

Recommendation to Council on 19 April 2012	From: Constitution Advisory Group 27 January 2012	Item 11 (ii)
	Biggleswade Joint Committee	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	that section J2 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of provision for a Biggleswade Joint Committee with the terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to this report.	
	Background	
2.	The Constitution Advisory Group at its meeting on 27 January 2012 noted that, further to the emergence of a masterplan for Biggleswade town centre, work had been carried out to develop terms of reference for a Biggleswade Joint Committee.	
3.	The draft terms of reference had been drafted following a workshop involving members of Biggleswade Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council.	
4.	The Advisory Group had discussed the proposals at length, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noting that the Joint Committee would be advisory only as it currently had no source of funding • noting that the Joint Committee would serve the two wards of Biggleswade • noting the opportunity for the involvement of stakeholders as co-opted members • advising on the number of members which the Advisory Group considered appropriate • making some minor drafting amendments. 	
	Approved by Biggleswade Town Council	
5.	Council is asked to note that Biggleswade Town Council, at its meeting on 15 February 2012, approved the terms of reference for the Joint Committee as amended in accordance with the Advisory Group's comments.	
6.	It is therefore appropriate, following Council's approval, for the Joint Committee's Terms of Reference to be formally set out in the Council's Constitution.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Amendment to Part J2 of the Constitution to provide for a Biggleswade Joint Committee.