

# Scrutiny Committee

## 9 April 2013

### Agenda item 6: Updates from previous meeting

#### Comments from members of the public

##### ***East Midlands Ambulance Service – Being the Best***

- EMAS presentations prompted questioning from the Scrutiny Committee led to EMAS explanations and justification as to why Sleaford was the preferred location for the new Hub. The Scrutiny Committee made no suggestion that perhaps the Hub should be located in Grantham.
- Comment was made about increased length of staff journeys travelling from Grantham to go on duty. The Scrutiny Committee also commented upon the proximity of cover for the A1 trunk road and mainline railway running through or close by Grantham.
- The Committee felt that hubs should be situated to provide the best cover and fastest response so that patients get the best possible service and assistance.
- The location of hubs was discussed when EMAS made their representation to Council
- No suggestion was made to EMAS by the Scrutiny Committee about considering the use of existing medical centres. EMAS only referred to the potential to utilise and share facilities with other emergency services, but this was still under consideration.
- On Monday 25 March EMAS approved their 'Being the Best' proposals following a period of deliberation which was extended to allow further consideration of issues raised during public consultation.
- The amended proposals included a super hub in Grantham

##### ***Development Management - pre-application advice***

- The Council agreed its budget at a meeting on 1 March. The budget included the schedule of fees and charges which incorporated a new charge for pre-application planning advice.
- Requests for pre-application advice and the advice given would not be entered onto the public record.

#### **Quarter 3 Performance Report: 'Keep SK Clean, Green and Healthy' and 'Leisure, Arts and Culture'**

##### ***Gravity Fields***

- The Gravity Fields Evaluation was provisionally placed on the work programme for consideration at the meeting in June 2013.

##### ***Green Waste***

The budget for green waste income for 12/13 was £343.5k and we have received in year £648k (resulting in additional income of £304.5k).

This has been reinvested in the street scene service as follows;

Provision of 2 operatives and a cage vehicle = £65,900

Enhanced street cleansing in town centres and high footfall areas = £19,400

Total investment 12/13 = £85,300

### **CCTV provision**

At the request of Councillor John Smith, Cabinet member and Councillor Nick Craft Chairman of the Resources Committee, Councillor Wootten as Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel put questions on behalf of SKDC and other authorities to future funding of CCTV to the PCC on February 7th meeting.

Councillor Wootten was informed that Supt Phil Vickers who is attached to Community Safety Department at Lincolnshire County Council was carrying out a project on CCTV across all districts and was working with Leaders and Chief Executives. Supt Vickers is willing to visit and speak to any committee.

In respect of putting an item on the next agenda of the Police and Crime Panel, Councillor Wootten explained that its next meeting would take place in June 2013 where he had intended to put additional questions to the PCC on the Council's behalf.