

**MEETING OF THE SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP
JOINT COMMITTEE**

15 JANUARY 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 10.00

AGENDA

1. Welcome from Chairman
2. Apologies for absence and substitutions
3. Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held on 10 October 2024
4. Public question time
5. Operational and performance update (Russell Panter – verbal update)
6. Financial Report (Michael Packham)
7. Annual Business Plan 2025/26 (Nick Binder)
8. Forward plan of meetings (Nick Binder)
9. Date and time of next meeting

Joint Committee Meeting 13 March 2025, at 2pm.

MINUTES
of the
SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE
held on 10th October 2024 at 2pm

Members present:

Councillor Andrew Cross – Rochford District Council
Councillor Simon Morgan – Maldon District Council
Councillor Daryll Sankey – Brentwood Borough Council
Councillor Laureen Shaw – Essex County Council
Councillor Terry Sherlock – Chelmsford City Council

Officers present:

Nick Binder - Chelmsford City Council
William Butcher – Chelmsford City Council
Carole Carr – Brentwood Borough Council
Jan Decena - Chelmsford City Council
Stuart Jarvis – Castle Point Borough Council
Mike Packham – Chelmsford City Council
Russell Panter – Chelmsford City Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Ball – Basildon Borough Council, Sharon Braney – Rochford District Council, Cllr Mike Fuller – Castle Point Borough Council, Jo Heynes – Essex County Council, Nicola Syder – Maldon District Council, and Alan Underdown – Basildon Borough Council.

3. Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting 8 August 2024

The minutes of the meeting 8 August 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

In matters arising from the minutes, Councillor Cross advised that the joint administration would still like to discuss on a local level regarding the use of the allocation of £26k to Rochford District Council. It was advised that it had been agreed for the funds to be used on cycle storages rather than on Approach Car Park. It was agreed for Councillor Cross to contact Nick Binder with regards to the amendment of the scheme.

4. Public Question Time

Councillor M Steptoe, District Councillor for Rochford and County Councillor for the Rochford Division, queried the lack of enforcement for the parking permit scheme in the Ashingdon Road in particular and the east of the Rochford District in general and what alternative methods could be put in place. It was advised the problem was particularly evident during school pick up times where the parent parking in the area had been causing parking problems for the residents nearby. Councillor Steptoe emphasised the need for more wardens in the area and for more tickets to be issued. Councillor Cross also commented on the shortage of enforcement officers and suggested for cameras to be installed the footage used to issue PCNs.

In response, SEPP officers advised that regular patrols had been happening at Ashingdon Road and data had been sent by the team leader. It was also advised that on the patrols, a number of vehicles had Blue Badges and thus were not required to move. It was also seen that parents were walking from a new layby to the school instead of parking in the area. Officers also advised that they were limited by the legislation and the type of parking restriction. It was noted that Ashingdon Road was a resident parking scheme which allowed a period of time for loading and unloading goods and time for a visitor to activate a visitor permit when visiting a property, therefore it was required an observation period of 5 minutes before a ticket could be issued as per the legislation.

Officers also advised that the use of CCTV cameras could only be used in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004 whereby a camera system needed to be an approved device, as defined by the Secretary of State, and could only be used for a limited number of contraventions – namely, school clear markings, bus stops and red routes. It was also advised that the Park & Stride scheme had been considered. In response to the request for more enforcement officers, the officers also provided an overview of the cost of operating the function within Rochford and the balance of managing the ever-increasing operating costs against the PCN income which remains static because the charges had not increased since 2008. It was noted that PCN charges can only be increased by central government, using the legislative process under the TMA 2004.

Officers agreed to send the received information and data regarding the patrols to Councillor Steptoe.

Councillor Sosin then made a statement to suggest that all members of SEPP press and encourage their MPs on the need to increase parking fines. This was taken into consideration by the members of the Joint Committee.

(2.04pm to 2.36pm)

5. Operational and Performance Update (Verbal Update)

The Joint Committee received a verbal update on enforcement operational matters.

Regarding recruitment of enforcement officers, members learned that there were currently four vacancies. It was advised that the applications had closed and that interviews were set within the next week and, if not successful, officers would look at agency staff.

Members were informed that Chipside had ordered the hardware and the roll out of the handheld devices was imminent. Officers also received the costs and information regarding the full hybrid vehicles and stated that members would be given a more detailed update in the next meeting.

Officers also advised the Joint Committee of police accreditation and that this would be rolled out in Brentwood. It was advised that there would be an annual assessment to review all police accredited offices and KPIs.

The Joint Committee also learned that officers had attended a seminar and presentation with regards to footway parking. Officers reported that Scotland had introduced a blanket ban on footway parking, but authorities would still have the autonomy to select areas where footway parking would be possible. However, in England, it was advised that a decision was still awaited from central government.

Members were also given a quick update on the 3PR School Parking Initiative. It was advised that new schools had been sent leaflets and were awaiting launch dates. Members also learned of the schools who agreed to the packages offered. They were also advised of the school visitations with the police and of the locations assessed for the Park & Stride initiative.

Officers also reported on their participation in the Blue Badge Day of Action, in partnership with NEPP. It was advised that around 184 disabled bays and 400 blue badges were inspected. Officers reported that around 25 vehicles had been found without the correct badges. Members also learned that in total for Essex, over 700 badges were checked, 26 PCNs were issued, and two fraudulent Blue Badges were confiscated.

In response to comments and statements from members, it was advised that;

- Regarding the Park and Stride initiative for Castle Road Car Park in Rayleigh, officers advised that free parking had been discussed as asking parents to pay for the privilege was seen as challenging. It was suggested that parents would be able to park for free from 8:30am to 9:00am, and then at 2:45pm to 3:15pm, and that parents would receive a visible parking permit to display.
- In relation to a suggestion for officers to advertise at a job fair in Brentwood, it was advised that they were not aware of the event. It was advised for officers to be informed of such events to advertise vacancies.

- Officers also advised that there had been no response from St Peters School at South Weald regarding the school parking issues. Members were also informed that officers had been approached by local highway panels regarding the parking issues.
- Members were advised that regardless of the package the school would select, it would still be possible to implement the Park & Stride initiative. It was also advised that whilst the gold package would provide all the promotional materials, it would also require a bigger commitment. It was also advised that officers would send out information regarding the packages to members.
- In relation to enforcement officers, officers advised that there was a service level agreement with Maldon District Council and Brentwood Borough Council in which their officers would provide additional enforcement outside of core hours on behalf of SEPP. It was also advised that should Rochford District Council have a shortfall of officers, resources would need to be pulled from Castle Point or Basildon. It was also advised that Rochford also had their own CEOs outside of SEPP with the scope to engage in a similar agreement to Maldon and Brentwood.
- Regarding the two fraudulent Blue Badges, it was advised that officers could only confiscate these and that the cases had been referred to the Essex County Council Counter-fraud team for possible further action e.g. prosecution.
- With regards to press on the Disabled Badge Day, it was advised for SEPP to publish this further to increase visibility. It was also advised for officers to contact Jo Heynes from ECC so this could be distributed Essex-wide.

RESOLVED that the operational and performance update be noted.

(2.36pm to 3.03pm)

6. Financial Report

The Joint Committee received a financial report regarding the financial position of South Essex Parking Partnership for the period covering 1st April 2024 to 2nd October 2024. The report also provided details of the actual costs and income received in this period.

Members heard that there was a surplus of £168,417 for SEPP and a deficit of £153,543 for the TRO account. The overall position for the Partnership was a surplus of £14,874 which was reported to be an improvement of £73,476 since August. It was also advised that the arrangements for the Chelmsford City Council pay award had been agreed and this would affect the surplus position as pay for SEPP staff (in common with all Chelmsford employees) would be backdated in October, but that this was not yet included in the figures shown.

It was reported that the Partnership had received a total of £734,160 in 2024/25 from PCN income. In the same period in 2023/24, members were advised that the Partnership had received £812,580. It was advised that there was a risk that the income levels from PCN's would not reach the levels achieved in 2023/24.

It was advised that there had been no reserve spend to date in 2024/25.

RESOLVED that the financial report be noted.

(3.03pm to 3.05pm)

7. Progress on Business Plan 2024/25

The Joint Committee received a report on the progress against the approved Business Plan for 2024/25.

Members heard that the enforcement account could expect a final surplus position of £357,900 to contribute to the operation costs of Traffic Regulation Order function. The £400,000 held in the reserve account would also be maintained. Members were advised that the projected outturns would be dependent on operating the function to the agreed expenditure costs and the amount of income received. It was noted that the PCN income equated to 65% of the overall projected income.

It was also reported that PCN's issued across the Partnership were down by 8% against the 2022/23 outturn and down by 13% against the estimated figures in the 2024/25 Business Plan. It was heard that the income received from PCNs was down by 9.7% compared to the same period last year.

The Joint Committee were informed that the overall recovery rate for PCNs paid was currently 74% of the PCNs issued, with the expected outturn being in the region of 75% to 77%. Officers advised that the current recovery level was reported to be very good. It was also reported that PCN cancellation was at 11% which was also the cancellation rates in 2023/24.

