

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ENHANCED
PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2023-2028**

AND

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PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

**Current Status of Enhanced Partnership and
of Local Transport Board**

Report by John Austin, Secretariat

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- 1 The Enhanced Partnership was presented to Cabinet on 12 January 2023 and was approved to take effect from 1 April 2023.
 - 2 A Public Transport Manager was appointed, and commenced employment on 9 May 2023, for a fixed-term to 31 March 2025, financed by BSIP capability funding awarded by the DfT. This post leads on:
 - a) setting up the arrangements for the Local Bus Forum and Local Bus Board (which together implement the Enhanced Partnership) and
 - b) project-managing the development of the work of the Local Bus Board and the delivery of the measures listed in the Enhanced Partnership Scheme.
 - 3 Southend-on-Sea City Council has been allocated £479,250 of BSIP+ revenue funding by central Government to develop, in partnership with operators, bus improvement measures in 2023/24. A similar revenue amount is expected for 2024/25. It is envisaged that these planned measures will be voted on by the Local Bus Board at its first meeting, expected to be in late September 2023.
 - 4 The measures that were listed for early delivery in the Enhanced Partnership will be implemented after discussion at the Local Bus Board.