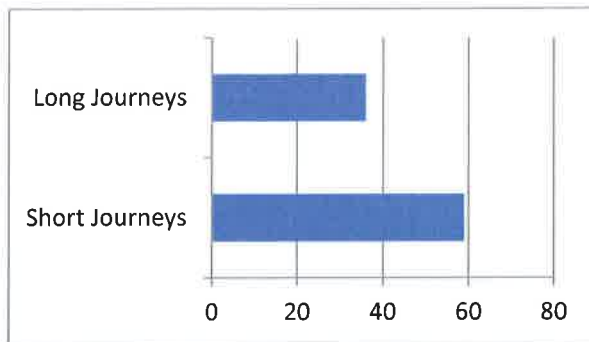


The largest majority of drivers to respond to the consultation were self-employed. This demonstrates the importance of setting the right tariff to balance the costs of fares against the costs of operation, to ensure job security.

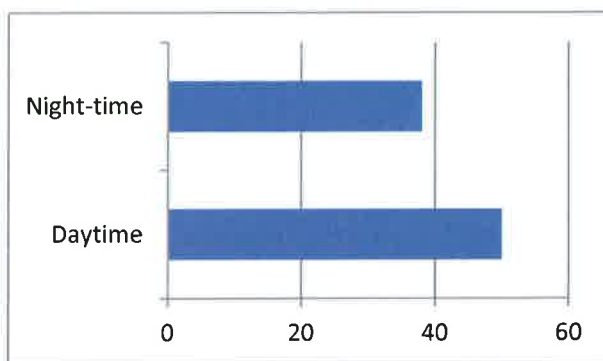


54% of the responses ordinarily work in one of the four main towns (Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven); with the highest ratio working in **Lewes**; however the remaining **46%** of drivers who work in more than one of the four main towns had the highest ratio shared between **Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven**.

This outcome demonstrates a clear divide between the coastal towns and Lewes; however the overall number of drivers covering each of the four towns appears more or less equal, with **Newhaven** being slightly less in demand than the rest, as shown in the graph above.



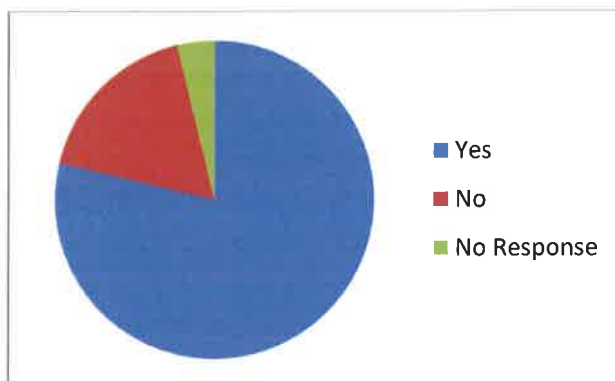
Only 3 responses deal exclusively with long journeys and 26 responses deal exclusively with short journeys; the remaining **64%** do a combination of both. Therefore the highest ratio of journeys within the Lewes District is short journeys, which means an increase in the initial flag rate is important to our drivers.



From the responses received, it appears as though the majority of the trade work during the daytime, with a **24%** decrease during the night-time hours.

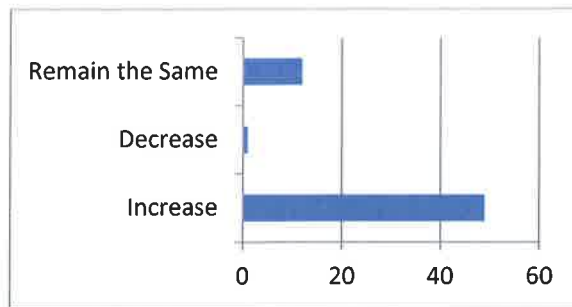
The following shows a visual representation of the response received from the Consultation Questionnaire sent to the trade; a copy of the questionnaire is shown in the **Background Papers** attached to this committee report.

Do you think the existing Hackney Carriage Fares should be amended?