Officers also reported on the performance of the different boroughs. It was advised that performance for the boroughs was either similar or down from the last year. Reasons included regarding the activities in the boroughs, long-term sickness amongst staff, the vacancies, and staff turnovers. It was also suggested for the Business Plan to be reviewed in some boroughs as the bar might have been set too high.

In response to comments and statements from members, it was advised that;

- Regarding the proposition for a red route and cameras in Brentwood high street, officers advised that there had been a consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and that the issues identified were short term invasive parking. Officers advised that the red route had been designed and quoted, and currently sat with Brentwood Council. There was also another meeting with the Bus Transportation team regarding options for bus routes in the high street.
- Regarding the performance for Maldon Council, it was advised that the level against the Business Plan was from pre-COVID levels, and this might need to be adjusted to reflect the current level of performance
- Officers advised that the parking permit and on street pay and display costs had not been increased since 2015. The Committee Members were advised that the officers would be making recommendations in the next annual business plan to increase these charges to help ease the recent increases in operational costs.
- Members were informed that school parking was a national problem and were also informed that large local authorities had forgone school enforcement. They were also informed that in Scotland, there was a school rating system in which they were assessed including contraventions regarding school parking.

- Park & Stride initiative was in the pipeline for Rochford Primary School.

RESOLVED that the report to be noted.

(3.05pm to 3.37pm)

8. Review of SEPP Operational Policies

The Joint Committee received a report on the outcome of the review of the Parking Partnership Operational Protocols, Parking Policy Framework including the Partnership Enforcement Policy and the Civil Parking Enforcement Discretion Policy.

The Joint Committee was advised that changes in the Discretion Policy included an increase to a fee on court-warranted costs from £9.00 to £10.00. There was also a change in the wording to remove the reference of taking the licence details under Mitigating Circumstances. Change to the wording was also identified regarding sending appeals to the Independent Adjudicator Service where hearings would either be done online or via phone. Regarding the changes to the Parking Partnership Operational Protocols, officers advised that there would be some rewording regarding the description of the vehicle and removal of references to a tax disc serial number.

AGREED that the proposed changes to the Civil Parking Enforcement Discretion Policy and the Parking Partnership Operational Protocols be approved.

(3.37pm to 3.45pm)

9. Any Other Business

The Chair then invited members of the Joint Committee to put forward items of any other business.

Councillor Morgan queried the residential parking on North Street, Maldon and was concerned on the limited spaces for residents especially when only one permit could be issued per household. Officers advised that an audit of the permits had been completed and replies had been sent to the concerned residents. It was also advised that the second permits issued were normally in cases where personal and extenuating circumstances exist. It was advised that following a review of households that were receiving a second permit, it had been established those circumstances had since changed and improved, and the permits would therefore be removed. Those affected would have 8 weeks to finding an alternative parking arrangement before the permit was revoked. The officers also explained that the use of visitor permits to potentially park a second vehicle associated with a property was being monitored, but it was noted that determining if a vehicle belonged to a resident or a visitor could be difficult to establish.

Councillor Cross also raised concerns regarding parking permits on Fairview Car Park which was reportedly being misused by students and staff nearby. It was advised by officers that a policy was in place on how SEPP consider requests for a parking restriction

which also provides information on how to submit an application form for consideration. Councillors were advised that there was an opportunity to support any application submitted by a member of the public. The applicant could also submit a petition with the application showing support for the proposal(s). Councillor Sankey also commented on a recurring parking issue by Wadham Close in Ingatestone. It was highlighted that most of the residents that lived there were vulnerable and needed the parking.

(3.45pm to 3.59pm)

10. Date and time of next meeting:

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Joint Committee be on 12th December 2024 at 2pm, in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 3.59pm

Chairman

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

15th January 2025

AGENDA ITEM 6

Subject	Financial Report
Report by	Revenue Management Team Leader, Chelmsford City Council

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Purpose

To report on the financial position of the South Essex Parking Partnership up to 18th December 2024

Options

Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

Consultees	Revenue Management Team Leader South Essex Parking Partnership Manager
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1. Introduction

1.1 This report sets out the summary of the financial position for the South Essex Parking Partnership for the period covering 1st April 2024 to 18th December 2024.

2. Financial summary

2.1 Appendix 1 provides details of the actual costs incurred and income received, and is currently showing a surplus of £403,818 for SEPP and a deficit of £233,094 for the TRO account, on a cash basis for the financial year to the 18th December 2024 before taking into account items funded from the Reserve. This results in an overall surplus position for the Partnership including the TRO account of £170,723. This is an improvement of £155,849 since last reported in August.

As mentioned at the last Committee meeting, pay award figures for 24/25 have now been completed and so Appendix 1 includes the impact of this.

Looking at a comparison between this year and last year (April to November), and PCN income in particular, the Partnership received a total of £997,540 in 24/25, whereas in 23/24 the Partnership over the same period (April to November) received £1,083,860. Given the variation in income to date compared to last year, it is likely PCN income levels will not reach 23/24 levels or 24/25 budget levels (£1,709,000).

2.2 There have been 3 items of reserve spend since last reported as follows; £186,000 allocation of Operational Fund to Essex County Council, £232,500 allocation of Operational Fund to Chelmsford City Council and £26,000 allocation of Operational Fund to Rochford District Council, totalling £444,500.

After this reserve spend is taken into account, the total position for the partnership is a deficit of £273,777.

Whilst most costs reflect actual spend, where this is not specifically identifiable against an individual authority, the figures have been allocated based on the previously agreed method of allocation within the Annual Business Plan, and show the position for each Partner over the 1st April 2024 to 18th December 2024 period. For example, central support is not allocated across the Partnership until the end of the financial year, and so a pro-rata up to the date mentioned above has been included.

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Appendix 1 - Financial summary @ 18/12/2024

Appendix 1 South Essex Parking Partnership - Summary position @ 18/12/2024									
Actual 24/25	Chelmsford	Brentwood	Maldon	Basildon	Rochford	Castle Point	Total	TROs	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Expenditure									
- Employees	342,724	200,480	47,882	211,583	102,170	65,327	970,168	97,087	1,067,255
- Premises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Supplies and Services	45,290	-139,285	7,665	26,114	19,964	9,186	-31,066	117,407	86,341
- Third Party Payments	32,477	24,138	5,486	17,557	8,339	7,241	95,240	0	95,240
- Transport costs	8,654	10,913	5,443	19,390	8,264	5,443	58,106	9	58,115
Total Direct Expenditure	429,146	96,247	66,476	274,644	138,738	87,197	1,092,447	214,503	1,306,950
Indirect Expenditure									
Central Support	49,411	36,683	8,366	26,672	12,657	11,012	144,801	18,592	163,393
Total Indirect Expenditure	49,411	36,683	8,366	26,672	12,657	11,012	144,801	18,592	163,393
Total Expenditure	478,557	132,930	74,842	301,316	151,394	98,209	1,237,249	233,094	1,470,343
Income received to 18/12/2024									
PCN's	376,366	286,533	50,292	184,237	89,164	86,171	1,072,763	0	1,072,763
Residents' Parking Permits	208,419	100,201	17,938	118,095	12,553	5,457	462,663	0	462,663
Pay & Display	74,150	30,211	0	0	0	0	104,361	0	104,361
Other	466	313	67	257	96	81	1,280	0	1,280
Total Income	659,401	417,257	68,298	302,589	101,813	91,709	1,641,066	0	1,641,066
Net (Surplus) / Deficit - Cash Basis Excluding items earmarked from Reserves below	(180,844)	(284,327)	6,545	(1,273)	49,582	6,500	(403,818)	233,094	(170,723)

(a)

Memorandum: Items funded from Reserves

	Actuals
	£
£186,000 allocation of Operational Fund - Essex County Council allocation	186,000
£232,500 allocation of Operational Fund - Chelmsford City Council allocation	232,500
£26,000 allocation of Operational Fund - Rochford District Council allocation	26,000
	444,500

Net (Surplus) / Deficit - Cash Basis Excluding items earmarked from Reserves (170,723)

(a)

Net After Use of Reserves 273,777

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

15 January 2025

AGENDA ITEM 7

Subject	Business Plan for 2025/26
Report by	South Essex Parking Partnership Manager

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Purpose	
This report seeks the Joint Committee's approval of the South Essex Parking Partnership Business Plan for 2025/26.	
Options	
The Joint Committee can approve, reject or amend the Business Plan.	
Recommendation(s)	
1.	That the Joint Committee approves the attached Business Plan for 2025/26 and the five specific recommendations listed below:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ approve the 2025/26 budget and the proposed actions and objectives ▪ approve the proposed allocation of funding (Table 3 page 20) for 2025/26 ▪ agree to maintain a reserve of £400,000 for financial year 2025/26 ▪ approve the proposed on-street parking permit and pay and display fees and charges for 2025/26 ▪ approve the risks identified and the action plan to address the top three risks in Appendix B.

Consultees	Lead officers from each of the Partner Authorities as set out in Appendix B of the Joint Committee Agreement 2022.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Clause 23.12 of the 2022 Joint Committee Agreement sets out that the Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget, as part of the Annual Business Plan, to be presented to the Joint Committee for consideration, challenge and approval in accordance with the budgetary timetable of the Lead Authority.
- 1.2 The Business Plan 2025/26 (Appendix A) provides the proposed annual budget and the business aims and objectives the Partnership sets out to achieve in the forthcoming year.

