

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**2 October 2006**  
**DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO MEMBERS**

<b>No</b>	<b>Portfolio Member</b>	<b>Nature of Decision</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Councillor Rae	SRB6 Improving the Heart of the Villages application for funding by Kelloe Community Partnership – Entrance Feature in the sum of £3150.00. Recommended grant of funds.	15.8.06
2	Councillor Leake, Woods, Graham, Shaw	By virtue of a lease dated 9 November 1998 the Durham City ambulance Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade occupies an area of land at a yearly rent of £100. The brigade erected the current building standing on the Council's land. The lease expired on the 1 December 2005 but no instructions were sought as to renewal on the basis that the Brigade indicated that they wished to purchase the land in question. This transaction has subsequently become abortive and on the assumption that the Brigade wished to remain in occupation we now wish to issue a further lease. Recommended to approve the granting of a further lease to the brigade.	16.8.06
3	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Mr Fisher of 4 Finchale View, West Rainton enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to him the land adjacent to his property for use as garden. Recommend refusal of the application	21.8.06
4	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Mrs S Cummings of 12 Farnham Road, Newton Hall enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to her land adjacent to the property for use as garden. Recommend refusal of the application	21.8.06
5	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Mr & Mrs Clethro of 25 The Leas, Sedgefield enquiring whether the Council would consider selling them an area of approximately 93 square metres or thereabouts of land to the rear of their property at 103/104 High Street, Langley Moor for use as car parking and garden use. Recommend that subject to conditions outlined an area of 93 square metres or thereabouts of land be offered to the applicant on lease on terms agreed by the Council Valuer	21.8.06
6	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Mr McKenna of 12 Birch Place, Esh Winning enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to him approximately 259 square metres of land for use as access to a proposed garage and garden land. The plan shows the area split into 4 sections – Area A is approx. 15 sq. metres, Area B is approx. 233 sq. metres, Area C is approx. 11 sq. metres and Area D is approx. 17 sq. metres = 276 sq. metres in total	21.8.06

		Recommend that an area of land approximately 251 square metres or thereabouts be offered to the applicant	
7	Councillor Holland	Application received for a Durham City Enterprise Grant of £1,000 as follows:- Patricia Veronica D'Ambrosia t/a Mature Match - £500 Stephen Daghish t/a SRD Plastering Services - £500 Recommend approval of grant of £500 to Stephen Daghish Recommend refusal of grant of £500 to Patricia Venonica D'Ambrosia	16.8.06
8	Councillor Reynolds	Application from Darlington & Durham County Racial Equality Council to terminate their lease of ground floor offices at 32 Claypath, Durham. Recommend acceptance of surrender of lease and that the future use of 32 Claypath be reviewed.	21.8.06
9	Councillor Holland	Application received for a Durham City Enterprise Grant of £1,000 as follows:- Jason Cook/Steven Prested t/a Advance Plumbing & Heating Ltd - £500 Peter Searle t/a Peter Searle Decorating Services - £500 Recommend approval of both grants to applicants	18.8.06
10	Councillor Holland	Application received from Mr & Mrs Swinbank of 28 South Lea, Witton Gilbert enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to them land adjacent to their property for garden use. Recommend approval of the sale of 53 square metres or thereabouts of land on terms to be agreed by the Council's Valuer	23.8.06
11	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Mr B Comerford of 18 Black Road, Langley Moor enquiring if the Council would consider selling to him land to the rear of his property for garden use. Recommend refusal of the application	29.8.06
12	Councillor Southwell	Application has been received in respect of a Disturbance payment as a result of the Council compulsorily displacing the applicant from her home (Ref. 302) Recommend approval of payment of £1,000 be made to the applicant	27.6.06
13	Councillor Thomson	Approval for adaptations to the home of a Disabled Person at 91 Bek Road, Newton Hall, Durham at a cost of £4,375 Approve combining bathroom and separate toilet to provide a larger bathroom with level access shower	18.8.06
14	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Haslam Homes Limited to occupy Council land at Prince Charles Avenue, Bowburn for a site compound for a three month period. Recommend granting of a three month temporary licence subject to certain terms and conditions	30.8.06