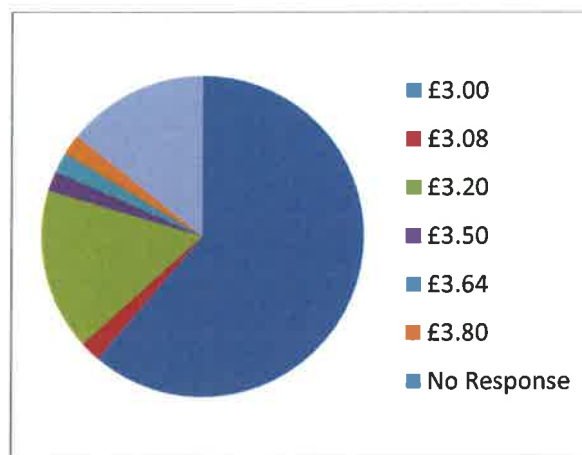
FLAG RATE: The initial rate for hiring a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire vehicle.

1. Do you think the Daytime flag rate should be changed from £2.80?

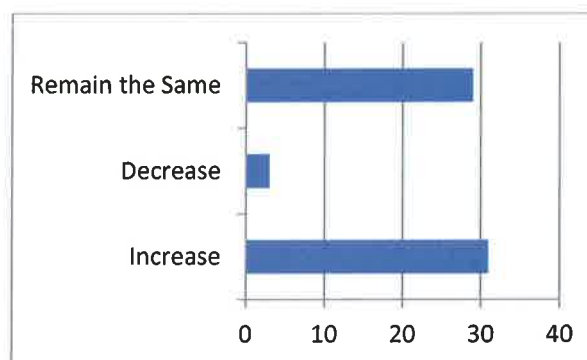


Suggestions:

Of the 49 drivers who wanted an increase, the following are suggested rates. Two drivers proposed an increase by percentage (10% and 30%) which has been worked out as £3.08 and £3.64 respectively.

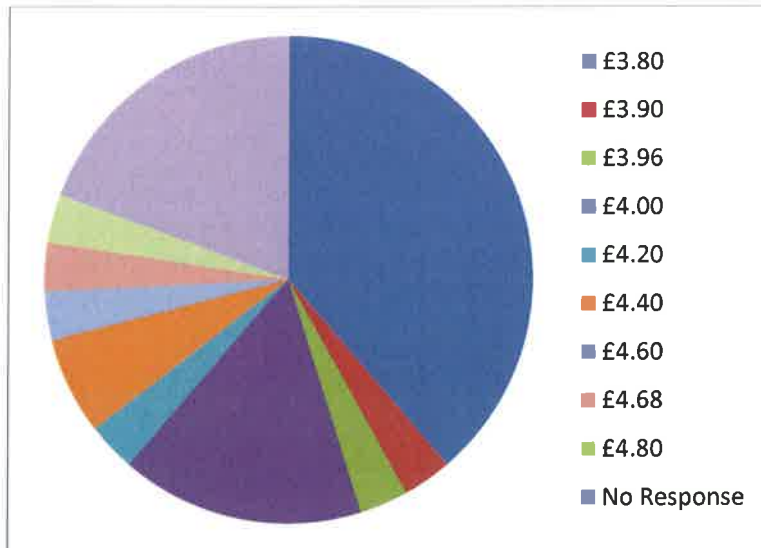


2. Do you think the Sunday flag rate should be changed from £3.60?

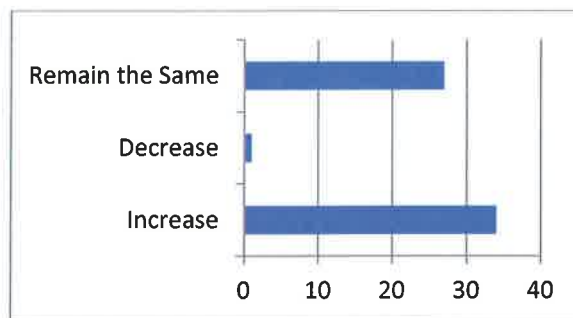


Suggestions:

Of the 31 drivers who wanted an increase, the following are the suggested rates. Two drivers proposed an increase by percentage (10% and 30%) which has been worked out as £3.96 and £4.68 respectively. It should be noted in the report that it was almost an even split between an increase in the fare and the rate remaining the same.