2 Business aims and objectives

- 2.1 Section 2, page 3 of the Business Plan sets out the long-term business aims and objectives of the Partnership and how they link into the requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

3 Budget for 2025/26

- 3.1 The Budget has been based on the annual performance of the Partnership since its introduction in April 2011. The business model has been developed each year to ensure that the parking enforcement operational costs and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) operational costs are fully funded by the Partnership account. In addition, the business plans have enabled the Partnership to maintain a reserve of £400,000 and produce an operational fund to invest back into essential areas of the operation without the need for any additional or capital funding from Partner Authorities.

2020 had been an unprecedented year with the Covid-19 pandemic and this had created a degree of uncertainty with the outcome of the future financial account and operational model. More recently, high inflation with increased operational costs and overheads along with staff pay increases has added further pressure on the budget. This budget for 2025-26 has been set considering all these factors.

- 3.2 Section 3.1, page 6 of the Business Plan details the proposed budget for the 2025/26 parking enforcement operation. The total direct and indirect expenditure is estimated at £2,326,800 and the total income is estimated to be £2,658,800.
- 3.3 Section 3.3, page 7 of the Business Plan shows the expected costs of £184,200 for the operational staffing resource of the TRO function.
- 3.4 A detailed breakdown of allocation of salaries and an explanation of the factors used to allocate total direct and indirect costs are contained as Appendix A on page 24 of the Business Plan.
- 3.5 Section 3.4, page 8 sets out the new arrangements, consisting of three parts, for how the surplus will be managed under the new joint committee agreement which commenced on 1 April 2022.
- 3.6 Estimated outturn position for 2025/26

- 3.7 The estimated outturn position for 2025/26 by applying the new surplus management arrangements is as follows

The Business plan estimates that the Partnership can expect a surplus in the region of £332,000 from the parking enforcement account

Part 1: £400,000 reserve already maintained – carry forward from SEPP operational account.

- 3.8 From the estimated £332,000 outturn position, the full £332,000 will contribute towards the TRO operational costs, the maintenance of sign and lines and the funding for new TROs identified in part 2 of the arrangement. There will be no estimated surplus to add to Part 3 of the surplus sharing arrangement

4 Business objectives for 2024/25

- 4.1 Section 4, page 10 of the Annual Business Plan provides the business objectives and actions the Partnership aims to achieve in 2025/26. These objectives link into the longer term aims and objectives of the Partnership. The main area of focus will be to monitor the effects of the business and adjust the business case to ensure service provision meets demand.

4.2 Maintaining a reserve

- 4.3 It is an important part of the development of the business plan to consider the level and purpose of any reserves held by the Partnership. An assessment of the level of reserves will need to consider factors such as the risks facing the Partnership and the capacity to deal with in year budget pressures and other unforeseen events.

However, there is no precise methodology to establish the correct level of reserves and this is a matter for judgement for the Partnership's Treasurer to propose to the Joint Committee.

Considering the impact of the account and loss of income during the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty on how the account will perform, it had previously been agreed when entering into the new Joint Committee Agreement that a reserve of £400,000 would be maintained.

It is recommended that the level of reserve remains at £400,000 for financial year 2025/26.

4.4 Proposed increase to fees and charges

- 4.5 The enforcement account receives income from Penalty Charge Notice fines, on-street pay and display parking fees and on street parking permits such as resident and visitor permits.

- 4.6 65% of the income received by the partnership is from on-street Penalty Charge Notice fines. Increases to these charges can only be set and approved by the Department for Transport and Secretary of State via a variation to the Traffic Management Act 2004. These charges have not been increased since 2008. However, the Joint Committee has the responsibility to set and approve the level of charges for all the other forms of income received.

- 4.7 To maintain a positive account moving forward, the outturn position for the enforcement account ideally needs to produce an annual surplus in the region of £428,000 to maintain the agreed level of reserve and to maintain the same levels of funding for sign and line maintenance, the implementation of new traffic management schemes and the funding needed to replace equipment such as on street pay and display machines, new enforcement handhelds etc.
- 4.8 Historically the Parking Partnership account has produced sufficient surpluses to cover all the necessary costs, funding and reserves and with the added bonus of being able to distribute additional sums of money to each of the partner authorities. Whilst the account has been in such a positive position it has not been necessary to increase the on-street parking permit and pay and display costs. The last increase to these costs was in 2015. Due to a significant increase in operational costs, the partnership account is now in a position where increases to the fees and charges have become necessary.
- 4.9 It is proposed that a 10% increase to the cost of on-street parking permits is applied. The exception to this is the increase to the Carer Permit. Currently there is an inconsistency of cost across the partnership areas with some areas offering a free permit and in other areas such as Brentwood, the cost of this permit is £58.00. To ensure consistency of cost across all areas and to ensure that the income received from carer permits can cover the processing costs it is proposed to introduce a carer permit which can be used across all the Partnership areas for a set fee of £15.00
- 4.10 Section 4.4.1 page 16 sets out the proposed on-street permit charges for 2025/26
- 4.11 Section 4.5 page 18 sets out the on-street pay and display charges for 2025/26
- 4.12 It is recommended that the Joint Committee approves the proposed on-street permit and pay & display fees and charges increase for 2025/26.
- 4.13 Proposed Funding for approval
- 4.14 Section 4.7 page 20 sets out the following proposed items for funding during the 2025/26 financial year.
- £63,000 to cover costs to provide additional out of hours and weekend enforcement patrols to cover known parking problems outside of core hours
 - £200,000 for sign and line maintenance and new TROs
 - £40,000 for CCTV enforcement in Chelmsford.

If the Joint Committee approve these items of spend, the Joint Committee will hold a reserve of £400,000 plus an additional £71,986 to invest back into the operation or into schemes which are in accordance with Section 55 of the RTRA 1984.

5 Review of Risks to the Partnership

- 5.1 A requirement of the annual business planning process is to review the risks to the Partnership. It is important that these risks are regularly monitored and the action plan implemented to ensure that the long-term business objectives are not compromised.

The risks have been updated to reflect the new joint committee agreement working arrangements.

Appendix B, page 31, provides the identified risks and the updated Risk Action Plan.

It is recommended that the Joint Committee approve the risks identified and the action plan to address the top three risks.

6 Contract Register

- 6.1 The Partnership should ensure that key contractual arrangements are monitored annually to enable adequate time to be allowed to re-tender as appropriate. It is an important part of the business planning process that a contracts register should be monitored, to ensure that sufficient consideration is given to key contracts, expiry dates and ongoing requirements.

The table in section 6 page 21 provides details of the key contracts and expiry dates and current actions required

7 Summary

The business objectives for 2025/26 have been set to ensure the Partnership maintains the current level of performance and continues to provide a high level of service delivery.

The financial position of the Partnership and the budget set for 2025/26 has ensured that the enforcement operation, the TRO function and the funding for the signs and lines maintenance can be fully funded from the Partnership account with sufficient reserves to cover any shortfalls should they arise .

This Annual Business Plan sets out five key recommendations for approval by the Joint Committee.

- approve the 2025/26 budget and the proposed actions and objectives
- approve the proposed allocation of funding (Table 3 page 20) for 2025/26
- agree to maintain a reserve of £400,000 for financial year 2025/26
- approve the proposed on-street parking permit and pay and display fees and charges for 2025/26
- approve the risks identified and the action plan to address the top three risks in **Appendix B**.

It is recommended that the Joint Committee approves the attached Business Plan for 2025/26 which includes the five specific recommendations as listed above

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Appendix A South Essex Parking Partnership Business Plan 2024/25

Background Papers

The South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement 2022

Appendix A



SOUTH ESSEX

South Essex Parking Partnership Business Plan 2025/26



Essex County Council

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1: Introduction

The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) has been operational since 1 April 2011. Governed by a Joint Committee, the Partnership has developed the Annual Business Plans to ensure that the parking enforcement operational costs and the Traffic Regulation Order operational costs are fully funded by the Partnership account. In addition, the business plans have enabled the Partnership to maintain a reserve of £400,000 and produce a surplus to invest back into essential areas of the operation without the need for capital or additional funding.

The Partner Authorities have signed up to a new Joint Committee Agreement for a further period of five years with the option to extend year on for a maximum of eight years. This new agreement will incorporate a new surplus management model which is included in this Business Plan.

The Partnership has now had the benefit of several years of operational costs, income, and data and this has historically enabled the Parking Partnership Manager and Treasurer to the Partnership to provide robust estimates for the Annual Budget.

Clause 22.12 of the 2022 Joint Committee Agreement sets out that the Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget, as part of the Annual Business Plan, to be presented to the Joint Committee for consideration, challenge and approval in accordance with the budgetary timetable of the Lead Authority.

This document has been created in consultation with all Partnership Lead Officers and provides the proposed annual budget for 2025/26 and the business aims and objectives the Partnership sets out to achieve in the forthcoming year.

2: Business aims and objectives

The following section specifies the long term business aims and objectives of the Partnership and how they link into the requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA 2004).

