

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 16th MARCH 2023 - 2.00pm

AGENDA ITEM 10

Subject	Maldon 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 Maldon District Council on how they intend to use the agreed £186,000 allocation from the SEPP (South Essex Parking Partnership) operational fund in accordance with Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984).
- The Full £186,000 has been allocated over 3 projects.

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 Maldon District Council from the SEPP parking account.

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 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 Maldon District Council proposals.

2 **Maldon District Council proposals**

2.1 **First Project – Repair and resurfacing work to White Horse Land and Butt Lane Car Parks**

Summary:

To undertake essential repair and resurfacing work to two of the Councils largest High Street Car Parks.

Reason:

The carpark surfaces of the Councils two largest car parks require significant repair, with the White Horse Carpark requiring full resurfacing, and Butt Lane requiring repairs.

Whilst patch repairs have been undertaken on these car parks for a number of years, this is no longer feasible to be able to maintain the car parks to an acceptable, safe standard.

The proposed work on the car park surfaces will improve car parking provision and support more effective management of our popular town centre car parks, which in turn support our local business and local economy.

Proposed:

To undertake essential, repairs and resurfacing work on the Councils two largest High Street Car Parks.

Cost

	£
Resurfacing and repairs to White Horse and Butt Lane Car Parks (estimate)	137,500
10% contingency	13,750
Total	151,250

2.2 Second Project – Feasibility Study for additional Car Parking Provision

Summary:

To undertake a feasibility study provide options and risks relating to the development of additional car parking provision.

Reason:

A site has been identified that has the potential to offer additional car parking provision, however before the project proceeds a full feasibility study needs to be undertaken to evaluate the suitability of the site, options, cost, benefits and risks.

Proposed:

The proposed project will enable a full feasibility study to evaluate the potential for offering additional car parking and an enhanced visitor offer which in turn support our local business and local economy.

Cost:

	£
Feasibility Study and Report	28,000
Total	28,000

Third Project – Development of a Car Park Charging Strategy

Summary:

A project to review existing car park charges, and development of a Strategy to inform future charging for all Council Owned car parks.

Reason:

The basis of current car park charges have remained unchanged for a number of years. This review will look at a number of factors to inform and develop a clear car park Charging Strategy which will ensure that the Councils car parks deliver the service that users need, in the most efficient and cost effective manner for our Council Tax Payers.

Proposed:

To undertake a full review of our Car Park Charges, including the times that charges apply, charging rates, season tickets arrangements and provision of free spaces. The Strategy will provide a clear Framework for the Council to inform future Policy and decisions, transparency for users of the service, and will ensure car parks are delivering best value for money.

Costs:

	£
Development of Strategy (estimated)	7,200
Total	7,200

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

The above proposals meet the criteria of subsection 4 (b) meeting all or part of the cost of the provision and maintenance by the local authority of off-street parking accommodation whether in the open or under cover.

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

Conclusion

Maldon District 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 Maldon District 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.