REPORT TO GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

THE EDWARD DUNN MEMORIAL HALL & ADJOINING LAND

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In order that the Town Council proceeds on a firm legal basis, the Town Clerk has sought the advice of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA). A copy of that detailed advice is attached to this report and can be summarised as follows:

- The over-riding duty of the Town Council is to act in the public interest.
- A lease may be offered to the 5th Rotherham Scouts, but **only** in the context of an overall plan for the land owned by the Town Council.
- To meet its legal obligations, the Town Council should appoint professional advisers and proceed based on that advice.

It is recommended that:

- The Town Council appoints professional advisers to assess the various options for the Tickhill Road/Walters Road site and propose a way forward.
- The Town Council proceeds exclusively based on professional advice received.
- Castle Owen - Professional Construction and Property Consultancy has previously been chosen as the Council's preferred professional advisors.