The business aims and objectives in this Annual Business Plan link into the longer term financial forecast.

The TMA 2004 provides the legislation and guidance as to how Civil Parking Enforcement should be managed and sets out the core principles that enforcement authorities should aspire to achieve. These principles are:

- Managing the traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic
- Improving road safety
- Improving the quality and accessibility of public transport
- Meeting the needs of people with disabilities, some of whom will be unable to use public transport and depend entirely on the use of a car
- Managing and reconciling the competing demand for highway parking provision
- Providing suitable on street parking arrangements, considering the needs of local businesses and residents
- Supporting wider policies through incentivising behaviour.
- Encouraging compliance of parking restrictions
- Operating on street Civil Parking Enforcement to achieve a zero - deficit position
- Ensuring that the requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004 are met
- Investing surplus back into Civil Parking Enforcement and traffic management schemes

The Business aims of the South Essex Parking Partnership are set out as follows;

- Support the core principles of TMA 2004
- Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) function at zero deficit and to provide an operational fund to invest back into the operation.
- Maintain a reserve fund
- Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit

- Maintain signs and lines and TROs to an acceptable level ensuring suitable funding is available

3: Budget for 2025/26

Following the introduction of the South Essex Parking Partnership in April 2011 the operation has provided a modest year on year surplus for the Partnership account.

2020 had been an unprecedented year with the Covid-19 pandemic and this had created a degree of uncertainty with the outcome of the future operational model.

The current level of inflation, increased supplier costs, overheads and staff pay increases have contributed to increased costs on the overall account.

The budget for 2025/26 has been produced considering all these factors.

3.1: Parking Enforcement Budget 2025/26

25/26 SEPP Budgets	Chelmsford	Brentwood	Maldon	Basildon	Rochford	Castle Point	Total	
Management	£28,275	£19,559	£5,315	£19,559	£8,079	£5,315	£86,100	E
Civil Enforcement Supervision	£19,000	£13,000	£4,000	£14,000	£6,000	£3,400	£59,400	B
Back Office Staff	£155,807	£104,411	£22,501	£85,795	£31,971	£27,115	£427,600	D
Civil Enforcement Staff	£338,700	£183,600	£97,400	£232,400	£112,500	£71,900	£1,036,500	
Staffing Costs	£541,782	£320,570	£129,216	£351,754	£158,549	£107,729	£1,609,600	
Split of General Expenditure								
New Equipment	£3,284	£2,272	£617	£2,272	£938	£617	£10,000	E
Equipment Repairs	£8,657	£5,654	£123	£454	£188	£123	£15,200	B
Clothing & Uniforms	£3,087	£2,135	£580	£2,135	£882	£580	£9,400	B
Printing & Stationery	£3,284	£2,272	£617	£2,272	£938	£617	£10,000	D
Advertising	£36	£24	£5	£20	£7	£6	£100	D
Postages	£16,420	£11,358	£3,086	£11,358	£4,691	£3,086	£50,000	D
Mobile Phones	£1,056	£722	£222	£778	£333	£189	£3,300	B
Radios	£0	£3,300	£0	£0	£0	£0	£3,300	
Insurance	£2,561	£1,772	£481	£1,772	£732	£481	£7,800	E
Bank Charges	£11,494	£7,951	£2,160	£7,951	£3,284	£2,160	£35,000	D
County Court Fees	£18,756	£13,940	£3,168	£10,138	£4,816	£4,182	£55,000	D
TPT	£5,101	£3,419	£737	£2,809	£1,047	£888	£14,000	A
Software Licences	£27,328	£18,313	£3,947	£15,048	£5,608	£4,756	£75,000	A
Accommodation (Satellite Depots)	£0	£10,000	£0	£8,900	£8,000	£0	£26,900	
	£101,064	£83,132	£15,746	£65,907	£31,464	£17,687	£315,000	
Transport Costs								
Repairs	£1,557	£2,076	£1,038	£3,633	£1,557	£1,038	£10,900	C
Vehicle Insurance	£6,071	£8,095	£4,048	£14,167	£6,071	£4,048	£42,500	C
Fuel	£2,414	£3,219	£1,610	£5,633	£2,414	£1,610	£16,900	C
Vehicle Lease Charges	£11,429	£15,238	£7,619	£26,667	£11,429	£7,619	£80,000	C
	£21,471	£28,629	£14,314	£50,100	£21,471	£14,314	£150,300	
Total Direct Expenditure	£664,317	£432,330	£159,276	£467,760	£211,485	£139,731	£2,074,900	
Indirect Expenditure								
Central Support	£91,786	£61,509	£13,255	£50,542	£18,834	£15,973	£251,900	
Total Indirect Expenditure	£91,786	£61,509	£13,255	£50,542	£18,834	£15,973	£251,900	
Total Direct & Indirect Expenditure	£756,104	£493,839	£172,531	£518,303	£230,319	£155,704	£2,326,800	
Income								
PCN's	-£540,000	-£520,000	-£93,000	-£289,000	-£153,000	-£136,000	-£1,731,000	
Resident Permits/Visitor Tickets	-£333,000	-£160,000	-£29,000	-£197,000	-£22,000	-£9,000	-£750,000	
Pay & Display	-£125,800	-£52,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	-£177,800	
Total Income	-£998,800	-£732,000	-£122,000	-£486,000	-£175,000	-£145,000	-£2,658,800	
Total Net Budget	(£242,696)	(£238,161)	£50,531	£32,303	£55,319	£10,704	(£332,000)	

3.2: Breakdown of budget costs 2025/26

A breakdown of the budget costs can be found in **Appendix A** (page 24). This information provides the Joint Committee with more detailed information regarding the predicted expenditure costs for 2025/26.

This covers the allocation of salaries, an explanation of the factors used to allocate total direct and indirect costs and a breakdown of known direct costs such as cyclical maintenance, accommodation and vehicle costs.

Information is also provided on the expected Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) income and PCN issue rates. Please note this information is based on historical performance and outcomes and considers the current performance. No PCN targets are set for staff and this estimate can fluctuate, depending on the level of parking compliance.

3.3: TRO operation cost budget 2025/26

The following table sets out the proposed budget for the 2025/26 TRO operational costs only (does not include sign and line maintenance funding and funding for new TROs)

TRO operational budget 2025/26	
Direct Expenditure	
- Employees	£152,900
- Supplies and Services	Note A
- Third Party Payments	Note A
- Transport costs	£2,000
Total Direct Expenditure	£154,900
Indirect Expenditure	
Central Support	£30,000
Total Indirect Expenditure	£30,000
Total budget	£184,200

Note A

These items of spend relate to the signs and lines maintenance and new TRO funding which is allocated from Part 2 of the surplus sharing model.

3.4: Surplus management arrangements under the new Joint Committee Agreement.

For current services the surplus generated at the end of every financial year will be applied across three key areas split into three parts.

Part 1

The principle in Part 1 ensures the maintenance of a suggested deficit reserve of up to £400,000 per partnership (agreed by the Parking Partnership Managers). This level of reserve must be maintained (and topped up as appropriate) before any surplus is moved into the second and third parts. The level of reserve will be monitored through the quarterly meetings. Provided that this reserve is maintained (which is the priority), this minimises the deficit risk to all members of the partnership.

Any surplus generated after any calls to maintain the Part 1 deficit reserve at the agreed level will be split on the following basis between Part 2 (55%) and Part 3 (45%) subject to the conditions of part 2 below.

Part 2

Part 2 is used for local needs as set out in the annual business plan and specifically; a) the operational and funding costs for TROs and the essential maintenance of parking related signs and lines and; b) innovation around different ways to manage parking within each partnership. This reflects the existing arrangements within the joint committee agreement. Any capital / innovation funds required above the level agreed in the annual business plan that cannot be contained within Part 2 can be bid for in Part 3 and will be considered on merit against other county-wide priorities.

It is recognised that there are fixed and ongoing commitments in relation to ongoing TRO costs therefore any in year surplus must cover the below costs (see **table 1** below, Part 2 Breakdown). Therefore, a priority is to ensure that these costs are always covered within the 55% split.

In the event that the 55% share does not cover the required costs in the table below, those costs will be covered but the remainder will be allocated to Part 3.

Table 1 -Part 2 breakdown	SEPP
a) TRO delivery (operational and costs)	*£172,000
Maintenance of parking related signs and lines and implementation of new TROs	*£200,000
b) Innovation / capital to manage on street parking	*£56,000
TOTAL ANNUAL CAP	*£428,000

*These figures will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and any changes will be agreed between ECC and the Lead Authority

Note: The surplus generated in one year will be allocated for spend in the subsequent year.

Part 3

The principle in **Part 3** is to cover Essex wider strategic highways priorities and is proposed to be governed through a new Strategic Panel. It is proposed the new Panel is led by the ECC cabinet member, with the two chairmen possibly with one other member from each of the three partners. Any surplus achieved in this area from NEPP and SEPP will be directed towards county-wide priorities within the respective areas, still in line with section 55 of the RTRA 1984. ECC will work with the two Lead Authorities to develop the assessment criteria for bids for this funding. Bids will be put forward by officers from both the partnerships and ECC

3.5: Estimated outturn position for 2025/26

The estimated outturn position for 2025/26 by applying the new surplus management arrangements is as follows

Part 1: £400,000 reserve maintained – carry forward from SEPP operational account.