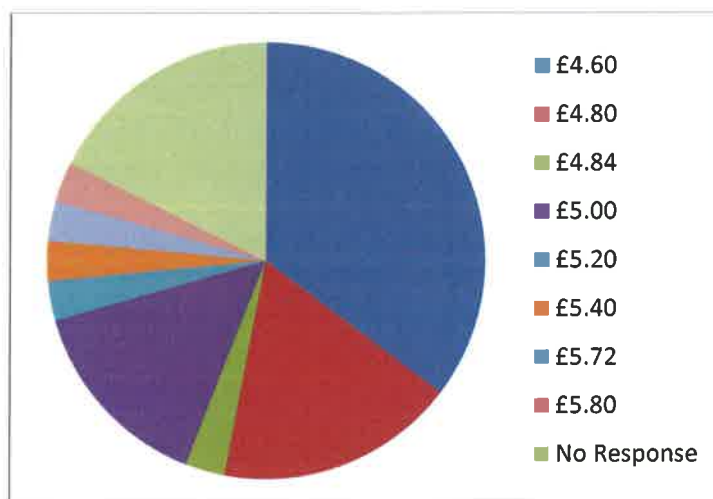


3. Do you think the Night-time flag rate should be changed from £4.40?

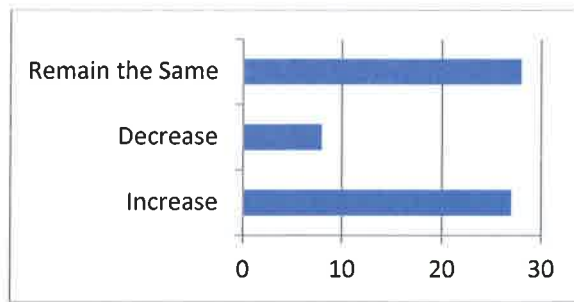


Suggestions:

Of the 34 drivers who wanted an increase, the following are suggested rates. Two drivers proposed an increase by percentage (10% and 30%) which has been worked out as £4.84 and £5.72 respectively. One driver suggested an increase to £4.50 which changes at midnight to £5.00, this has been taken as a vote for £5 as it depends on the outcome of the Hours Section.

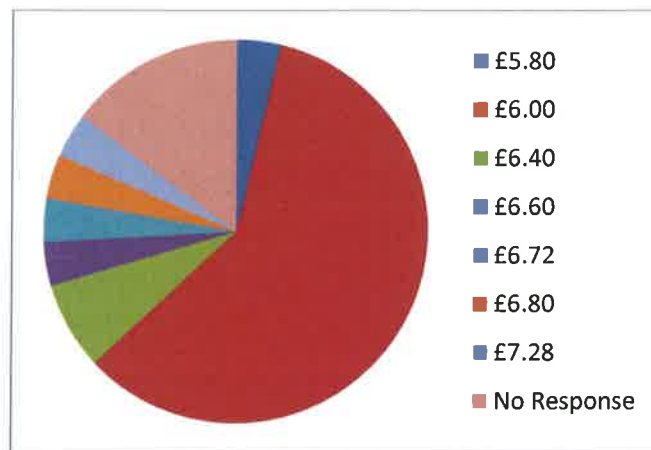


4. Do you think the Christmas period and New Year's flag rate should be changed from £5.60?



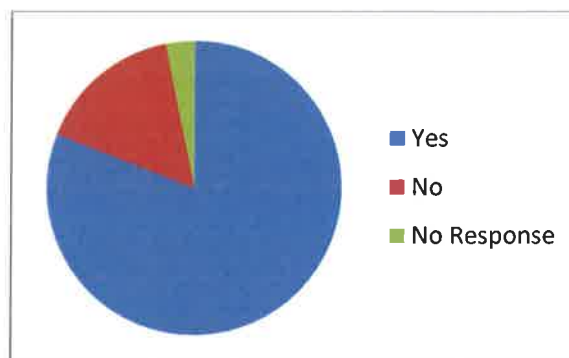
Suggestions:

The majority would like the rate to remain the same, but the report should reflect that there was almost an even split between remaining the same and increasing the rate; therefore I have calculated the responses for the fare increase below for consideration.

