

Newcastle & Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee

08 December 2016

Joint Tyne Bridges Revenue Budget

Report by: Head of Highways and Local Services, Newcastle /
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Ward Implications: Ouseburn/Westgate/Benwell & Scotswood/Newburn/ Ryton,
Crawcrook & Stella/Blaydon/Dunston & Teams/Bridges

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1. Synopsis

1.1 This report details the expenditure for 2015/2016, reviews the expenditure for 2016/2017, and recommends a budget for expenditure on the Joint Tyne bridges for 2017/2018.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Committee is recommended to:

- i Note the expected expenditure for 2016/2017 is £55,595 compared with a budget provision of £53,535.
- ii Approve the programme of maintenance and repair works to be carried out in 2017/2018.
- iii Approve a budget provision of £45,300 for 2017/2018, as detailed in paragraph 5 and Appendix A of this report.

3. Year End Expenditure in 2015/2016

3.1 The year end expenditure in 2015/2016 was £48,773 compared with a budget provision of £46,375 (Tyne £10,000, Swing £10,000, Redheugh £18,575, Scotswood £6,800, Newburn £1,000). This increase reflects the additional reactive maintenance repairs on the Tyne Bridge, and the deferral of regular maintenance on the Redheugh and Scotswood Bridge.

4. Review of Expenditure in 2016/2017

- 4.1 At the meeting of 18 December 2015, the budget provision for 2016/2017 was set at £53,535. The current estimated outturn is £55,595. A review of the expenditure is given below and details are shown in Appendix A.

Tyne Bridge

- 4.2 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 concrete repairs, bird control measures and security measures to prevent unauthorised access.

Swing Bridge

- 4.3 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 surfacing repairs.

Redheugh Bridge

- 4.4 The estimated outturn for the Redheugh Bridge is £21,315 compared to a budget allocation of £22,035. Works to the Redheugh Bridge include regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system and the operation of strong wind warning signs.

Scotswood Bridge

- 4.5 The estimated outturn for the Scotswood Bridge is £13,280 compared to a budget allocation of £10,500. Works to the Scotswood Bridge include regular maintenance to the comb expansion joints, bridge drainage system and river outfalls and reactive maintenance to the impact damaged steel parapets.

Newburn Bridge

- 4.6 The estimated outturn for the Newburn Bridge is £1,000 compared to a budget allocation of £1,000. Proposed works to Newburn Bridge include minor surfacing repairs.

5. Proposed Budget Provision for 2016/2017

Tyne Bridge

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

Swing Bridge

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

Redheugh Bridge

- 5.3 An allowance of £13,875 has been identified for regular maintenance of the bridge drainage system, reactive repairs, utility payments and provision of the security system. There is no allowance for the display of strong wind warning signs. The warning signs are now provided by variable message signs, their performance will be subject to a review at the end of the financial year.

Scotswood Bridge

- 5.4 An allowance of £10,200 has been identified for regular maintenance of the comb expansion joints, bridge drainage system and river outfalls and reactive repairs.

Newburn Bridge

- 5.5 An allowance of £1,000 has been identified for routine maintenance works on the bridge.

6 Background Papers

- 6.1 Background papers held by: -

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APPENDIX A

Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee Bridge Maintenance Revenue Budget

	Actual Expenditure 2015/2016	Budget Provision 2016/2017	Estimated Outturn 2016/2017	Proposed Budget 2017/2018
	£	£	£	£
Tyne-Bridge				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	22,421	9,800	9,800	9,800
Electricity Charges	411	200	200	200
Sub Total	<u>22,832</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Swing Bridge				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	6,461	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sub Total	<u>6,461</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Redheugh Bridge				
Regular maintenance	549	9,000	9,984	9,325
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	0	1,000	1,000	1,200
Utility Payments	3,725	2,410	1,902	1,675
Security System	1,555	1,550	1,606	1,675
Strong Winds Warnings	12,784	8,075	6,824	0
Sub Total	<u>18,614</u>	<u>22,035</u>	<u>21,315</u>	<u>13,875</u>
Scotswood Bridge				
Regular maintenance	0	9,500	7,185	9,225
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	865	1,000	6,096	1,200
Sub Total	<u>865</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>13,280</u>	<u>10,425</u>
Newburn Bridge				
Regular maintenance	0	0	0	0
Programmed maintenance	0	0	0	0
Reactive maintenance	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sub Total	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>48,773</u>	<u>53,535</u>	<u>55,595</u>	<u>45,300</u>