The estimated outturn position for 2025/26 from the parking enforcement operation is £332,000 surplus.

A 55% split of this amount equates to £182,600 which is insufficient to contribute to the £428,000 TRO and innovations costs identified in table 1. In the event that

the 55% share does not cover the required costs, those costs will be covered but the remainder will be allocated to Part 3.

From the estimated £332,000 outturn position, £332,000 will contribute to cover the costs in part 2 with no contribution to Part 3

4: Objectives and actions for 2025/26

The following section provides the objectives and actions proposed for the forthcoming year.

4.1: Business objectives for 2025/26

The following table provides the business objectives the Partnership aims to achieve in 2025/26

Objective for 2025/26	Linked to business aim	Action and measure
<p>1: Monitor the budget and adjust the business case to ensure service provision meets demand.</p> <p>Continue to gauge the potential long term operational and financial impact of the change of working patterns / environments and parking requirements.</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p>	<p>Monthly performance and financial monitoring</p>
<p>2: Continued focus on performance and sickness absence management at a local level to ensure best use of staff resource and improve attendance levels and subsequently maintain expected levels of patrol coverage.</p> <p>Provide a professional service, ensuring full compliance with TMA 2004 and high levels of customer service.</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency</p>	<p>Monthly 1to1 performance reviews with staff</p> <p>Identify training needs</p> <p>Manage sickness in accordance with Chelmsford City Council Sickness Management Policy</p> <p>Monthly PCN issue rates recorded</p>

<p>Key Performance Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of PCNs issued are successfully recovered • CEOs to achieve an average performance score of 33 • PCNs which have been cancelled due to an CEO error, not to exceed 0.8% 	<p>reserve</p>	<p>and monitored against estimate</p> <p>Quarterly performance figures provided to lead officers</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p>
<p>3: Ensure CEO patrol rotas are continually reviewed to ensure best use of staff time in key areas.</p> <p>Continue to provide ad-hoc out of hours enforcement to concentrate enforcement on known problem areas.</p> <p>Review enforcement outside of the core operational hours and review level of resource required to ensure staff have enough support during these periods</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p>	<p>Monthly 1to1 performance reviews with staff</p> <p>Monthly PCN issue rates recorded and monitored against estimate</p> <p>Quarterly performance figures provided to lead officers</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p> <p>Monitor SLAs with partner authorities to deliver out of hours enforcement on behalf of the Partnership</p>
<p>3: Partnership CEOs to support Castle Point, and Rochford at key times and to provide holiday cover.</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p>	<p>Monthly 1to1 performance reviews with staff</p> <p>Monthly PCN issue rates recorded and monitored against estimate</p> <p>Quarterly performance figures provided to lead officers</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p>
<p>4: Maldon to continue additional CEO patrol coverage with the use of the Community Safety Officers outside of normal working hours and during peak summer season.</p> <p>Maintain communications between the Council and the Partnership passing on intelligence regarding events (such as the Maldon Mud Race. Burnham</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency</p>	<p>Monthly 1to1 performance reviews with staff</p> <p>Monthly PCN issue rates recorded and monitored against estimate</p> <p>Quarterly performance figures provided to lead officers</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint</p>

<p>Carnival etc.) when additional enforcement is required</p> <p>Introduce targeted action days to deal with Hot Spots (schools etc.) allocating Council resources in addition to the Partnership staff</p>	<p>reserve</p> <p>Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit</p>	<p>Committee</p>
<p>5: Continue to operate the service level agreement with Brentwood Borough Council to engage the services of the Brentwood Community Safety Officers to provide enforcement patrols to assist with weekend and out of hours coverage.</p> <p>Engage with external supplier to provide out of hours enforcement at key times (weekend evenings) within the City of Chelmsford</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p> <p>Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit</p>	<p>Monthly 1to1 performance reviews with staff</p> <p>Monthly PCN issue rates recorded and monitored against estimate</p> <p>Quarterly performance figures provided to lead officers</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p>
<p>6: Review current operational expenditure and processes and determine if further efficiencies / improvements can be made</p>	<p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p>	<p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p> <p>Ongoing action: Obtain competitive quotes for all services and supplies provided. Ensure best value for money is achieved.</p> <p>Explore alternative methods of delivering the service utilising digital and on-line technology</p>

<p>7: Identify the proposed resident parking schemes, which are agreed and approved. Determine the additional income gained from the resident permit charges and adjust each area account to reflect the change.</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p> <p>Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit</p>	<p>Review the outcome of consultations with residents and business. All schemes agreed at local level to be prioritised and submitted to the Sub Committee for approval. Review the first year of permit sales and adjust Partnership account to reflect additional income.</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p>
<p>8: Identify and prioritise schemes in areas which provide the greatest benefit to the overall aims and objectives of the Parking Partnership</p> <p>Produce and implement a programme of essential maintenance works for signs and lines and TROs requiring attention.</p>	<p>Support the core principles of TMA 2004</p> <p>Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit</p> <p>Maintain a contingency reserve</p> <p>Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit</p> <p>Maintain signs and lines and TROs to an acceptable level ensuring suitable</p>	<p>Review the outcome of consultations with residents and business. All schemes agreed at local level to be prioritised and submitted to the Sub Committee for approval.</p> <p>Submit essential maintenance schemes to the Signs and Lines funding Sub Committee for consideration and approval</p> <p>Update on Business Plan to Joint Committee</p>

	funding is available	
9: Ensure that new developments requiring parking related restrictions / schemes contribute to the implementation of the scheme via section 106 arrangements or the Community Infrastructure Levy	Maintain signs and lines and TROs to an acceptable level ensuring suitable funding is available	Ongoing: Partnership lead officers to maintain local relationships with planning departments and Essex County Council Highways.
10: Continue to develop and roll out the School Parking Initiative across all Partnership areas, to improve parking behaviours at school drop off and pick up times	Support the core principles of TMA 2004	Engage with as many schools as possible to promote the scheme. Develop and test new ideas and validate the schemes which are operational.
11. Meet with Officers from NEPP and ECC to determine any additional services that can be delivered by the Partnerships on behalf of ECC under separate Service Level Agreements.	Support the core principles of TMA 2004 Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit	Arrange meetings with relevant officers and start initial discussions.
Produce a report regarding current lease costs, types of vehicles and the financial impact and logistics of installing EV charging points to move to a fully electric fleet versus the current Hybrid vehicle costs	Support the core principles of TMA 2004 Achieve an overall financial account to operate parking enforcement and the TRO function at zero deficit Partnership lead officers take all reasonable steps to ensure individual	Enforcement Operations Manager to produce an analyst and comparison report.

	Partnership areas reduce the level of individual deficit	
Consider implementation of red routes with CCTV enforcement to deal with consistent all day inconsiderate parking on key parts of the network and bus routes		

4.2 Maintaining a reserve

It is an important part of the development of the business plan to consider the level and purpose of any reserves held by the Partnership. An assessment of the level of reserves will need to consider factors such as the risks facing the Partnership and the capacity to deal with in year budget pressures and other unforeseen events. However, there is no precise methodology to establish the correct level of reserves and this is a matter for judgement for the Partnership's Treasurer to propose to the Joint Committee.

Taking into account the impact of the account and loss of income during the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty on how the account will perform it was agreed when proposing the new Joint Committee Agreement that a reserve of £400,000 would be maintained and carried forward into the new term of the agreement.

It is recommended that the level of reserve remains at £400,000 for financial year 2025/26.

4.3: Proposed increase to fees and charges

The enforcement account receives income from Penalty Charge Notice fines, on-street pay and display parking fees and on street parking permits such as resident and visitor permits.

65% of the income received by the partnership is from on-street Penalty Charge Notice fines. Increases to these charges can only be set and approved by the Department for Transport and Secretary of State via a variation to the Traffic Management Act 2004. These charges have not been increased since 2008. However, the Joint Committee has the responsibility to set and approve the level

of charges for all the other forms of income received.

To maintain a positive account moving forward, the outturn position for the enforcement account ideally needs to produce an annual surplus in the region of £428,000 to maintain the agreed level of reserve and to maintain the same levels of funding for sign and line maintenance, the implementation of new traffic management schemes and the funding needed to replace equipment such as on street pay and display machines, new enforcement handhelds etc.

Historically the Parking Partnership account has produced sufficient surpluses to cover all the necessary costs, funding and reserves and with the added bonus of being able to distribute additional sums of money to each of the partner authorities. Whilst the account has been in such a positive position it has not been necessary to increase the on-street parking permit and pay and display costs. The last increase to these costs was in 2015. Due to a significant increase in operational costs, the partnership account is now in a position where increases to the fees and charges have become necessary.

4.4: On-Street Permit Increases

It is proposed that a 10% increase to the cost of on-street parking permits is applied. The exception to this is the increase to the Carer Permit. Currently there is an inconsistency of cost across the partnership areas with some areas offering a free permit and in other areas such as Brentwood, the cost of this permit is £58.00. To ensure consistency of cost across all areas and to ensure that the income received from carer permits can cover the processing costs it is proposed to introduce a carer permit which can be used across all the Partnership areas for a set fee of £15.00 per annum.