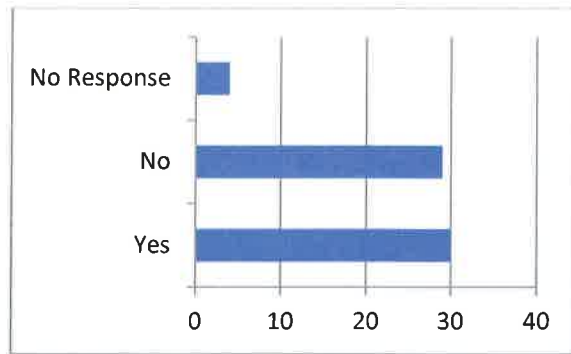


DISTANCE: The distance travelled before the meter increases and the rate it should change by.

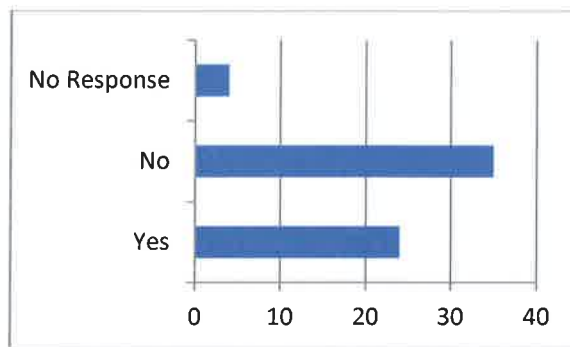
5. Do you think we should keep the distance rate to the mile?



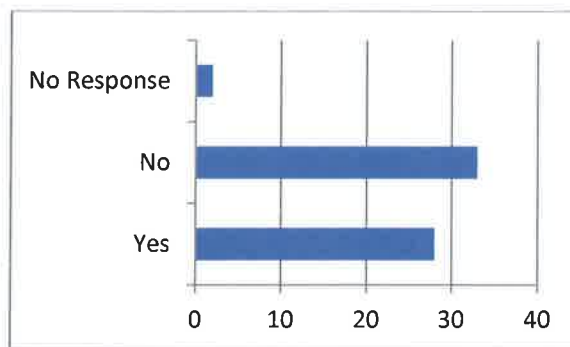
6. Do you think we should increase the Daytime mile rate?



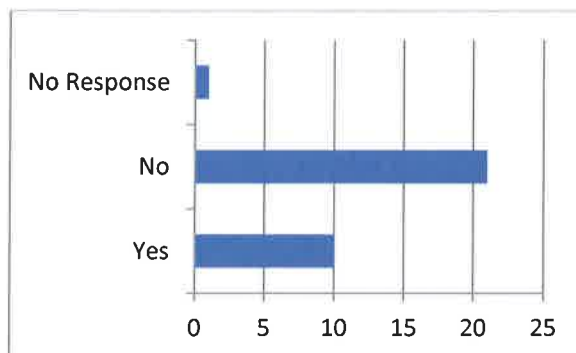
7. Do you think we should increase the Sunday mile rate?



8. Should we make the Night-time rate time and a half?

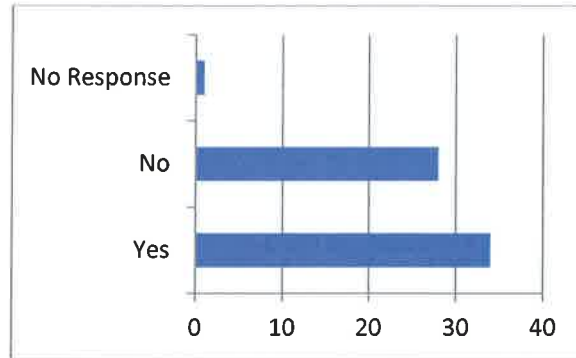


9. Do you think we should make the mile rate higher than the day-time rate?

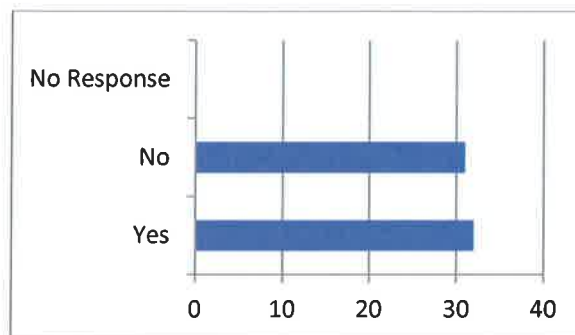


HOURS: When should the Meter change between the day-time and night-time tariff.

