

**SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**8 AUGUST 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 12**

<b>Subject</b>	Essex County Council proposal for the allocation of the agreed share of operational fund
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**Purpose**

- This report provides the Joint Committee with the proposal from Essex County Council on how they intend to use the agreed £186,000 allocation from the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) operational fund in accordance with Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984).

**Options**

The Joint Committee can approve, amend, or reject the proposal

**Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee;

- Agree that the proposed schemes totalling £186,000 are in accordance with Section 55 of the RTRA 1984 and;

Authorise the South Essex Parking Partnership Manager to release these funds to Essex County Council from the SEPP parking account.

<b>Consultees</b>	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 At its meeting on 28 July 2022 the Joint Committee was presented with a report with a recommendation that the Joint Committee approves the allocation of £1,302,000 from the operational fund between the seven Partnership authorities for schemes and projects which are in accordance with Section 55 of the RTRA 1984.

The Joint Committee agreed to equally share the £1,302,000 surplus (the amount remaining at the end of the previous Joint Committee Agreement) between the seven Partner Authorities (£186,000 each). It was also agreed that the funding will be released to the Partnership Authorities subject to the following criteria:

- Each partner authority will need to present a report for approval by the Joint Committee providing details of the proposed scheme(s) which will demonstrate that the funding will be fully used as per the requirements of Section 55 of the RTRA 1984.

This report provides the Joint Committee with information for the Essex County Council proposals.

## 2 **Essex County Council proposals**

### **Bus gate/lane maintenance**

**Background:** Across Essex there are a number of bus lanes and gates which have been provided to improve the reliability and journey times of passenger transport services. Additionally, many of these bus lanes and gates also contribute to the aim of reducing through traffic in town centre areas, improving air quality and enhancing safety for road users at interchange points such as bus and rail stations.

In addition to the maintenance of signs, lines and associated assets required to enforce bus gates, Essex proactively explores additional bus lane and gate locations to contribute to its active travel aspirations and increasing the use of buses across the network. An allocation of £152,200 would be used both for maintenance of existing bus lane assets and to assess new sites and deliver additional enforcement equipment as appropriate.

**Amount Sought for Proposal: £152,200**

### **Parkmap Maintenance**

**Background** - Both NEPP and SEPP currently utilise Parkmap as a system to record and manage parking restrictions in Essex. The system (maintenance and licences) is fully funded via Essex County Council (approximately £67,500 pa). It is proposed that the 50% of this cost is used to support the funding of Parkmap.

**Amount Sought for Proposal: £33,800**

## 2.1 **Summary of funding request**

Bus Gate / lane Maintenance	£152,200
Parkmap Maintenance	£33,800
Total	£186,000

**3 How these proposals meet the requirements of the RTRA 1984 (s55)**

The proposals meet the criteria of subsection 2 of section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 “any deficit in the account shall be made good out of the general fund ‘ being a legitimate cost that should be recovered through the operational income of on-street parking that is not currently included in the operational costs of either SEPP or NEPP

- 4 If the Joint Committee approve these schemes totalling £186,000, Essex County Council will have no monies remaining from their allocation.

**Conclusion**

Essex County Council has provided a list of proposed schemes which meet the criteria of Section 55 of the RTRA 1984 to be approved by the Joint Committee.

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- Agree that the proposed schemes totalling £186,000 are in accordance with Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 and.

Authorise the South Essex Parking Partnership Manager to release these funds to Essex County Council from the SEPP parking account.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

The South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement 2011.  
The South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement 2022.