

Newcastle & Gateshead Joint Bridges Committee

08 December 2016

Joint Tyne Bridges Capital 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 outlines the progress made on the planned 2016/17 capital works programme for the Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges and recommends a capital budget to be expended on the Joint Bridges in 2017/18.

2. Recommendations

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 2016/17.
- ii Approve the programme of planned capital works to be carried out in 2017/18.
- iii Approve a capital budget provision of £362,000 to be funded by the LTP for 2017/18.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 Capital works undertaken on the Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges is funded from the LTP Maintenance Block allocation. In 2016/17 a sum of £195,000 has been allocated to the planned works to the Newcastle and Gateshead Joint Bridges as set out below, together with the proposed capital works to be carried out in 2017/18.

4. Tyne Bridge

- 4.1 It was proposed to carry out a Principal Inspection in 2016/17, and a budget provision of £70,000 was allowed for these services. These services are progressing and the estimated outturn cost for these services is £70,000.
- 4.2 Subject to the findings of the Principal Inspection of the Tyne Bridge it is proposed that a bid for the major maintenance of the bridge is prepared and submitted to the

Department for Transport in 2017. At this time it is anticipated that the proposed any works would not commence until 2018/19 and would extend into 2019/20.

4.3 Details of any proposed works will be brought to the next Joint Bridges Committee.

5 Swing Bridge

5.1 It was proposed to carry out permanent repairs to to the road deck in 2016/17, and a budget provision of £75,000 was allowed for these works. These works have been delayed following mechanical issues experienced by the Port of Tyne with the operation of the bridge. However it is still envisaged that the planned works will be completed before the end of March 2017. The estimated outturn cost for these works is remains £75,000.

5.2 We have continued to experience problems with the traffic control barriers on the Swing Bridge. It is proposed to carry out replacement of the barriers in 2017/18, and a budget provision of £50,000 has been identified.

6. High Level Bridge

6.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works during this period.

7. Redheugh Bridge

7.1 It was proposed to carry out additional concrete repairs to the piers in 2016/17, and a budget provision of £50,000 was allowed for these works. These works have been completed and the outturn cost of these works is £30,145.

8. Scotswood Bridge

8.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works during this period.

8.2 It is proposed to carry out replacement of the mechanical comb expansion joints in 2017/18, and a budget provision of £300,000 has been identified.

8.3 It is proposed to carry out replacement of the laminated bearing to the north west abutment in 2017/18, and a budget provision of £12,000 has been identified.

9. Newburn Bridge

9.1 There were no proposals to carry out any capital works during this period.

10. Background Papers

10.1 Background papers are held by: -

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