15	Councillor Reynolds	Application for Right of vehicular access over council land t the front of 56 Prospect View West Rainton received from Mr Short of 56 Prospect View. Recommended that the application be refused.	4.9.06
16	Councillor Reynolds	Application to purchase land to the rear of West View Meadowfield received from Mr Clarke of 4 West View Meadowfield and his neighbours enquiring if the council would consider selling to them land to the rear of their properties to enlarge their gardens. Recommended that the application be refused. Comments received – suggest site visit.	4.9.06
17	Councillor Reynolds	Application to lease land to the rear of 36 Park Avenue Coxhoe from Miss J Ward of 36 Park Avenue for use as garden land. Miss Ward already leases an area of land to the rear of her property. Recommended that a lease be granted to Miss Ward.	4.9.06
18	Councillor Reynolds	Application for vehicular access over council land at 10 Red Ridges Brandon received from Mrs Harper of 10 Red Ridges Brandon for vehicular access over land adjacent to her property for use to enable off street parking. Recommended that the application be approved subject to conditions stated.	4.9.06
19	Councillor Reynolds	Application received from Knightsbridge Developments Limited enquiring as to whether the Council would be willing to allow occupation of Council owned land at Bainbridge Street, Carrville to store site materials until approximately October 2006 Recommend approval subject to conditions specified	8.9.06
20	Councillor Reynolds	Application for renewal of tenancy leases for:- Tracy Franklin – Unit 3 Bill Harris – Unit 4 Steven Landles – Unit 5 Michael Griffin – Unit 7 at Fowlers Yard development. Recommend that new Leases be granted to Tracy Franklin, Bill Harris & Steven Landles at revised rents and that a Lease be granted under a revised rent to Michael Griffin subject to his paying all arrears in rent	25.8.06
21	Councillor Rae	Application for a Durham City Enterprise Grant for £500 received from Peter Dawson t/a PD Electrics Recommend approval of grant	1.9.06
22	Councillor Reynolds	Permission granted to site Post Office Collection Box on Council owned land adjacent to the entrance to Wayside Court, Bearpark	18.9.06
23	Councillor Reynolds	Application has been received from Mr McGowan of 63 Cherry Park, Brandon, Durham enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to him land adjacent to the property. This matter first came to light as the Applicant had encroached	19.9.06

		<p>onto Council land. Also there have been complaints regarding the height of the fence by neighbours. Both of these issues should not have any direct bearing on the land application, with the fence being either removed upon refusal of the application, or the height altered if indeed any planning regulations are being breached upon any subsequent sale. Any disagreement with the recommendation would cause the Application to be taken back through the "whole" land application procedure with the Applicant being asked to provide a written undertaking regarding legal fees and valuation costs as well as a non-refundable £200 administration fee. Mr McGowan intends to use the land for garden only.</p> <p>Recommend that the application should be refused.</p>	
24	Councillor Reynolds	<p>Application received from Miss Paula Jones of 32 The Larches, Esh Winning enquiring if the Council would consider leasing to her land adjacent to the property for use as additional garden.</p> <p>Recommend that this application be allowed to continue through the full land application procedure</p>	19.9.06
25	Councillor Reynolds	<p>Application received from Mr &amp; Mrs Armstrong of 52 Priors Grange, Pitlington enquiring whether the Council would consider selling to them the land adjacent to their property for garden use.</p> <p>Recommend that the application be refused.</p>	19.9.06
26	Councillor Reynolds	<p>Application has been received from Mr Lightfoot of Cumbrae House, Lowland Road, Brandon enquiring if the Council would consider selling to him a landlocked area of land to the rear of his property. Mr Lightfoot currently leases the land for garden use and would continue to use the land for garden if allowed to purchase the land. The application was originally dealt with as a garden application but as the land is landlocked therefore the application can continue through the usual application procedure.</p> <p>Recommend that the application be refused.</p>	19.9.06
27	Councillor Jackson	<p>Permission to enter into contracts to secure a Christmas Lighting Scheme for the City Centre, and the waiver of Contract Procedure Rules to allow this to happen.</p> <p>Recommend the Waive Contract Procedure Rules in accordance with section 5.1(e) to allow the contract with Centredesign to be extended, and in support of this allow contracts to be entered into with HCL to supply the eyebolts for mounting the new scheme, and with Durham Council Council to secure the power supply to the extended scheme as all three parties have specific knowledge and skill in relation to the lighting scheme in Durham</p>	20.9.06