

Newcastle & Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee

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Joint Tyne Bridges Capital Budget

Report by: Assistant Director Transport, Newcastle /
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Ward Implications: Monument/ Benwell & Scotswood/ Callerton & Throckley/ Ryton,
Crawcrook & Stella/Blaydon/Dunston & Teams/Bridges

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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report outlines the progress made on the planned 2020/21 capital works programme for the Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges, unplanned works which were required during the year and recommends a capital budget to be expended on the Joint Bridges in 2021/22.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Committee is recommended to: -

- i Note the progress made on the planned capital works programme funded by the Department for Transport's Local Transport Plan (LTP) for 2020/21.
- ii Recommend the programme of planned capital works to be carried out in 2021/22, as detailed in paragraphs 5 to 9, to the appropriate committee or delegated decision processes of each authority.
- iii Recommend a budget provision of £200,000 for 2021/22, as detailed in paragraphs 5 to and 9 of this report, to the appropriate committee or delegated decision processes of each authority for inclusion in budgets for 2021/22.

3. Introduction and background

3.1 Capital works undertaken on the Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges is funded from the LTP Maintenance Block allocation. The maintenance costs are shared on a population basis. In 2020/21 a sum of £375,000 was allocated to the planned works as set out below, together with a programme of proposed capital works to be carried out in 2021/22.

4. Tyne Bridge

4.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

4.2 There are no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2021/22.

4.3 Design work on the major maintenance of the Tyne Bridge has continued. As reported to Members at the last Committee meeting it was proposed that a funding bid for the major maintenance of the bridge be submitted to the Department for Transport. A bid has now been submitted and there is a separate report to Committee on this.

5 Swing Bridge

5.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

5.2 There are no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2021/22.

6. High Level Bridge

6.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

6.2 There are no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2021/22.

7. Redheugh Bridge

7.1 A budget provision of £375,000 was identified in 2019/20 for urgent replacement of the expansion joints. These works were completed in February 2020. The outturn works cost was £394,000 and included routine and reactive maintenance.

7.2 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

7.3 There are no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2021/22.

8. Scotswood Bridge

8.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

8.2 There are no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2021/22.

9. Newburn Bridge

9.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works in 2020/21.

9.2 There are no proposals to carry out capital works in 2021/22.

10. Reasons for the decision

- 10.1 The programme of works and budget recommended in paragraphs 4 to 9 are the level of works required to address known deterioration on these bridges and to allow these bridges to be maintained in a safe and fit for purpose condition.

11. Alternative Options

- 11.1 The programme of works and budget presented in paragraphs 4 to 9 are provided as the allowance to ensure safe public use of these assets. Not undertaking these works would pose a risk to public safety and an associated liability to the Authorities.

12. What happens next

- 12.1 The recommended programme of works and budget presented in paragraphs 4 to 9 shall be presented to the appropriate committee of each authority for inclusion in that committee's budget for 2021/22.

13. Background papers

Background papers held by: -

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