



**Item 3**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

**Southside Central Partnership**

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**POLMADIE FOOTBRIDGE - UPDATE**

**Purpose of Report:**  
 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on progress.

**Recommendations:**  
 It is recommended that Committee notes the content of the report.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:**  
 Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

SOA   <i>Alcohol</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Early Intervention</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Equality</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; In-Work Poverty</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Sustainable Change</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Youth Employment</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If other priority, please provide details here:</b>	
SOA   <i>Thriving Places</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>		
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## **1. Background**

Polmadie Footbridge is a five span concrete bridge dating from 1954. The bridge spans the Clyde connecting Glasgow Green to the Oatlands Development and Richmond Park. A structural strength assessment found that continued loading on the structure would lead to collapse.

In the interests of public safety the bridge and riverside footpaths which pass under it were closed in May 2015. Movement under the bridge by river users was also restricted.

## **2. Present Situation**

The demolition works are progressing well with three spans demolished and the fourth span nearly completed. Disruption to residents on the Oatlands estate has been kept to a minimum by removing all debris on trucks from the Glasgow Green side of the river. The last span will be demolished in May after which the site will be reinstated and the riverside footways reopened to the public.

The completion date has been revised to the start of June.

## **3 Rowers**

In an effort to lift the restrictions on the river prior to all the works being completed the Council arranged a meeting with river users to agree the best way forward to open up the full length of the river after one span had been demolished. An informal agreement between all the rowing clubs and the Council was reached to allow access through the Southern span when it was removed. The southern span was opened to river users on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

The remaining two spans will be reopened once all the riverside demolition works are completed. This is expected to be at the end of May.

## **4 Way Forward**

Works are progressing and the current programmed completion date is 3th June 2016.

Unfortunately at the time of writing this report no decision has been reached regarding the future of Polmadie Bridge however at present the Council is exploring funding options to replace the deck. One of the options being explored is joint funding between DRS and LES.

## 5. Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	N/A
<i>Legal:</i>	No new legal issues.
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct personnel implications.
<i>Procurement:</i>	No relevant procurement issues.

**Council Strategic Plan:** A sustainable city. Maintaining the existing connected transport infrastructure is essential in ensuring the sustainability of Glasgow City in the longer term.

### Equality Impacts:

<i>EQIA carried out:</i>	Not applicable to this type of work.
<i>Outcome:</i>	None

### Sustainability Impacts:

<i>Environmental:</i>	The bridge is constructed from prestressed reinforced concrete which is considered an inert material. Material can be recycled.
<i>Social:</i>	The works will allow the restrictions on river use by rowers to be lifted opening the river up for full use.
<i>Economic:</i>	Removing the bridge deck will open up 6km of the river for use by river users and rowing clubs and allow rowing Regattas to begin again enhancing the area for tourism. Replacing the deck will enhance the regeneration of the Oatlands area.

## 6. Recommendations

It is recommended, therefore, that Committee notes the content of the report.

