

<b>Recommendation to Council on 19 April 2012</b>	<b>From: Constitution Advisory Group 27 January 2012</b>	<b>Item 11 (ii)</b>
	<b>Biggleswade Joint Committee</b>	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	<b>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.</b>	
	<b>Background</b>	
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"> <li>• noting that the Joint Committee would be advisory only as it currently had no source of funding</li> <li>• noting that the Joint Committee would serve the two wards of Biggleswade</li> <li>• noting the opportunity for the involvement of stakeholders as co-opted members</li> <li>• advising on the number of members which the Advisory Group considered appropriate</li> <li>• making some minor drafting amendments.</li> </ul>	
5.	Biggleswade Town Council has given approval in principle to establish a joint committee. At its meeting on 22 November 2011 Biggleswade Town Council passed a motion requesting Central Bedfordshire Council's terms of reference for a Joint Committee. If the terms of reference are approved by this Council, they will be formally submitted to Biggleswade Town Council.	
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.	
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A	Amendment to Part J2 of the Constitution to provide for a Biggleswade Joint Committee.