

CABINET MEETING – 14 JULY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Integrated Transport Block: Structural Maintenance of Bridge Number 015.00 Newcastle Road Bridge

Author(s):

Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to progress the delivery of the City's Capital Investment Programme namely Structural Maintenance of Newcastle Road Bridge.

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i. Subject to the completion of the relevant funding agreement with the North East Joint Transport Committee, authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to take all necessary steps to procure the delivery and completion of the Newcastle Road Bridge Structural Maintenance scheme, including the procurement and award of the construction contract.
- ii. Authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to complete all necessary legal agreements, including those with Network Rail and Nexus, in order to give effect to the above.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Approval will enable the procurement of an experienced and skilled main contractor to allow for the successful delivery of the Newcastle Road Bridge Structural Maintenance project.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

An option not to progress with the project may put the Council at risk of damaging Network Rail/Nexus Infrastructure and ultimately of losing a vital link in the transport corridor.

Impacts analysed;

Equality **Privacy** **Sustainability** **Crime and Disorder**

Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values? **Yes**

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? **Yes**

Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions? **Yes**

**INTEGRATED TRANSPORT BLOCK : STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGE
NUMBER 015.00 NEWCASTLE ROAD BRIDGE**

Report of: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Purpose of Report:

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to progress the delivery of the City's Capital Investment Programme namely:

- Newcastle Road Bridge Structural Maintenance.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)

2.1. Cabinet is recommended to:

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3. Introduction / Background

- 3.1. Cabinet has previously approved the Capital Programme on the Integrated Transport Block. This funding will be taken from the Bridges allocation to investigate and repair elements identified as at risk from previous inspections.
- 3.2. The bridge is a Council owned asset that carries Newcastle Road over the Network Rail/Metro Line in St. Peters/Southwick wards and provides a vital transport link both regionally and nationally.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. The Council have undertaken inspections and preliminary discussions with Network Rail that have identified elements of the structure at risk of local failure that may impact upon Network Rail Infrastructure. It is considered essential that further investigation and repair work is carried out to mitigate the risk of any damage to the structure or to Network Rail/Nexus infrastructure.

5. Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1. Approval will enable the procurement of an experienced and skilled main contractor to allow for the successful delivery of the Newcastle Road Bridge Structural Maintenance project.

6. Alternative Option

- 6.1. An option not to progress will leave the structure at risk of local failure and potential liability for damage to Network Rail/Nexus Infrastructure..

7. Impact Analysis

- (a) **Equalities** – an accessibility review will be undertaken as part of the detailed design. The project designs will be Equality Act compliant.
- (b) **Sustainability** – a sustainability review will be undertaken as part of the detailed design; the project will seek to utilise sustainable materials and processes where reasonably practicable.
- (c) **Reduction of Crime and Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion** – Continued safe operation of Network Rail and Nexus Rolling Stock provides inclusive travel and social inclusion.

8. Other Relevant Considerations / Consultations

- i. **Financial Implications** – Funding can be met from the Integrated Transport Block allocation for 2022-23.
- ii. **Risk Analysis** – A risk register including mitigation actions and cost analysis will be developed throughout the life cycle of the project. Any cost overrun within the project will be controlled and covered within the approved Capital Programme, however this is sought to be minimised wherever possible.
- iii. **Legal Implications** – The Council has a duty to maintain its infrastructure in a safe and functional manner. Maintenance works will mitigate any risk to the Council in that regard.
- iv. The Council will procure the necessary construction contract and professional appointment required for the delivery of the scheme in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules and public procurement law.
- v. **Health & Safety Considerations** – The works are to be procured using contractors and consultants experienced in works of this nature. The Construction Design and Management (CDM) Regulations 2015 apply, and the successful Main Contractor will be appointed as Contractor under the Regulations.
- vi. **The Public / External Bodies** –The project will carry out full consultation in line with applicable statutory requirements relating to temporary traffic management. Full consultation will be undertaken with Network Rail and Nexus.

- vii. **Procurement** – The Corporate Procurement team will support with the preparation of a strategy to appoint a suitable and experienced consultant via the current frameworks in place.

