



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities,
Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee

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Item 2

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Govan-Partick Bridge Petition Update

Purpose of Report:

To update members following a public consultation and engagement process related to a petition to rename the Govan-Partick Bridge.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and the process undertaken
- Note that there is no evidence of an appetite from the community in the immediate vicinity to explore the renaming of the Govan-Partick Bridge
- Note the additional opportunities identified for joint working across the Community Councils
- Thank the petitioners, Govan Community Council, and all Community Councils for their involvement

Ward No(s): All

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No ✓

consulted: Yes No ✓

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1 Introduction

1.1 The Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee considered a motion at its meeting on 13 November 2025 relating to a petition from Govan Community Council entitled “The Mary Barbour Bridge”. This petition reads: “Govan Community Council wishes to petition the Council to rename the new Govan-Partick bridge as "The Mary Barbour Bridge".

1.2 The Committee agreed:

(1) that a public consultation and engagement process would be started within 12 weeks of this motion which includes specific consultation for Community Councillors and any expert witnesses that they have arranged for such a hearing; and

(2) to a review into the implementation of the petitions process with specific regards to the “Renaming the Govan-Partick Bridge in honour of the Mary Barbour petition.”

2 Public Consultation and Engagement Process

2.1 An engagement session was held with invited Community Councils on 3 March 2026 in the Riverside Museum. As the bridge intersects Govan, Govan East, Thornwood, and Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council boundaries, they were invited. Partick Community Council was also invited to participate due to the historic naming of the area which is reflected in the name of the bridge.

2.2 All invited Community Councils were represented at the engagement session with a total of 12 community attendees, including the expert witnesses accompanying Community Councils. The session was supported by officers from the Council to assist with facilitation.

2.3 Background information on this consultation and engagement process, previous engagement related to the name of the bridge, and the Council’s naming policy, was presented to attendees to ensure that all parties had a similar and clear understanding on the purpose of the session. Following this each Community Council would then use the information shared to determine their collective view. The Community Councils represented at the session would be invited to submit this to a Consultation Survey following discussion at a Community Council meeting.

2.4 Each Community Council presented its view on whether the bridge should be renamed, and expert witnesses provided additional information to support their views. Govan Community Council, as the petitioners, were invited to speak first.

2.5 A considerate and constructive discussion involving all attendees followed that encompassed:

- the various merits of the current name of the bridge

- the pros and cons of a change of name,
- the Council policy
- the precedence that a change of name might bring,
- the resources that would be required to fully explore a change of name,
- alternative priorities for all parties.

3 Consultation Survey

- 3.1 Each invited Community Council was asked to meet as soon as practicable after the engagement session to discuss and collectively agree their response to the consultation survey, which was open only to those Community Councils set out in paragraph 2.1.
- 3.2 The survey consisted of a single focused question being:
- Does the Community Council think Glasgow City Council should rename the Govan-Partick Bridge?
- 3.3 The survey was issued on 5 March 2026 with a response date of 27 March 2026. The results of this survey are:
- 1 Yes,
 - 4 No's,
 - 0 Don't know/No opinion.
- 3.4 Committee are advised that the results of survey, which mirror the discussion had at the engagement session, demonstrate that there is no evidence of a wider appetite from the communities in the immediate vicinity to explore the renaming of the Govan-Partick Bridge.

4 Additional Representation

- 4.1 Ibrox & Cessnock Community Council made contact with officers requesting clarification and raising concerns regarding the engagement process. In particular they considered that a wider cohort of Community Councils should have been invited to participate. Details of the process as set out in paragraph 2.1 were provided to Ibrox & Cessnock Community Council.

5 Next Steps

- 5.1 The proposal initiated by Govan Community Council provided an opportunity to bring together a number of Community Councils to discuss a common agenda. The engagement session generated significant enthusiasm across all participants on how they could work together to 'activate' the bridge and it's surroundings.
- 5.2 The invited Community Councils are encouraged to build upon their discussions and explore areas of common work that could be explored further. The Communities Team remain available to Community Councils to provide appropriate support on an ongoing basis.
- 5.3 The identified improvements to the petitions process will be shared with relevant officers to provide a better service to future petitioners.

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: GRAND CHALLENGE FOUR – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities

MISSION 2: Run an open, well governed council in partnership with all our communities

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify. N/A

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? N/A

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. N/A

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: N/A

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? N/A

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? N/A

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N No data protection impacts noted

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out
N/A

6 Recommendations

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