

Recommendation to Council on 18 April 2013	From: General Purposes Committee on 14 March 2013	Item 11 (b)
	Houghton Regis Town Centre Management Committee: Amended Terms of Reference	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	that the revised Terms of Reference for the Houghton Regis Town Centre Management Committee, as set out in Appendix A to this report, be approved and adopted and the Committee become the Houghton Regis Partnership Committee.	
	Background	
2.	The General Purposes Committee considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children’s Services which advised Members that the Houghton Regis Town Centre Management Committee had recently undergone an exercise to review its Terms of Reference with the aim of it becoming a joint/partnership committee in line with those that already existed for Dunstable, Biggleswade and Leighton-Linslade.	
3.	It was noted that, at its full Council meeting on 28 January 2013, Houghton Regis Town Council had endorsed the revised Terms of Reference and resolved that Central Bedfordshire Council be advised that the Town Council would welcome the replacement of the Management Committee with a Houghton Regis Partnership Committee to consider and act on issues relating to Houghton Regis. To this end the General Purposes Committee’s support was sought regarding the adoption of the revised Terms of Reference and their incorporation into the Council’s Constitution.	
4.	Local ward Members spoke in support of the revised Terms of Reference and, in particular, commented positively on the Partnership Committee’s extended remit to include the town as a whole and not just its centre.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Tracked Changes Between the Existing and Proposed New Terms of Reference – Houghton Regis Partnership Committee (Part J2 of the Constitution).