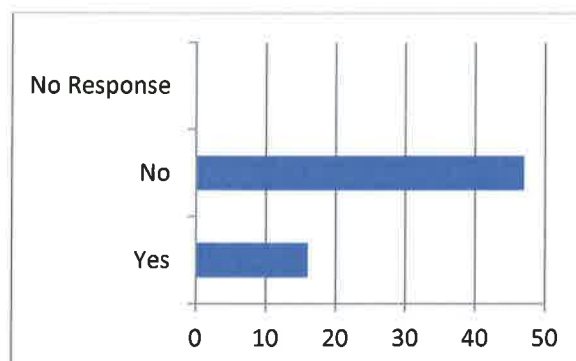
10. Do you think the night-time hours should be brought back to 23:00 (11pm)?



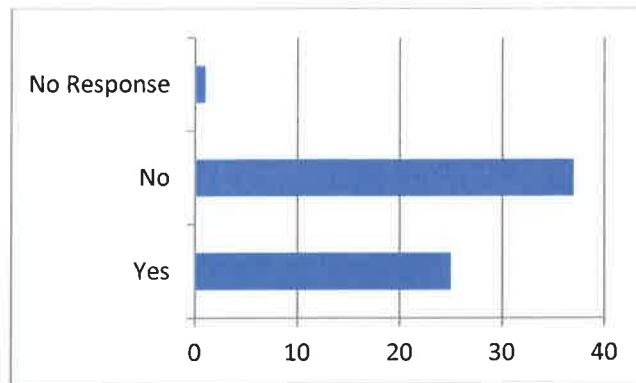
11. Do you think the morning rate should be brought forward to 07:00 (7am)?



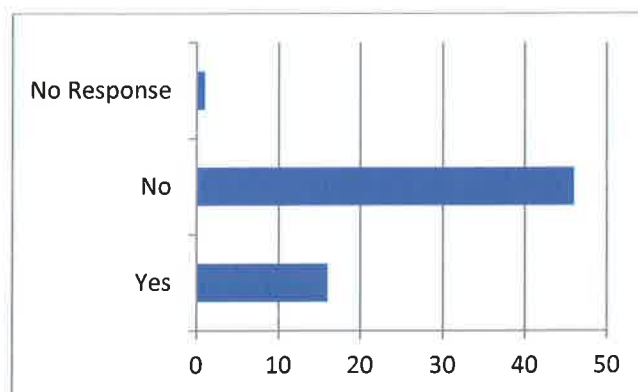
12. Do you think we should amend the time set on Christmas Eve from 20:00 (8pm) to 23:00 (11pm)?



13. Do you think we should amend the time set on 27th December from 06:00 (6am) to 07:00 (7am)?

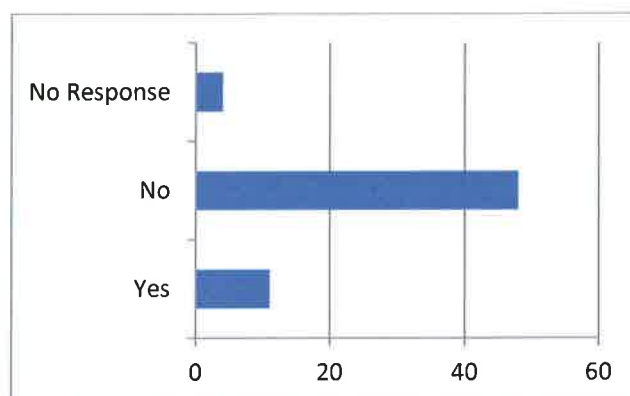


14. Do you think we should amend the time set on New Year's Eve from 20:00 (8pm) to 23:00 (11pm)?

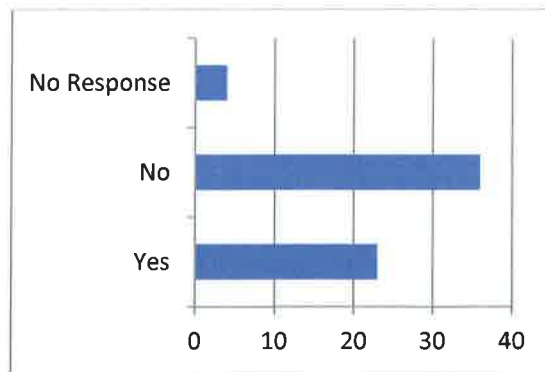


OTHER CHARGES: Other charges which appear on the 'Table of Fares' which do not directly relate to the journey.

