

NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE FOR OFF-STREET PARKING

12 March 2015 at 1.30pm

Committee Room 1, Braintree District Council, Braintree

Executive Members Present:-

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

Apologies: -

Councillor Nick Barlow (Colchester Borough Council)
Councillor Anthony Durcan (Harlow District Council)
Councillor Eddie Johnson (Essex County Council)

Also Present: -

Councillor Edna Stevens (Harlow District Council)
Mike Adamson (Parking Partnership)
Jonathan Baker (Colchester Borough Council)
Lou Belgrove (Parking Partnership)
Sarah Sherry (Braintree District Council)
Trevor Degville (Parking Partnership)
Vicky Duff (Essex Highways)
Qasim Durrani (Epping Forest District Council)
Ann Hedges (Colchester Borough Council)
Joe McGill (Harlow District Council)
Hayley McGrath (Colchester Borough Council)
Samir Pandya (Braintree District Council)
Paul Partridge (Braintree District Council)
Shane Taylor (Parking Partnership)
Alexandra Tuthill (Colchester Borough Council)
Richard Walker (Parking Partnership)
Matthew Young (Colchester Borough Council)

Apologies:-

Liz Burr (Essex Highways)
Andrew Taylor (Uttlesford District Council)

16. Declaration of Interests

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

17. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee for Off-Street Parking of 11 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

It was noted that as Essex County Council had indicated to the Chairman that it was not willing to meet the financial pressure caused by the redundancy costs that resulted from the review of the Off-street service that the deficit amount of £165k would need to be claimed from the partner authorities. A calculation would be made by NEPP officers and invoices would be issued to partner authorities in line with the amounts indicated in the report to the 11th December meeting.

18. Off-Street Budget Review and Budget 2015/16

Matthew Young, Colchester Borough Council, introduced the Off-Street Budget Review and Budget for 2015/16. At the previous Joint Committee meeting it was agreed that the Off-Street Budget be reviewed with a report brought back to this meeting, proposing budget options for the Off-Street account.

The Committee heard that the On-Street and Off-Street service had provided a number of benefits over the years, and that the aim is to balance the Off-Street budget by the end of the year. The recent G4S contract for cash collection provided a £48,000 saving, and further work will continue to manage down costs.

Matthew Young provided two options for the Joint Committee on the 2015/16 budget; the first is based on the level of work in each Authority being reflected in the allocated budget costs. The second option was for Colchester Borough Council to continue to contribute 50% of the Off-Street costs, due to the complexity of the Off-Street arrangements, and for a 1% increase from all the Partner Authorities.

Councillor Waller stated that an increase in contribution for Epping Forest District Council would be difficult to accept given the existing high contribution level. The Parking Partnership highlighted that the level of income in Epping would increase once the vacancies had reduced, which would offset the increase. Ann Hedges, Colchester Borough Council, stated that the level of increase is modest compared to the contribution offered by Colchester Borough Council for the Off-Street Budget next year.

The Committee agreed that further work be undertaken with Essex to try and achieve a greater level of funding.

The vote for the Off-Street Budget Review was as follows:

3 FOR (CBC, BDC, UDC)
1 AGAINST (EFDC)

RESOLVED that the Off-Street Budget for 2015/16 be agreed based on 50% contribution from CBC and a 1% increase for all other Partner Authorities.

19. Operational Report

Lou Belgrove, Parking Partnership, introduced the Off-Street Operational Report, stating that with the exception of Harlow District Council, there has been a continuing growth in popularity of MiPermit. There has also been a reduction in the number of PCN's being issued, which is as a result of Civil Enforcement Officers available.

The Committee requested that details of the datashare database be brought to the next Joint

Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that the Operational Report be noted, and that information on the datashare database be brought to the next Joint Committee meeting.