

LEEK TOWN COUNCIL
General Purposes Committee
to be held on Tuesday 19 May 2026

in the Council Chamber, Moorlands House, SMDC, ST13 6HQ

AGENDA

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1. **Welcome by Chairman:**
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**, other interests and consideration for the granting of dispensations. **Appendix**
4. **Minutes of the General Purposes Meeting held 21st April 2026**
to be approved and received for the Chairman's signature. **GP4**
5. **Matters Arising from the minutes not on the agenda:**
 - a. Response from SMDC Head of Assets Martin Owen regarding Fountain Repair.
6. **Finance and Governance:**
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 5 (150) **GP6**
 - a) Payments to be approved for April 2026
 - b) Bank Reconciliation 30th April 2026
7. **Reports to be received:**
 - a) **School of Art rooms at the Nicholson institute**
 - b) **Town of Culture:** update on progress
 - c) **Nighttime Economy working group report:** Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP)
8. **Item on Notice:**
 - a) **Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) On the Edge campaign** "that every town and city should be surrounded by thriving and protected countryside – for nature, climate and wellbeing.
9. **Committee reports:** **GP9**
 - a) **Green Spaces & Allotments (GSA)**
 - i. Change of Title to the Allotment Committee. (Terms of Reference to be presented to the June Meeting).
 - ii. Protected Trees – Arboriculture Reports required for Crescent 1/Novi Lane and Cheadle Road to inform a Tree Management policy.
 - b) **War Memorials (WMC)**
 - c) **Tourism, Events & Community (TEC)**
Community Grant Applications received (to be circulated for consideration at June TEC)

d) Finance:

- i. Change of Terms of Reference to be considered to change to Standing membership of all Councillors.

10. Sub-committee/ working group reports:

GP10

a) Devolution/ Local Government Re-organisation

b) Environment

- i. Changes to be made to the terms of reference and change of status to a full committee to be considered.

c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

11. Ward Reports:

GP11

a) Leekbrook

b) Birchall

c) Leek North

d) Leek South

e) Leek East

f) Leek West

12. To receive items for information:

To report matters for information not on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

13. Exclusion of the Public:

The Chairman to move: “That in accordance with section 19 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting”.

14. Confidential Items: To consider the following;

GP14

a) 15 Stockwell Street: To receive a report on negotiations.

b) Bank House: Commercial lease completion.

c) Allotment Boundary: Progress with removal of boundary fence.

d) War Memorial: To receive a report on developments.

Meeting Ends