

PART 2 – ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

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- 1.1 The Council will promote community consultation and participation through a range of opportunities as set out in the table below and has adopted a Consultation and Engagement Strategy:

Consultation and Participation Opportunity	Form, Function and Scope
Parish and Town Councils	Autonomous local authorities within defined areas able to raise funds through Council Tax to provide local services.
Community engagement and special interest groups	We have lists of stakeholder and community engagement group for consultation purposes.
Council and Committee meetings	The Council has approved and published arrangements for members of the public to ask questions at meetings of the Council and to speak at Committee meetings.
Petitions	The Council has approved and published a Petitions Scheme detailing how it will respond to petitions received from the community.
Surveys and consultations	Throughout the year a number of paper-based and on-line survey and consultations are undertaken to seek residents' views.