

Recommendation to Council On 20 January 2011	From: Constitution Advisory Group	2 December 2010
	Licensing and Regulation Committees - One Committee	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendations:-	
	a.	that one committee called the Licensing Committee should carry out the functions currently delegated to both the Licensing Committee and the Regulation Committee, but that this should not come into effect until after the May 2011 local election;
	b.	that section E2 of the Constitution relating to the Licensing Committee and the Regulation Committee be replaced with new terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to this report.
	Background	
2.	Constitution Advisory Group at its meeting on 2 December 2010 considered a report of the Committee Services Manager proposing that the Licensing Committee and the Regulation Committee should become one committee, called the Licensing Committee.	
3.	It was noted that two separate committees had been created at a legacy authority due to expectations of a heavy workload for the Licensing Committee at the time that new liquor licensing legislation came into force. This approach had been replicated in the Constitution for Central Bedfordshire Council, but there was no longer a need for the two separate committees, although the term Licensing Committee was legally required for the body which carried out the licensing remit.	
4.	The Constitution Advisory Group accepted the premise and determined that a recommendation should be made to Council at its meeting on 20 January 2011 for only one committee, but that this should take effect only after the May 2011 local election.	
5.	The proposed amendments to the Constitution are set out at Appendix A.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Sets out the section of the Constitution showing how it would change if Council approves the recommendations