

NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE FOR OFF-STREET PARKING

**16 October 2014 at 3.50pm
Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, Colchester**

Executive Members Present:-

Councillor Susan Barker (Uttlesford District Council)
Councillor Anthony Durcan (Harlow District Council)
Councillor Martin Hunt (Colchester Borough Council)
Councillor Robert Mitchell (Braintree District Council)
Councillor Gary Waller (Epping Forest District Council)

Apologies: - Councillor Rodney Bass (Essex County Council)
Councillor Eddie Johnson (Essex County Council)

Also Present: - Jonathan Baker (Colchester Borough Council)
Lou Belgrove (Parking Partnership)
Trevor Degville (Parking Partnership)
Vicky Duff (Essex Highways)
Qasim Durrani (Epping Forest District Council)
Joe McGill (Harlow District Council)
Andrew Taylor (Uttlesford District Council)
Alexandra Tuthill (Colchester Borough Council)
Richard Walker (Parking Partnership)
Matthew Young (Colchester Borough Council)

Apologies:- Paul Partridge (Braintree District Council)

7. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Barker, in respect of being a Member of Essex County Council, declared a non-pecuniary interest.

Councillor Durcan, in respect of being a Member of Essex County Council, declared a non-pecuniary interest.

8. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee for Off-Street Parking of 26 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

9. NEPP Off-Street service - costs of new service and financial update

Matthew Young, Colchester Borough Council, introduced the report which outlined the new staffing structure of the Off-street service as a result of the review and the new arrangements for cash collection, which has been outsourced to G4S. The report highlights the financial situation of the Off-street service as a result of these changes, and the options to address the deficit which relate to the redundancies. The outsourcing of the collection will lead to a reduced

cost to the partnership, and allow for further investment in resources for traffic regulation orders functions.

With regard to the in-year financial deficit, the report presented two options, the first of which is one off contributions for each of the relevant partners and the second to increase the annual contributions of 3% by an additional 1.5%. This second option also takes into account the contract prices increase and the savings in future years through staff savings.

The Joint Committee sought clarification on annual contributions from the partner authorities as the figures presented in the report for option two did not reflect a 4.5% per annum contribution increase.

The Joint Committee agreed that the report come back to the meeting in December with additional information included in the table of the cost increase per year and the estimated savings levels.

RESOLVED that -

- a) An amended report on the cost of new service and financial update will be submitted to the meeting on 11 December 2014 for consideration.
- b) Appendix One be distributed to members electronically after the meeting.

10. Operational Report

Lou Belgrove introduced the Operational report for the Off-Street committee, which included information on performance levels, MiPermit, cash collection and disabled resident entitlements across the partnership.

Councillor Mitchell stated that Braintree District Council are awaiting approval prior to introducing charging blue badge holders for parking. The focus is for accessible parking closer to shops, with wider bays for vehicles.

The Joint Committee requested the inclusion of statistics on increases in cashless parking.

RESOLVED that the Operational Report be noted.