



# North Essex Parking Partnership

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Bringing together the parking operations for North Essex

# Introduction



History of decriminalised parking in Essex

Strategic Overview

Functions of the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP)

Policies and Processes

# History



Essex decriminalised parking functions between 2002-4

Essex County Council (ECC) policy-makers with 12 Agencies in Districts and Boroughs to run parking enforcement

4 area offices and other agencies/contractors

- Engineering,
- Traffic Regulation Orders; and
- Maintenance

Growing deficit reached £900,000 countywide

In 2009 ECC issued notice to District & Boroughs to cancel agencies

# Strategic Priorities



Safety: for drivers and pedestrians

Business: clear short term parking, increases potential for local trade; commuters encouraged to use long stay car parks freeing up spaces shoppers;

Residents: discouraging commuters from parking in permit only areas;

Blue Badges: increased enforcement improving availability for Badge holders.

Environmentally efficient: Reducing congestion; better traffic flow and accessibility by reducing inconsiderate and dangerous illegal parking

Improved safety, better Emergency service access; low floor buses will be able to reach the kerb at bus stops

# Strategic Priorities



Responsive to the public's needs: the local Council through the Joint Parking Committee controls both provision and management of parking;

Clarity: Single responsibility for parking means greater clarity to the public;

Town Centres: Supporting town centre vitality/renaissance;

Efficient: Supporting the increasing costs of running and refurbishing car parks;

Supporting the Local Travel Plan:

- Encouraging travel outside peak hours;
- Influence supply, demand and congestion;

Fit for purpose: Managing price elasticity and resistance; best mix.

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# NEPP Business Plan



All parking matters brought into one place – single business case

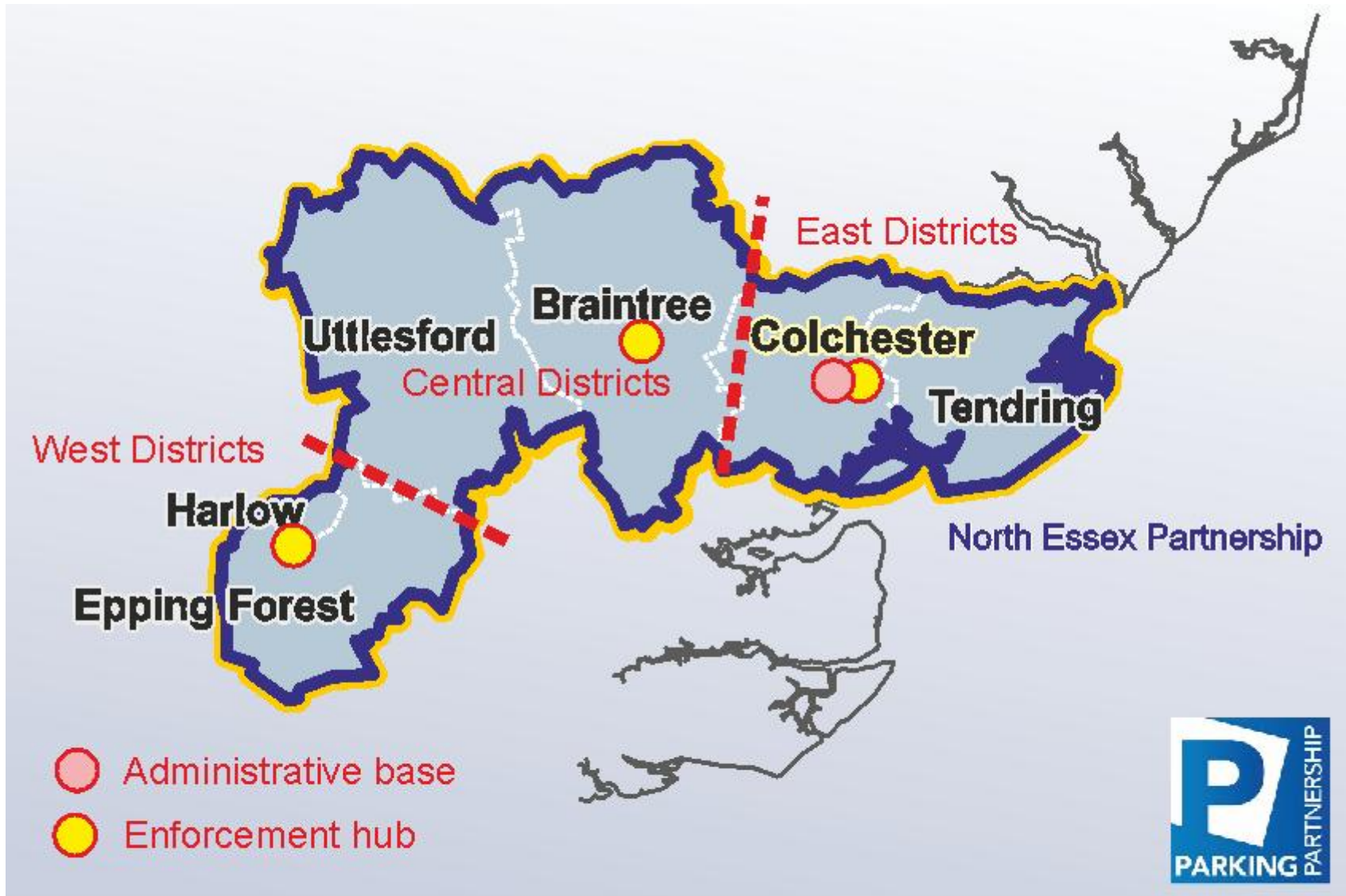
Signage and restriction backlog improvement – budget agreed

