

LEEK TOWN COUNCIL
Finance Committee to be held
Tuesday 8th September 2026, 5:30pm in Town Council office

AGENDA

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1. **Welcome** and announcements:
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**, other interests and consideration for the granting of dispensations.
4. **Minutes to be approved** from the 14th July 2026 Finance Committee meeting.
(appendix 4)
5. **Matters arising** from the minutes not on the agenda.
 - a. to receive a list of Leek Town Council assets
 - b. to receive a report of discussions with SMDC officers concerning painting of the office door.
6. **Financial Report** up to 28th August 2026
7. **External Audit** report
(appendix 7)
8. **Budget and Precept setting 2027-2028**
 - a. To note that committee chairs had been asked to identify exceptional items of expenditure that could be considered for inclusion in the budget and to note potential bids
 - b. To consider items that the Finance Committee might recommend for possible inclusion in the Budget (in addition to suggestions from other committees): in particular that of reserves should be addressed.
 - c. To note the timetable of committee meetings on preparation for the Budget and setting the Precept, as follows:
Finance Committee – 13th Oct
Finance Committee – 10 Nov – to consider committee proposals (Town Council Office)
Finance Committee – 8th Dec – to consider committee proposals (Town Council Office)
Full Council (Budget Setting) – 15th December 2026 (Dove Room, SMDC)
9. **Maintenance of Assets**
 - a. Lengthsman progress report
 - b. Quotation for a Service Level Agreement from AES for services at Prince Street, Ball Haye Green and the watering of the Summer Flowers.
(appendix 9b)
 - c. Quotation for a repair to a Highways lamp, column 1 – Northcliffe, Leek
10. **Salaries:** To receive information about the NALC backdated pay increase of 3.3% recommended for 2026-27 for all council employees.
(appendix 10)

11. Mayors Fundraising:

To recommend the disbursement of previous Mayor Cllr. Hilyer's funds raised during Mayoral term of office 2025-2026 noting that the residue of the fundraising undertaken by past Mayor Cllr. Barry Birch will also be dispersed.

12. Items for publicity in the press, on the website and social media.

- a. report of the Community Grants distributed by Leek Town Council in 2026 (12a)
- b. report about the successful Woodland Trust tree application.

13. To consider draft contract tenders:

- a. Christmas lights
- b. Flags and bunting

14. Items for the September Town Council/GP Agenda

15. 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".

16. Bank House report on lease progress

17. Report of correspondence with Leek Town Lands

18. Meeting Ends

Next Meetings:

Town Council & General Purposes: Tuesday 15th September 2026, 7pm, Council Chamber at Moorlands House, SMDC, ST13 6HQ

Finance Committee: Tuesday 13th October 2026 – 5.30pm Town Council Office