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To Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

You are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7pm to be held at the Town Council Office, Mechanics Institute, Town Street, Horsforth for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

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Clerk
12 January 2018

Agenda

1. To consider apologies and the reason for absence

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 14-19 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 20-21 of the Members Code of Conduct.

3. To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion.

Members of the Public are reminded that this is their opportunity to speak to the Meeting on any topic relevant to the work of the Committee. However they may not speak during the remainder of the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chairman.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

To confirm and accept the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 November 2017. **See agenda pack.**

5. Accounts

To consider recommending that Council approves the accounts and list of payments to 9 January 2018. **See agenda pack.**

6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting during item 7 of the agenda on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

7. Assets of Community Value – Budget Allocation

To consider.

8. Council Budget 2018-19 and precept demand

To consider the Council budget and precept demand for 2018-19.

2017-18 accounts to date will be provided at the meeting.

	2017-18	2018-19
Indicative tax base	7077.60	7239.20
Local council tax support grant	5308.00	4958.00

Past budget figures and precept requests and forecasted budget requirements for 2018-19 will be provided at the meeting.

A provisional decision has been made by the Government to defer the setting of the referendum principles for town and parish councils for three years.

YLCA email in agenda pack.

A full copy of the consultation document has been circulated separately to members.

Committee is asked to consider recommendations to Council for the 2018-19 Council budget and precept demand.

9. External auditor appointment

To note the appointment by the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited (SAAA) of PKL Littlejohn LLP as the Council's external auditor for the five year period commencing 2017/18 and scale fees.

Notification from SAAA in agenda pack.

10. Unity Trust Bank – changes to mandate

To confirm changes to the Unity Trust bank mandate.

11. Fink Hill Clock

To consider replacement of lights

To consider bringing forward the 2018 service visit to be carried out at the same time as the lighting upgrade

Correspondence with quotes from Smith of Derby Clockmakers in agenda pack.

12. Council ID and pin badges/Chain of Office

To receive an update.

13. PCSO Bicycles

To receive an update.

14. Website/Social Media

To receive an update.

15. Bookcase for office

To consider purchase of a bookcase/shelving unit for the Council office.

16. Items for future agenda

17. Date of the next meeting

8 March 2018.

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