

LEEK TOWN COUNCIL
General Purposes Committee
to be held on Tuesday 16 June 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 19th May 2026**
to be approved and received for the Chairman's signature. **GP4**
5. **Matters Arising from the minutes not on the agenda:**
6. **Correspondence:**
7. **Finance and Governance:**
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 5 (150) **GP6**
 - a) Payments to be approved for May 2026
 - b) Bank Reconciliation 31st May 2026
8. **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)
9. **Item on Notice:**
10. **Committee reports:** **GP9**
 - a) **Green Spaces & Allotments (GSA)**
 - i. Change of Title to the Allotment Committee and Terms of Reference accordingly.
 - b) **War Memorials (WMC)**
 - i. Noting particularly recommendations at minute 6 (Interpretation Panels), 7 (anti-social behaviour) and 9 (Remembrance events)
 - c) **Tourism, Events & Community (TEC)**
 - d) **Environment Committee**
 - i. Changes to be made to the terms of reference to include Green Spaces

e) Finance:

- i. Change of Terms of Reference to specify that all Councillors are to be members of the Committee and that the chair shall be agreed at the first General Purposes Committee of the year – this provision brings the Finance Committee into line with all the Committees.

11. Sub-committee/ working group reports:

GP10

a) Devolution/ Local Government Re-organisation

- i. To note that in getting ready for local government reorganisation, the three Locality Champions are building up a schedule of interests and assets in their area. Cllr Lyn Swindlehurst covers Leek (and Rushton, Longsdon, Heaton and Horton) and has asked Cllr Hilyer as convenor of the Leek Town Council LGR group to invite Councillors (Town, District and County) to provide their suggestions.

b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

12. Ward Reports:

GP11

- a) Leekbrook
- b) Birchall
- c) Leek North
- d) Leek South
- e) Leek East
- f) Leek West

13. To receive items for information:

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

14. 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”.

15. 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