Maintenance of signs and lines passed to Partnerships

Sign up to *off-street* services is optional

The NEPP Arrangements:

- Maintain income from PCNs as far as possible, within policy
- Provide improved enforcement and follow-up of PCNs
- Council shared service, not client/contractor
- Make efficiencies in whole operation to eliminate deficit
- Make savings from reduced management, overheads and accommodation.





# Summary of Legislative and Policy Background

## Restrictions

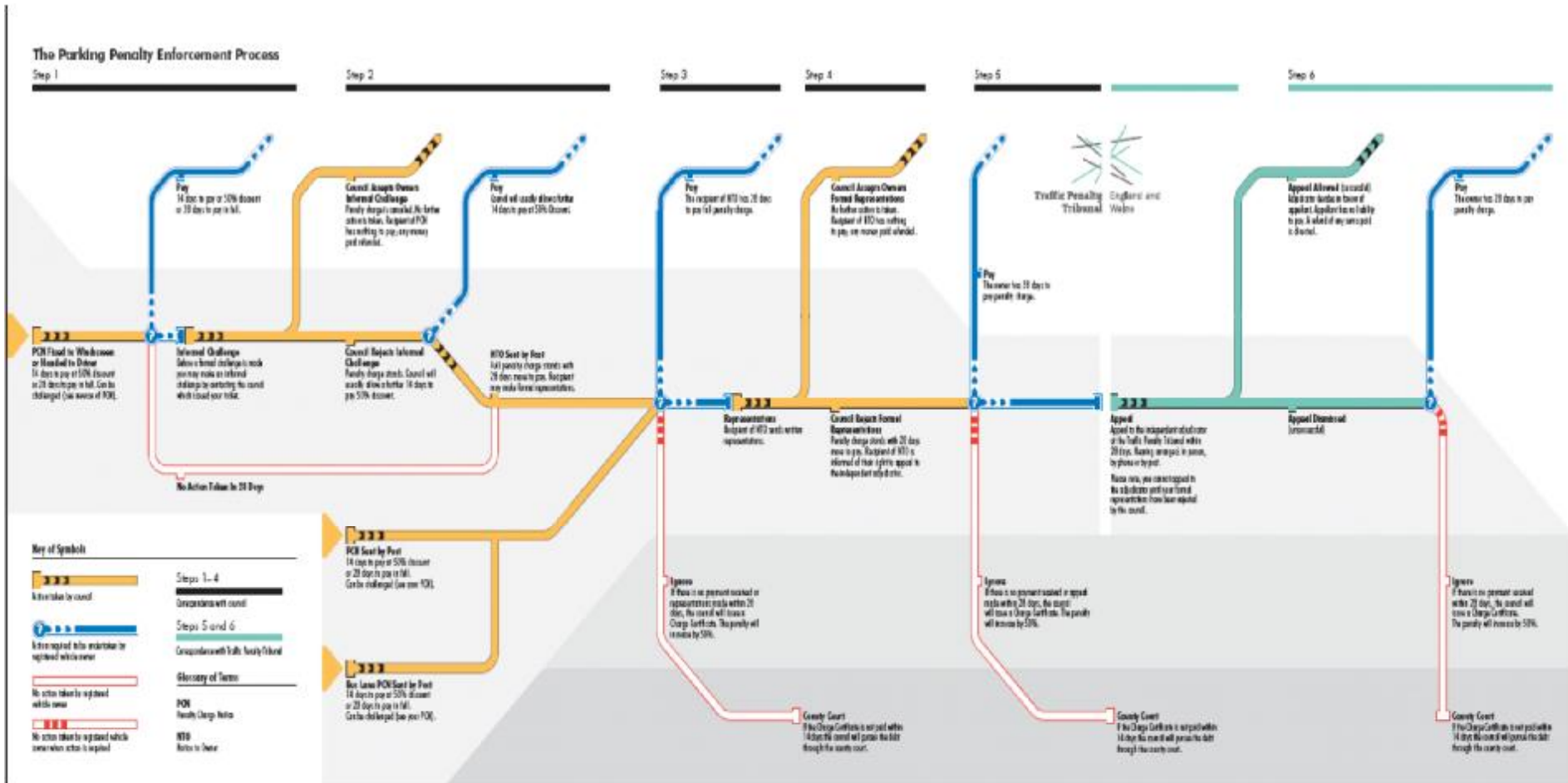
- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- Traffic Regulation Orders made under RTRA1984 (yellow lines, bays)
- The Essex Act 1987 (verges etc.)
- Bus Stop Clearway Circular & SI
- Decriminalised Parking SI
- Circular 1/95 (superseded)
- Dropped Kerb Enforcement Circular/SI
- ECC-NEPP Agreement
- NEPP TRO Policy
- Traffic Signs Manual (Ch3, 5), TSRGD
- The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

## Enforcement

- Traffic Management Act 2004
- The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007;
- The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007;
- The Civil Enforcement Officers (Wearing of Uniforms) (England) Regulations 2007 (made under TMA2004)
- The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General (Amendment) Regulations 2015
- The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions Regulations (England) General (Use of Approved Devices Amendment) Regulations 2015
- Secretary of State's statutory guidance to local authorities on the civil enforcement of parking contraventions
- Operational guidance to local authorities: parking policy and enforcement
- ECC-NEPP Agreement
- NEPP Parking Enforcement Policy
- NEPP Parking Operational Protocol
- NEPP Parking Policies (Discretion, Cancellation, etc.)
- *Right to challenge parking policies - Traffic Management Act 2004: network management duty guidance*

