

City of Durham

At a Meeting of **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Chamber, Town Hall, on Tuesday, 20th January, 2008, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Hopgood (in the Chair)
and Councillors Carr, Colledge, Howarth, Kelly, Rae, Robinson, Simpson, Turnbull, Walton and Wilkinson.

Also Present: Councillors: Cowper, Kellett, Marsden, D. Smith, Stoddart

366. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: McDonnell

367. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held Monday, 8th December, 2008, were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Robinson in the list of Committee Members present.

368. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chair advised the Committee that the Panel reports agreed at the last meeting had also been agreed by the Cabinet on 7th January, 2009. The Chair and the Senior Democratic Support Officer would meet with the Chair and the Head of Overview and Scrutiny at the County Council to ensure that the Panel reports are fed into their system.

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee would take place on Thursday, 25th February, 2009 and not Monday, 2nd March, 2009 as listed in the diary.

369. CABINET DECISIONS

The Committee noted the Cabinet report of 7th January, 2009, and there were no items they wished to discuss.

It was noted that all scrutiny reports and recommendations submitted by the Scrutiny Panels were approved and adopted.

370. DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS SINCE LAST MEETING

The Committee considered the Portfolio Holder Decisions and asked if Portfolio Holder Decision No. 8 could be clarified as to whether there was match funding by the LSP.

371. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Robinson asked for clarification as to why no Flourishing Communities Board meetings have been held since September, 2008.

Chair

Meeting terminated 5.40 p.m.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
25 February 2009
DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO MEMBERS

No.	Portfolio Member	Nature of Decision	Date
1	Councillor Reynolds	Application was previously received from Mr Pouton of 6 High Shaws enquiring if the Council would consider selling to him an area of land adjacent to his property. The application had to be considered as a full land application and Mr Pouton provided the necessary fee and undertaking. Recommend that the application be approved	14.1.09
2	Councillor Reynolds	An application has been received from Solicitors acting on behalf of Mr & Mrs P Smith owners of 89/90 Claypath enquiring as to the possibility of the Council disposing of an area of land to the rear of the properties for use for cycle storage and to allow rear access, in part to allow ease of collection of refuse bins etc. Recommend that the application be approved subject to Technical Officers comments as set out in the Options Considered.	12.1.09
3	Councillor Reynolds	At Cabinet on 7 January 2009 it was agreed that the Leader, Ward Members and Officers meet on site to consider an application to purchase land adjoining 10 Yorkshire Drive, Belmont. The site visit took place on Monday, 19 January 2009 at 10.30 a.m. Recommended that the width be reduced to half to enable pedestrian access only, that the applicant be allowed continued pedestrian access on terms agreed, that the applicant reinstate the Council's open space	21.1.09
4	Councillor Reynolds	An application has been received from Mrs C Brown of 7 Durham Road West, Bowburn enquiring if the Council would consider selling to her an area of Council land adjoining her property for use as off-street parking and additional garden Recommend that the application be refused	02.2.09
5	Councillor Woods	Authorisation of temporary closure of South Bailey from the Main Entrance of St. John's College to the Water Gate at St. Cuthbert's Society on Saturday, 21 February 2009 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. for St. John's College's Centenary Dash Recommend that a temporary Road Closure be granted to enable the event to take place	03.2.09
6	Councillor Reynolds	An application has been received from Mrs Clare Abbott of 46 Ashbourne Drive, Coxhoe enquiring if the Council would consider selling to her an area of Council land adjoining her property for use as additional garden and also made reference to the current condition of the land where youths gather on the site. Recommend that the application be refused	09.2.09