4.4.1: Current and proposed permit fees and charges for 2025/26

Basildon			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
4 hour visitor ticket	£	0.40	£ 0.44
All-day visitor ticket	£	1.50	£ 1.62
Annual resident permit	£	33.50	£ 36.85
Business permit	£	138.00	£ 184.60
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
M permit	£	10.00	£ 11.00
Annual carer permit	£	13.20	£ 15.00

Chelmsford			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
1 hour visitor ticket	£	0.50	£ 0.55
4 hour visitor ticket	£	1.50	£ 1.65
6 hour visitor ticket	£	2.00	£ 2.20
Annual resident permit	£	26.00	£ 28.60
Six month resident permit	£	20.00	£ 22.00
Annual resident permit -motorcycle	£	15.00	£ 16.50
Six month resident permit - motorcycle	£	21.00	£ 23.10
Visitor Permit - 6 months	£	20.00	£ 22.00
Annual visitor permit	£	26.00	£ 26.00
Temporary 1 month permit	£	11.00	£ 12.10
Business permit	£	160.00	£ 176.00
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
Annual carer permit	£	-	£ 15.00
Worker Permit Annual	£	590.00	£ 649.00

Brentwood			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
5 hour visitor ticket	£	0.50	£ 0.55
Annual resident permit	£	34.00	£ 37.40
Business permit	£	1,080.00	£ 1,188.00
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
Annual carer permit	£	58.00	£ 15.00
Worker Permit 1 month	£	35.00	£ 38.50
Worker Permit 3 month	£	85.00	£ 93.50
Worker Permit 6 month	£	160.00	£ 176.00
Worker Permit Annual	£	310.00	£ 341.00

Castle Point			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
2 hour visitor ticket	£	0.50	£ 0.55
Annual resident permit	£	52.00	£ 57.20
Business permit	£	250.00	£ 275.00
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
Annual carer permit	£	-	£ 15.00

Maldon			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
2 hour visitor ticket	£	0.29	£ 0.32
Annual resident permit	£	53.70	£ 59.00
Resident Permit 1 month	£	7.50	£ 8.25
Resident Permit 6 month	£	32.00	£ 35.20
Business permit	£	250.00	£ 275.00
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
Annual carer permit	£	10.00	£ 15.00

Rochford			
Permit type	Current fee		Proposed fee
1 hour visitor ticket	£	0.29	£ 0.32
2 hour visitor ticket	£	0.40	£ 0.44
4 hour visitor ticket	£	0.50	£ 0.55
6 hour visitor ticket	£	0.60	£ 0.66
all day visitor ticket	£	0.80	£ 0.88
Annual resident permit	£	50.00	£ 55.00
Dispensation	£	6.00	£ 6.60
Annual carer permit	£	-	£ 15.00

4.5: On-street pay and display charges

The proposed on-street pay and display charges for financial year 2025/26

Brentwood			
On street pay and display- Kings Road	Current fee		Proposed fee
30 mins - free	£	-	£ -
1 Hours	£	0.80	£ 1.00
2 Hours	£	1.60	£ 1.80

Brentwood			
On street pay and display- Sayers Hall Lane	Current fee		Proposed fee
30 mins - free	£	-	£ -
1 Hour	£	0.80	£ 1.00
2 Hours	£	1.60	£ 1.80
3 Hours	£	2.40	£ 2.80
5 Hours	£	3.60	£ 4.00
6 Hours	£	4.00	£ 4.40
All Day	£	10.00	£ 11.00

Brentwood			
On street pay and display- Hutton Road	Current fee		Proposed fee
2 Hours - free	£	-	£ -
3 Hours	£	2.40	£ 2.80
4 Hours	£	3.60	£ 4.00
All Day	£	10.00	£ 11.00

Chelmsford			
On street pay and display	Current fee		Proposed fee
15 mins	£	0.20	£ 0.30
30 mins	£	0.50	£ 0.60
1 hour	£	0.90	£ 1.10
2 hours	£	1.20	£ 1.40

It is recommended that the Joint Committee approves the proposed on-street permit and pay & display fees and charges increase for 2025/26

4.6 SEPP Operational surplus carried forward from previous Joint Committee Agreement.

Any surplus remaining at the end of the 2011 Joint Committee Agreement will remain the responsibility of the SEPP Joint Committee to determine how this surplus is used and allocated in accordance with Section 55 of the RTRA 1984.

The following table shows the current financial position of this SEPP operational fund and the remaining cost to complete the outstanding approved areas of spend.

Table 2

SEPP Operational fund	
	£
SEPP Operational fund position (31/3/2024)	£1,597,600
£37,114 – allocated from 2022/23 financial account to Part 3 of the surplus sharing arrangements (Essex wider strategic highways panel)	£1,560,486

£30,000 to implement resident parking schemes prior to the opening of the new Chelmsford Beaulieu Train Station	£1,530,486
£60,000 replacement handheld computer (HHC) Equipment and Printers for enforcement officers.	£1,470,486
£65,000 for pilot CCTV enforcement in Brentwood	£1,405,486
£630,500 remaining to be transferred from the £1,303,000 shared equally (£186,000 each) between the seven partner authorities for highway and car park improvements which are in accordance with section 55 (as amended) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.	£774,986
Maintain £400,000 reserve.	£374,986
	£374,986

4.7 Proposed 25/26 funding for approval

Table 3 sets out the proposed funding required of £303,000 to maintain the current level of service delivery and to invest in schemes which complement the aims and objectives of the Parking Partnership

Table 3

Proposed 24/25 funding for approval	
Funding available	£374,986
£63,000 to cover costs to provide additional out of hours and weekend enforcement patrols to cover known parking problems outside of core hours	£311,986
£200,000 sign and line maintenance and new TROs	£111,986
£40,000 for CCTV enforcement in Chelmsford	£71,986
Operational fund remaining	£71,986

If the Joint Committee approve the proposed funding of £303,000 there will be £71,986 (in addition to the £400,000 reserve maintained) available for allocation in accordance with Section 55 of the RTRA 1984.

It is recommended that the Joint Committee approves the allocation of funding in table 3

5: Risks to the Partnership

From the outset of the Parking Partnership, the Joint Committee approved the action plan which identified the risks to the Partnership and requested that the Parking Partnership Manager undertake an annual review of the Partnerships risk in conjunction with the Business Plan.

It is important that these risks are regularly monitored, and the action plan implemented to ensure that the long-term business objectives are not compromised.

The risks have been updated to reflect the new Joint Committee Agreement working arrangements

Appendix B, page 31, provides the identified risks and the Risk Action Plan

It is recommended that the Joint Committee approve the risks identified and the action plan to address the top three risks.

6: Contracts register

The Partnership should ensure that key contractual arrangements are monitored annually to enable adequate time to re-tender as appropriate. It is an important part of the business planning process that a contracts register should be monitored, to ensure that enough consideration is given to key contracts, expiry dates and ongoing requirements.

The following table (table 4) provides details of the key contracts and expiry dates and current actions required

Table 4

Contractor	Expiry date	Action required
Sign and Line Maintenance Framework Agreement. Contractors included on the framework are: D Line markings Ltd Highline Road markings Ltd Signway Supplies Ltd W&H Romac Ltd Henderson and Taylor	Expired on 2 July 2024. The option for two further years extension has been agreed, contract runs until 2 July 2026.	
Chipside Ltd for the provision of Civil Enforcement Services (back office and frontline IT software and hardware systems and systems support)	Expires 31 st August 2025.	
Chipside Ltd for MiPermit cashless and virtual resident permit systems and support.	Expires 31 st August 2025.	

7: Summary

The business objectives for 2025/26 have been set to ensure the Partnership maintains the current level of performance and continues to provide a high level of service delivery.

The financial position of the Partnership and the budget set for 2025/26 has ensured that the enforcement operation, the TRO function and the funding for the signs and lines maintenance can be fully funded from the Partnership account with sufficient reserves to cover any shortfalls should they arise .

This Annual Business Plan sets out five key recommendations for approval by the Joint Committee.

7.1: Recommendations for Joint Committee approval

- approve the 2025/26 budget and the proposed actions and objectives
- approve the proposed allocation of funding (Table 3 page 20) for 2025/26
- agree to maintain a reserve of £400,000 for financial year 2025/26
- approve the proposed on-street parking permit and pay and display fees and charges for 2025/26
- approve the risks identified and the action plan to address the top three risks in **Appendix B**.

Appendix A

Breakdown of budget costs 2025/26

Allocation of Salaries

MANAGEMENT

	Salary + on costs		Total
Total	£86,100		£86,100

CEO MANAGEMENT

	Salary + on costs		Total
Total	£59,400		£58,400

CENTRAL BACK OFFICE

1 x Office Supervisor 8 x FTE Case Officers 1x Digital and projects Manager 1 x School Parking Liaison Officer and project support	Salary + on costs		Total
	£427,600		£427,600
CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS			
CHELMSFORD			
1x Team Leader 8 FTE CEOs			
Total	£338,700		£338,700
BRENTWOOD			
1x Team Leader 5 FTE CEOs			
Total	£183,600		£183,600

BASILDON			
1x Team Leader 6.5 FTE CEOs			
Total	£232,400		£232,400
CASTLE POINT			
1.7 FTE CEOs			
Total	£71,900		£71,900
ROCHFORD			
3 FTE CEOs			
Total	£112,500		£112,500
MALDON			
2 FTE CEOs	£78,000		£78,000
Maldon Park Rangers	£19,400		£19,400
Total	£97,400		£97,400

Estimated Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) income.