See website for details

# The Enforcement Process



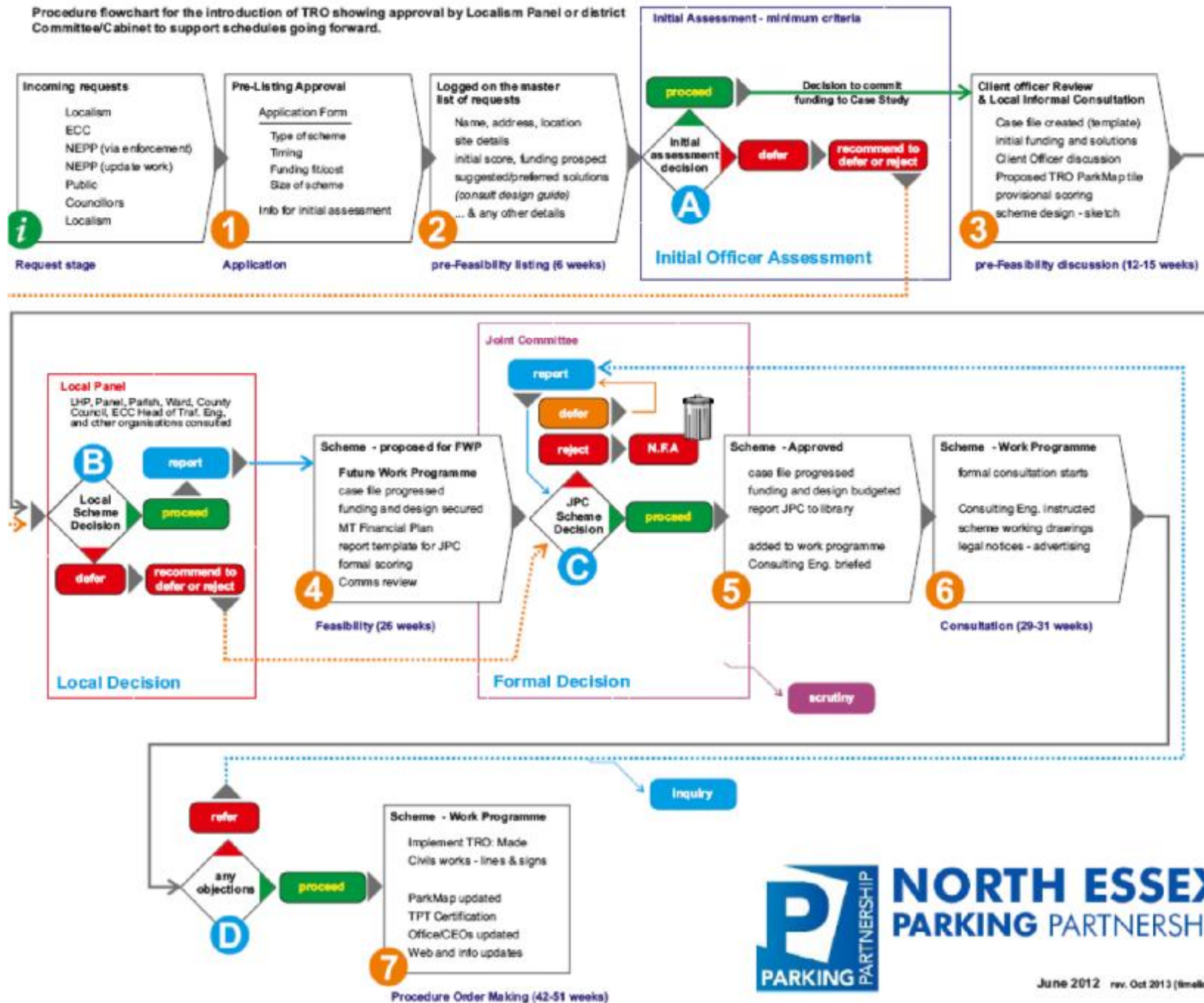
# Financial



£	Income	Expend	
2011-2012	1579	1638	- 59 dr
2012-2013	2163	2223	- 60 dr
2013-2014	2244	2092	152
2014-2015	2233	2145	88

In the previous financial year, under the old arrangements for the separate North districts, there was a combined total of £574,301 deficit.

Procedure flowchart for the introduction of TRO showing approval by Localism Panel or district Committee/Cabinet to support schedules going forward.



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# Any questions or comments?