

Recommendation to Council on 14 April 2011	From: Constitution Advisory Group	21 March 2011
	Replacement of Dunstable Town Centre Management Committee by Dunstable Joint Committee	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendations:-	
	(a) that the Dunstable Town Centre Management Committee be abolished and replaced by the Dunstable Joint Committee;	
	(b) that section J2 of the Constitution relating to Dunstable Town Centre Management Committee be amended with new terms of reference as set out at Appendix A to this report.	
	Background	
2.	The Constitution Advisory Group at its meeting on 21 March 2011 considered a proposal by the Head of Business Investment and Marketing to abolish the Dunstable Town Centre Management Committee and replace it by the Dunstable Joint Committee. The Group noted that the proposed terms of reference for the new body had been drafted following a request by Councillor Nigel Young, the Chairman of the Management Committee, and that the Management Committee had considered and approved them at a meeting on 10 March 2011.	
3.	The Group also noted that the Management Committee had referred to the Dunstable Town Centre Masterplan, the Luton/Dunstable Busway, Local Transport Plan 3, the Core Strategy and the A5-M1 Link Road as reasons for the Committee to expand its remit and change its name. It was intended that new terms of reference would create a partnership forum for all those involved in initiatives impacting on Dunstable thus allowing consultation and co-ordination.	
4.	The meeting was advised that the Management Committee had recommended within the proposed terms of reference that the five Central Bedfordshire Council Member representatives be drawn only from Dunstable wards. The reason given in support of this was that such local Members were best placed to understand and engage with the town's specific issues. A Member commented that when the Management Committee had originally been formed it had been the intention to restrict the then District Council Member representation to those Members from the Dunstable wards.	
5.	The Group was aware that there were no financial implications for Central Bedfordshire Council as the Council did not directly fund the Management Committee. Instead a sum of approximately £10,000 had been identified under the Section 106 agreement made when	

	Asda was given planning permission for its store in Dunstable and Central Bedfordshire had delegated the monies to the Management Committee. This delegation would continue to the Joint Committee.	
6.	The Group indicated its support for the proposal.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Sets out the section of the Constitution showing how it would change if Council approves the recommendations