

## **Newcastle & Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee**

**5 December 2018**

### **Joint Tyne Bridges Revenue Budget**

**Report by:** Assistant Director Transport, Newcastle /  
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**Ward Implications:** Ouseburn/Westgate/Benwell & Scotswood/Newburn/ Ryton,  
Crawcrook & Stella/Blaydon/Dunston & Teams/Bridges

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#### **1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 This report details the expenditure for 2017/2018, reviews the expenditure for 2018/2019, and recommends a budget for expenditure on the Joint Tyne bridges for 2019/2020.

#### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 Committee is recommended to:

- i Note the expected expenditure for 2018/2019 is £41,655 compared with a budget provision of £50,410.
- ii Recommend the programme of maintenance and repair works to be carried out in 2019/2020, as detailed in paragraph 6, to the appropriate committee of each authority.
- iii Recommend a budget provision of £39,900 for 2019/2020, as detailed in paragraph 6 and Appendix A of this report, to the appropriate committee of each authority for inclusion in that committee's budget for 2019/2020.

### **3. Introduction and background**

- 3.1 The Tyne, Swing, High Level, Redheugh, Scotswood and Newburn Bridges are jointly owned and maintained by Newcastle and Gateshead Councils. The maintenance responsibility for these bridges is split as follows with costs shared on a population basis.

#### Newcastle City Council – Lead Authority

- Tyne Bridge
- Swing Bridge
- Newburn Bridge
- High Level Bridge – Surfacing and Lighting only

#### Gateshead Council – Lead Authority

- Redheugh Bridge
- Scotswood Bridge

This report presents details of the revenue maintenance of these bridges.

### **4. Year End Expenditure in 2017/2018**

- 4.1 The year-end expenditure in 2017/2018 was £49,473 compared with a budget provision of £45,300 (Tyne £10,000, Swing £10,000, Redheugh £13,875, Scotswood £10,425, Newburn £1,000). This is an increase on the budget allocation for the works undertaken, the increase was largely due to the additional period of strong wind warnings from the Met Office.

### **5. Review of Expenditure in 2018/2019**

- 5.1 At the meeting of 15 December 2017, the budget provision for 2018/2019 was set at £50,410. The current estimated outturn is £41,655. A review of the expenditure is given below and details are shown in Appendix A.

#### **Tyne Bridge**

- 5.2 The estimated outturn for the Tyne Bridge is £10,000 compared with a budget figure of £10,000. Works to the Tyne Bridge include minor drainage repairs, bird control measures and security measures to prevent unauthorised access.

#### **Swing Bridge**

- 5.3 The estimated outturn for the Swing Bridge is £10,000 compared to a budget figure of £10,000. Works to the Swing Bridge include repair works to the road barrier system and safety repairs.

#### **Redheugh Bridge**

- 5.4 The estimated outturn for the Redheugh Bridge is £17,955 compared to a budget allocation of £14,885. Works to the Redheugh Bridge include regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system, reactive maintenance to the precast concrete coping, parapet impact damage repair, repair of pedestrian guardrail, maintenance of bird control measures and replacement of access covers.

### **Scotswood Bridge**

- 5.5 The estimated outturn for the Scotswood Bridge is £3,700 compared to a budget allocation of £10,525. Works to the Scotswood Bridge include regular maintenance to the bridge drainage system and river outfalls and reactive maintenance to the impact damaged steel parapets. The reduction in expenditure is due to the omission of the regular maintenance of the comb expansion joints.

### **Newburn Bridge**

- 5.6 The estimated outturn for the Newburn Bridge is nil compared to a budget allocation of £5,000. Works have been carried out on the bridge following the water main burst earlier this year utilising the capital budget, details are provided in the Capital Report to this Committee.

## **6. Proposed Budget Provision for 2019/2020**

### **Tyne Bridge**

- 6.1 An allowance of £10,000 has been identified for minor structural repairs, routine maintenance and utility payments on the bridge.

### **Swing Bridge**

- 6.2 An allowance of £10,000 has been identified for minor maintenance repairs and routine maintenance on the bridge.

### **High Level Bridge**

- 6.3 There is no planned maintenance on the bridge.

### **Redheugh Bridge**

- 6.4 An allowance of £15,200 has been identified for regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system, planned maintenance to the access covers, reactive repairs, utility payments and provision of the security system.

### **Scotswood Bridge**

- 6.5 An allowance of £3,700 has been identified for regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system and river outfalls and reactive repairs.

### **Newburn Bridge**

- 6.6 An allowance of £1,000 has been identified for minor repair works on the bridge.

**7. Reasons for the decision**

- 7.1 The programme of works and budget recommended in paragraph 6 are the minimum level of works anticipated to allow these bridges to be maintained in a safe and fit for purpose condition.

**8. Alternative Options**

- 7.1 The programme of works and budget presented in paragraph 6 are provided as the minimum allowance to ensure safe public use of these assets.

**8. What happens next**

- 8.1 The recommended programme of works and budget presented in paragraph 6 shall be presented to the appropriate committee of each authority for inclusion in that committee's budget for 2019/20.

**9. Background papers**

Background papers held by: -

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## APPENDIX A

### Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee Bridge Maintenance Revenue Budget

	<b>Actual Expenditure 2017/2018</b>	<b>Budget Provision 2018/2019</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2019/2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Tyne-Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	12,782	9,800	9,800	9,800
Electricity Charges	145	200	200	200
Sub Total	<u>12,927</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Swing Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	8,440	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sub Total	<u>8,440</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Redheugh Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	12,556	9,785	8,100	8,100
Programmed maintenance	0	0	250	2,000
Reactive maintenance	300	1,000	5,505	1,000
Utility Payments	1,793	2,350	2,350	2,350
Security System	1,667	1,750	1,750	1,750
Strong Winds Warnings	3,290	0	0	0
Sub Total	<u>19,606</u>	<u>14,885</u>	<u>17,955</u>	<u>15,200</u>
<b>Scotswood Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	8,500	9,325	2,500	2,500
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
Sub Total	<u>8,500</u>	<u>10,525</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>
<b>Newburn Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	0	5,000	0	1,000
Sub Total	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>49,473</u></b>	<b><u>50,410</u></b>	<b><u>41,655</u></b>	<b><u>39,900</u></b>