



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES**

**to
COUNCIL
12 FEBRUARY 2026**

**EXTENSION OF SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE
AGREEMENT**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks Councils approval to extend the current operational period of the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) Joint Committee Agreement by a further year to 31 March 2028 to align with the current Local Government Reform (LGR) timetable.
- 1.2 This partnership has since 2011 delivered on-street parking enforcement across the Maldon District on behalf of Essex County Council (ECC).
- 1.3 There is no financial implication for Maldon District Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees the extension of the existing South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee agreement until 31 March 2028.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The SEPP has been operational since 1 April 2011 when SEPP and the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) were established to operate on-street parking enforcement across the county on behalf of ECC.
- 3.2 The operations delivered by SEPP are governed by a Joint Committee Agreement signed up to by each of the partners – Basildon Borough Council, Brentwood Borough Council, Castle Point Borough Council, Chelmsford City Council, Essex County Council, Maldon District Council and Rochford District Council. Chelmsford is the Lead Authority for SEPP, employs all the Partnership's officers and provides legal, HR and financial support to the operation of SEPP.
- 3.3 A new Joint Committee Agreement was signed by all partners in 2022 for a further five-year period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027. This agreement has the option to extend for an additional 12 months on three consecutive occasions to a maximum term of eight years (31 March 2030). The new agreement also provided the scope for SEPP to continue with the additional responsibility for the maintenance of parking related signs and lines and the implementation of new parking related Traffic Regulation Orders.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 An extension of the current SEPP Joint Committee Agreement will ensure service continuity and legal enforcement of the parking restrictions throughout the Partnership areas for financial year 2027/28, when thereafter the function will transfer and operate from 1 April 2028 under the new unitary authorities due to Local Government Reform in Essex.
- 4.2 Essex County Council have confirmed its intention to extend the current Joint Committee Agreement by one year until 31 March 2028, subject to agreement via their relevant Governance procedures.

5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025 - 26

5.1 Supporting our communities.

- 5.1.1 The current agreement supports our community through the enforcement of parking restrictions across the District, in addition to considering requests for new / changes to parking restriction measures. It also manages resident zone parking and parking enforcement in busy and residential areas.

5.2 Investing in our District.

- 5.2.1 The partnership helps to maintaining existing signs and lines and managing applications for new restrictions.

5.3 Growing our economy.

- 5.3.1 Keeping roads in and around our towns and business areas free from obstruction and congestion, which will encourage businesses and customers to invest and visit our district.

5.4 Protecting our environment.

- 5.4.1 Manage on street parking within the Maldon District

5.5 Delivering good quality services.

- 5.5.1 Extending the successful partnership will enable service continuity for the Districts residents, businesses and visitors.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None, this will enable the current provision to continue.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – Failure to be part of this partnership will create risks around the provision of parking enforcement across the District as the Council will no longer have a voice or representation on the Joint Committee.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.

- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on Devolution / Local Government Reorganisation** – This will ensure that the current partnership arrangements meet the current LGR timeframes.

Background Papers:

SEPP Joint Committee Agreement
Essex County Council Letter

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