

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

**10 December 2020**

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

**Report by:** Assistant Director Transport, Newcastle /  
Strategic Director, Housing, Environment & Healthy  
Communities, Gateshead

**Ward Implications:** Monument/ Benwell & Scotswood/ Callerton & Throckley/ Ryton,  
Crawcrook & Stella/Blaydon/Dunston & Teams/Bridges

<b>For decision</b>		
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#### **1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 This report details the expenditure for 2019/2020, reviews the expenditure for 2020/2021, and recommends a budget for expenditure on the Joint Tyne bridges for 2021/2022.

#### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 Committee is recommended to:

- i Note the expected expenditure for 2020/2021 is £30,350 compared with a budget provision of £39,900.
- ii Recommend the programme of maintenance and repair works to be carried out in 2021/2022, as detailed in paragraph 6, to the appropriate committee or delegated decision making of each authority.
- iii Recommend a budget provision of £45,500 for 2021/2022, as detailed in paragraph 6 and Appendix A of this report, to the appropriate committee or delegated decision making of each authority for inclusion in that committee's budget for 2021/2022.

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

- 3.1 The Tyne, Swing, Redheugh, Scotswood and Newburn Bridges are jointly owned and maintained by Newcastle and Gateshead Councils. The High Level Bridge is owned and maintained by Network Rail except for the surfacing and lighting. 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 2019/2020**

- 4.1 The year-end expenditure in 2019/2020 was £37,828 compared with a budget provision of £39,900 (Tyne £10,000, Swing £10,000, Redheugh £15,200, Scotswood £3,700, Newburn £1,000).

### **5. Review of Expenditure in 2020/2021**

- 5.1 At the meeting of 19 December 2019, the budget provision for 2020/2021 was set at £39,650. The current estimated outturn is £30,350. 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 £9,700 compared with a budget figure of £10,000. Works to the Tyne Bridge include minor drainage repairs, bird control measures and graffiti removal.

#### **Swing Bridge**

- 5.3 The estimated outturn for the Swing Bridge is £9,000 compared to a budget figure of £10,000. Works to the Swing Bridge were restricted to minor safety repairs to the surfacing and bridge deck.

#### **Redheugh Bridge**

- 5.4 The estimated outturn for the Redheugh Bridge is £7,150 compared to a budget allocation of £14,950. Works to the Redheugh Bridge include regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system, programmed maintenance to replace internal lighting and replace a security door, reactive maintenance to repair the pedestrian guardrail from vehicle impact and parapet mesh repair. Other regular and reactive maintenance were undertaken as part of the

capital bridge maintenance works in February 2020.

### **Scotswood Bridge**

- 5.5 The estimated outturn for the Scotswood Bridge is £4,500 compared to a budget allocation of £3,700. Works to the Scotswood Bridge include regular maintenance to the bridge drainage system and river outfalls programmed maintenance of bridge drainage system and expansion joints and reactive maintenance to impact damage to the steel parapets.

### **Newburn Bridge**

- 5.6 The estimated outturn for the Newburn Bridge is nil compared to a budget allocation of £1,000. No works are anticipated this year.

## **6. Proposed Budget Provision for 2021/2020**

### **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 £14,800 has been identified for regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system, reactive repairs, utility payments and provision of the security system.

### **Scotswood Bridge**

- 6.5 An allowance of £9,700 has been identified for regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system and river outfalls, programmed maintenance to the parapets 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**

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

## **9. What happens next**

- 9.1 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 2021/22.

## **10. Background papers**

Background papers held by: -

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## APPENDIX A

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

	Actual Expenditure 2019/2020	Budget Provision 2020/2021	Estimated Outturn 2020/2021	Proposed Budget 2021/2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Tyne-Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	8,561	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	15,050	9,800	9,500	9,800
Electricity Charges		200	200	200
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>23,611</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Swing Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	7,549	10,000	9,000	10,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,549</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Redheugh Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	283	8,100	1,200	8,100
Programmed maintenance	0	2,000	1,500	2,000
Reactive maintenance	0	1,000	750	1,000
Utility Payments	334	2,000	1,800	1,800
Security System	1,806	1,850	1,900	1,900
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>14,950</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>14,800</b>
<b>Scotswood Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	2,500	1,200	2,500
Programmed maintenance	0	0	800	6,000
Reactive maintenance	4,245	1,200	2,500	1,200
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>9,700</b>
<b>Newburn Bridge</b>				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	0	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,828</b>	<b>39,650</b>	<b>30,350</b>	<b>45,500</b>