Estimated PCN income (£)	23/24 Estimate
Chelmsford	£540,000
Brentwood	£520,000
Maldon	£93,000
Basildon	£289,000
Rochford	£153,000
Castle Point	£136,000
TOTAL	£1,731,000

Factors applied to allocate total direct and indirect costs.

The budget contains total direct and indirect costs that require apportioning across the six Partnership areas. This apportionment relies on four percentage factors dependant on what the expenditure relates too. These are explained below:

A. Percentage of PCNs issued.

It is estimated that 53,950 PCNs will be issued by the Partnership during 2025/26. The table illustrates the allocation split.

	Estimated PCN issue	% of PCN allocation
Chelmsford	17,400	32.25
Brentwood	16,250	30.12
Maldon	2,900	5.38
Basildon	9,000	16.68
Rochford	4,500	8.34
Castle Point	3,900	7.23

B. Percentage of Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs)

The total number of CEOs working across the Partnership area is 29.2 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) officers.

	No of CEOs	% of CEOs
Chelmsford	9	30.82
Brentwood	6	20.55
Maldon	2	6.85
Basildon	7.5	25.68
Rochford	3	10.27
Castle Point	1.7	5.82

C. Vehicle percentage

The total amount of enforcement vehicles in use across the Partnership area is 23 (including the CCTV vehicle).

	No of vehicles	% of vehicles
Chelmsford	3	13.04
Brentwood	5	21.74
Maldon	2	8.70
Basildon	8	34.78
Rochford	3	13.04
Castle Point	2	8.70

D. Percentage of total number of estimated PCNs and resident permits issued.

	PCNs	Resident permits	total	%
Chelmsford	17,400	4450	21,850	34.47
Brentwood	16,250	1900	18,150	28.64
Maldon	2,900	280	3,180	4.97
Basildon	9,000	2600	11,600	18.31
Rochford	4,500	150	4,650	7.36
Castle Point	3,900	50	3,950	6.25

E. Percentage of Civil Enforcement Officers and Back Office Staff

The total number of CEOs and Back-office staff working across the Partnership area is 40.2 FTE officers

	No of staff	% of staff
Chelmsford	13.5	33.58
Brentwood	8.4	20.90
Maldon	2.5	6.22
Basildon	9.7	24.13
Rochford	3.8	9.45
Castle Point	2.3	5.72

Breakdown of 2025/26 known direct costs

Cyclical Maintenance		Annual cost
Chelmsford	Pay and display machine maintenance contract for 11 on street pay and display machines	£4,900
Brentwood	Pay and display machine maintenance contract for 7 on street pay and display machines	£3,500
	TOTAL	£8,400

Accommodation		
Brentwood 1 x team leader 2 x Civil Enforcement Officers	Enforcement Hub – Brentwood Borough Council	£10,000
Maldon 2 x Civil Enforcement Officers	Maldon District Council Offices – Promenade depot	
Basildon 1 x Team Leader 7 x Civil Enforcement Officers	Barley Lands Depot. Also includes office for Enforcement Operations Manager. Dedicated secure CCTV data and viewing room. CCTV vehicle garage space.	£8,900
Rochford 3 x Civil Enforcement Officers	Hockley Road Council Offices, Rayleigh.	£8,000
Castle Point 1.7 x Civil Enforcement Officers	Farmhouse Canvey Island	
	Total	£26,900

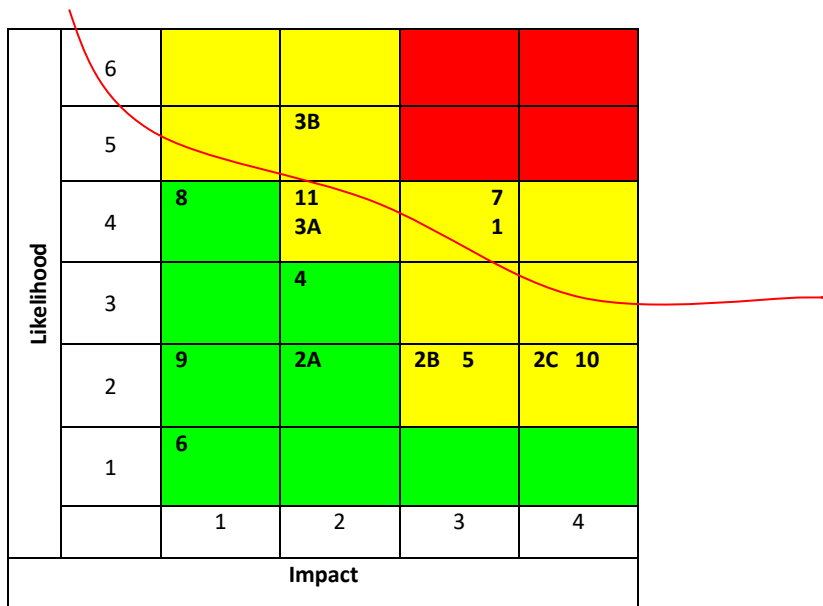
Vehicle Lease costs		Annual cost
Chelmsford	3 x lease vehicles	£11,429
Brentwood	5 x lease vehicles	£15,238
Maldon	2 x lease vehicles	£7,619
Basildon	7 x lease vehicles 1 x CCTV vehicle owned by the partnership	£26,667
Rochford	3 x lease vehicles	£11,429
Castle Point	2 x lease vehicles	£7,619
	TOTAL	£80,000

APPENDIX B

South Essex Parking Partnership Risk Assessment Exercise 2025-2026

As part of the risk assessment exercise the group considered risks currently faced by the Partnership between 2025- 2026. Only non-operational risks were included (apart from 2B).

A detailed plan of action has been created for the top three risks: 1, 3B and 7, as seen below.



Identified risks	Impact	Likelihood
1. Legislative changes If central government reduces levels of PCN charges or levels remain static without inflationary increases Change in enforcement legislation.	3 - Critical	4 – significant
2. Financial risk from a significant reduction of income due to: a. Consumers’ behaviour b. Operational non-collection (e.g. staff sickness, weather) c. Deficit	2 – Marginal 3 – Critical 4 Catastrophic	2 – Very low 2 – Very low 2 – Very low
3. Political risks a. Committee not agreeing, e.g. the annual Business Plan b. Political change- political representation changing	2 –Marginal 2 –Marginal	4 – Significant 5 – High
4. A Partner authority of the Partnership leaves	2 – Marginal	3 – Low

Identified risks	Impact	Likelihood
If a Partner authority left, services would still be run in that area, but that local authority would not be represented and unable to influence local decisions. One-year notice period needs to be given.		
5. The Lead Authority leaves the partnership The Lead Authority, Chelmsford, would still need to give one year of notice period.	3- Critical	2 – Very low
6. Full compliance Currently the recovery rates are at a national average.	1 – Negligible	1 – Almost impossible
7. Inability to enforce due to lack of signs and lines	3 – Critical	4 - Significant
8. Business objectives not documented clearly For ease of reference these should be clearly defined and included in all the relevant documents.	1 – Negligible	4- Significant
9. Public response to changes in charges	1- Negligible	2 – Very low
10. Legal challenge to the way in which enforcement is being carried out / wrong legal advice	4-Catastrophic	2 –Very low
11. Economic impact on the partnership	2 – Marginal	4 – Significant

Likelihood and Impact Definitions

Impact Definitions

Score	1	2	3	4
Description	Negligible	Marginal	Critical	Catastrophic
Customer Experience	Reduced quality of customer experience - difficult to quality	Unsatisfactory customer experience - readily resolvable - short term effects.	Unacceptable customer service experience - management intervention - medium term effects	Unacceptable customer experience - continued ongoing problem. High level intervention
Objectives / Project	barely noticeable reduction in scope, quality or timeframe	Reduction in scope or quality of project; project objectives or schedule	Significant project over run or budget over spend.	Inability to meet project objectives, reputation of the organisation seriously damaged. Project Fails.
Service / Business Interruption	Interruption in a service which does not impact on the delivery of direct customer care or the ability continue to provide service	Some disruption in service with unacceptable impact on customer care.	Sustained loss of service which has serious impact on delivery of customer care resulting in major contingency plans being evoked	Permanent loss of core service of facility. Disruption to facility leading to a significant "knock on" effect.
Staffing and Competence	Short term low staffing level temporarily reduces service quality. No serious errors	Late delivery of key objective / service due to lack of staff. Ongoing problems with staffing levels. Moderate error due to ineffective training / inadequate skills.	Uncertain delivery of key objective / service. Major error due to ineffective training / inadequate skills.	Non-Delivery of key objectives / services due to lack of staff. Loss of key staff. Critical error due to ineffective training / implementation of training.
Financial - Capital	Minor organisational financial loss (£1 -£100k)	Significant organisational loss (£100k-£1m)	Major organisation loss (£1m - £10m)	Severe organisational financial loss (>£10m)
Financial - Revenue	Minor organisational revenue loss (<-£50k)	Significant organisational revenue loss (£50k-250k)	Major organisation revenue loss (£250k - £500k)	Severe organisational financial loss revenue (>£500k)
Inspection / Audit	Recommendations made which can be addressed by low level of management action	Challenging recommendations that can be addressed with appropriate action plan.	Enforcement action. Critical Audit report. Lower CPA rating.	Prosecution following an inspection. Severely critical audit report. Very poor CPA rating.