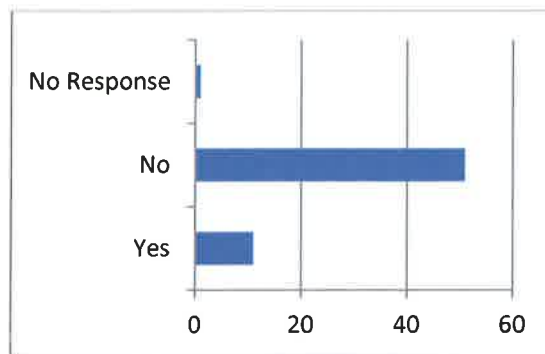
15. Do you agree to reduce the soiling charge during the day to £60?



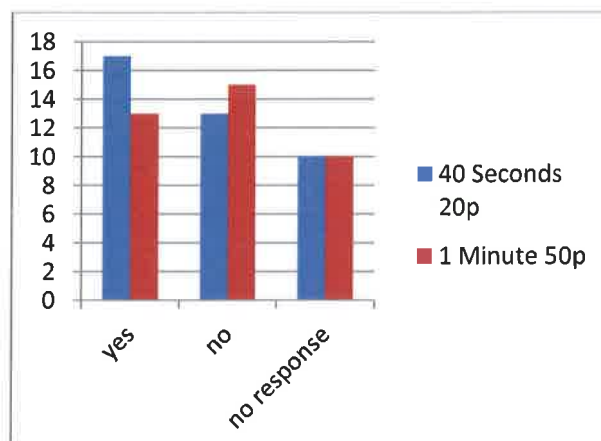
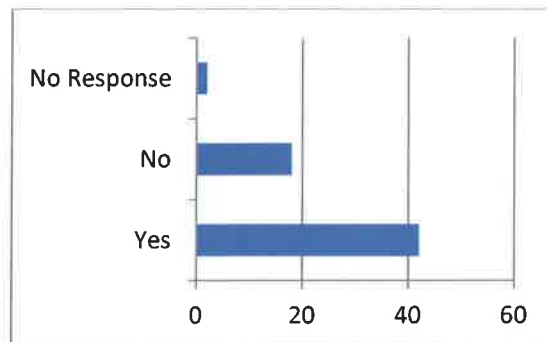
16. Do you think the soiling charge should be increased on the Christmas & New Year's tariff?



17. Would you like to charge a booking fee?

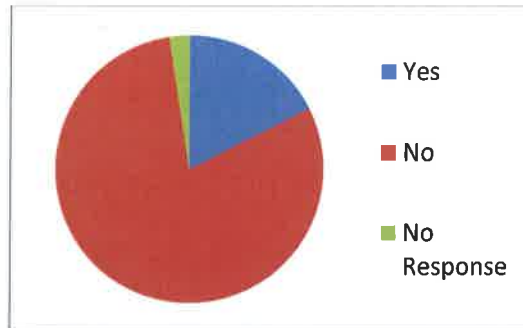


18. Do you think we should amend the Waiting Time?

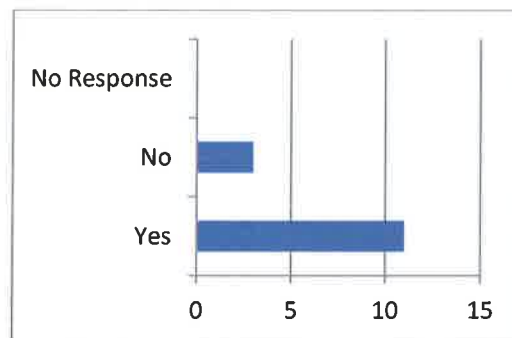


LIVERY: The following information was requested by the Licensing Committee and should not be part of the 'Table of Fares' consultation and has been gathered for information only.

1. Do you think Lewes District Council should adopt a livery?



2. Do you think we should have a specific colour for Hackney Carriage Vehicles?



3. Do you think we should limit the Make and Model of the vehicle?