Likelihood Definitions

Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Almost Impossible	Very Low	Low	Significant	High	Very High
Probability	Practically impossible to occur	Can't believe this would happen - will only happen in exceptional circumstances.	Not expected to happen, but definite potential exists - unlikely to occur	May occur occasionally, has happened before on occasions - reasonable chance of occurring	Strong possibility that this could occur - likely to happen	This is expected to occur frequently / in most circumstances - more likely to occur than not.
Percentage of chance of something happening	< 2%	2% -25%	25% - 50%	50% - 75%	75% - 95%	> 95%

Mitigation Options

Treated	- through preventative measures management
Tolerated	- through ensuring adequate plans exist to respond to potentially disruptive events
Transferred	- through, as an example insurance or contractual arrangements
Terminated	- although in practice this is often not possible

Risk Management Action Plan

Likelihood	6				
	5				
	4			1	
	3				
	2				
	1				
		1	2	3	4
	Impact				

Risk Number	Current Risk Score	Target Risk Score	Description
1: Legislative changes	Significant / Critical	Significant/Critical	Legislative changes If central government reduces levels of PCN charges. Change in enforcement legislation.

Action/controls already in place	Level of action/control to address risk	Required management action/control	Responsibility for action	Critical success factors & KPI's	Review frequency	Key dates
<p>An Annual Business Plan is produced and agreed annually and adjusted to reflect any changes in operational costs and income received</p> <p>A reserve of £400,000 is currently maintained and reviewed annually</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adequate</p>	<p>The Parking Partnership Manager and Partnership lead officers to be aware of any change in enforcement legislation.</p> <p>The Parking Partnership Manager in consultation with Lead Officers to provide a financial and operational impact assessment and agree individual area actions plans to be incorporated in the Annual Business Plan and the medium to long term financial forecast.</p>	<p>Partnership Lead Officers and Parking Partnership Manager</p>	<p>Business Plans adjusted to recognise changes in legislation and potential impact.</p> <p>Partnership Account remains in zero deficit position.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annually</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annually</p>	<p>December Joint Committee Meeting and approval of Annual Business Plans</p>

Risk Management Action Plan

Likelihood	6				
	5		3B		
	4				
	3				
	2				
	1				
		1	2	3	4
	Impact				

Risk Number	Current Risk Score	Target Risk Score	Description
3B Political change-political representation changing	High / Marginal	High/Marginal Political change will be determined by local elections and therefore mitigating the risk is not possible. The Action is to ensure that any new Joint Committee Member gains a full understanding of the Parking Partnership at the earliest opportunity	Political change (political representation changing)

Action/controls already in place	Level of action/control to address risk	Required management action/control	Responsibility for action	Critical success factors & KPI's	Review frequency	Key dates
The Partnership lead officer representing the area to notify the Clerk and the Parking Partnership Manager within a time period of one week following any change in political representation	Adequate	Partnership lead officers to be aware of any change in political representation and take the necessary action to notify the Clerk and Parking Partnership Manager	Partnership Lead Officers	The Clerk receives notification within one week of political change	Annually	Annual Council meetings and local elections
Parking Partnership Manager to arrange meeting with new representative and lead officer within one month of notification with the purpose of providing an overview of the Parking Partnership, the aims and objectives the Partnership wish to achieve and a full explanation of the relevant individual area action plan	Adequate	Parking Partnership Manager to arrange meeting within one month of notification of change with Lead Officer and new Joint Committee Member.	Parking Partnership Manager	New Joint Committee Member is fully informed of the Partnership aims and objectives within one month of notification of change	Annually	

Risk Management Action Plan

Likelihood	6				
	5				
	4			7	
	3				
	2				
	1				
		1	2	3	4
	Impact				

Risk Number	Current Risk Score	Target Risk Score	Description
7 Inability to enforce due to lack of signs and lines	Significant / Critical	Marginal / Low	Inability to enforce due to lack of signs and marks

Action/controls already in place	Adequacy of action/control to address risk	Required management action/control	Responsibility for action	Critical success factors & KPI's	Review frequency	Key dates
<p>Parking Partnership operates the TRO signs and lines function.</p> <p>Parking Partnership funding the TRO staff and operational costs.</p> <p>The Partnership currently allocates the funding, implements the works and ensures unenforceable areas are rectified.</p>	<p>Current funding is enough to address areas that are considered unenforceable but falls short when consideration is given to ongoing preventative maintenance of signs and lines and implementing new schemes</p> <p>Partnership lead officers and Joint Committee Members have full control over expenditure and allocation of works</p>	<p>The new surplus management requirements in the Joint Committee Agreement form 1 April 2022 ensures that a suitable reserve of £400,000 is maintained in Part 1 and the TRO and sign and line maintenance costs identified in part 2 are always covered before any spend is contributed to part 3 of the arrangement.</p> <p>In addition the Partnership will be fully responsible for operational fund which will be carried forward into the new agreement and is not subject to the new surplus sharing arrangements.</p>	<p>Parking Partnership Manager and Lead Officers</p>	<p>The Parking Partnership continues to operate the function with enough funding.</p> <p>90% of signs and lines are fully compliant and refreshed by 2023</p>	<p>Annually</p>	

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

15 January 2025

AGENDA ITEM 8

Subject	Forward plan and meeting dates for 2025/26
Report by	The South Essex Parking Partnership Manager

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Purpose

The report sets out the forward plan of agenda items for approval by the Joint Committee and the proposed meeting dates for the Joint Committee for the 2025/26 municipal year.

Options

The Joint Committee can agree, reject or add items to the forward plan of agenda items and agree, reject or alter any of the proposed meeting dates.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Joint Committee agrees the forward plan of agenda items
2. That the Joint Committee agrees the future meeting dates of 26 June 2025, 11 September 2025, 11 December 2025, 12 March 2026, each commencing at 2pm
3. That the Joint Committee agrees to hold those meetings at the Chelmsford City Council offices

Consultees

Lead officers from each of the Partner Authorities as set out in Appendix B of the Joint Committee Agreement 2022.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The consideration of the Forward Plan is a standing item of the Joint Committee's agenda.

1.2 The Joint Committee has one more meeting scheduled within this current municipal year on 13 March 2025. New dates are proposed for the municipal year 2025/26.

2. Forward Plan of Agenda Items

2.1 An updated Forward Plan of Agenda Items for the scheduled meetings in 2025/26 has been prepared for consideration by the Joint Committee and is contained at Appendix A.

3. Meeting Dates for 2025/26

3.1 Clause 17 of the Joint Committee Agreement sets out the arrangements for meetings. The first meeting of the Joint Committee shall be the annual meeting for the year and thereafter the first meeting held after 1st April in any year shall be the annual meeting and the Joint Committee shall meet at least four times a year

3.2 The proposed dates for meetings of the Joint Committee are:

- 26 June 2025
- 11 September 2025
- 11 December 2025
- 12 March 2026

commencing at 2pm

3.4 All meetings of the Joint Committee have so far been held at the Chelmsford City Council offices. This venue seems to have worked well with free parking on-site and making it easier to provide the necessary legal and democratic support to the Committee. It is proposed that this arrangement continues for 2025/26.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Joint Committee will meet at least four times in any one year and dates for the 2025/26 municipal year are proposed. A Forward Plan of Agenda Items has been prepared to ensure that the Joint Committee is fulfilling the requirements as set out in the Joint Committee Agreement.

List of Appendices

Appendix A Forward Plan of Agenda Items

Background Papers

South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement 2022

APPENDIX A FORWARD PLAN OF AGENDA ITEMS

Standing items

Apologies and substitutions
 Minutes of previous meeting
 Matters arising
 Public Question Time
 Operational and Performance Report (Russell Panter)
 Financial Report (Michael Packham)
 Forward Plan (Nick Binder)

Date of meeting	Items	Lead
Thursday 13 March 2025	Progress on Business Plan 2024/25	Nick Binder
Thursday 26 August 2025	Financial Outturn 2024/25 Report Annual Report of the South Essex Parking Partnership (for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)	Michael Packham Nick Binder
Thursday 11 September 2025	Review of Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretion policy ▪ Operational protocols ▪ Parking Policy Framework including Enforcement policy ▪ TRO implementation policy Progress on Business Plan 2025/26	Nick Binder Nick Binder
Thursday 11 December 2025	Business Plan 2026/27 Dates of Joint Committee meetings for 2026/27	Nick Binder Nick Binder
Thursday 12 March 2026	Progress on Business Plan 2025/26	Nick Binder