Part 2: Chapter 5

Scrutiny
A Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees

5.1 Responsibilities for Scrutiny Functions

The following table sets out the allocation of responsibilities within the Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees.

Committee	Scope
Policy and Resources	Coordinating Scrutiny: To ensure resources of all scrutiny functions are being effectively targeted. To ensure the outputs and outcomes of Scrutiny are having impact and being evaluated. To prioritise topics for scrutiny task and finish groups (thematic reviews). To create an annual work programme. To identify where each thematic review on the work programme should be considered. To provide an annual report to the County Council outlining the effectiveness, outcomes and learning of the scrutiny function (i.e. Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees and overall work programme). To monitor the operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency submitting a report to Cabinet if necessary. Scrutinising Corporate functions: Reviewing how policies, services and decisions

	ensure effective use and management of all resources; how effectively is cross-cutting/corporate policy developed, implemented and performance evaluated and improved. Efficiency; Human Resources; Partnership Working (internal and external); Procurement; Relevant Financial Management (e.g. budget setting and monitoring final accounts, capital programme, capital receipts); asset and estate management; information management (including records management); communications; use of IT; Health and Safety; corporate policy and performance; Business Units Departments covered; - Corporate Services - Culture, Communities and Business Services - County Council as a corporate entity.
Children and Young People	Reviewing how the needs and interests of children and young people are met by all Departments, policies, services and decisions; and how performance is evaluated and improved. Universal, targeted and specialist services for children and young people: prevention and management of risk; social care; children's and young people's wellbeing; Education – supporting and enabling learning for all children and young people; internal and external partnership working re Children and Young People (i.e. Culture Communities and Rural Affairs/Adult services); supporting parents and families; relevant financial management. Departments covered: - Children's Services - Culture Communities and Business Services - Any other Department doing work with or impacting on children or young people.

Safe and Healthy People	Reviewing how policies, services and decisions support safe, well, independent and continuously developing people (adults and older persons); how they are implemented and how performance is evaluated and improved. Primary focus on how the County Council is contributing to delivering the Wellbeing agenda for adults; crime prevention; crime and disorder; adult social care; promoting independence and quality of life for older people; healthy and safe families; Regulatory Services; relevant financial management Departments covered: -Adult Services Corporate Services -Culture, Communities and Business Services -Any other relevant functions in other Departments Reviewing and scrutinising decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions by the authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies in relation to the County Council's area, and making reports or recommendations with respect to the discharge of those functions Makings reports or recommendations to the County Council with regard to any matter which is a local crime and disorder matter in relation to a member of the County Council (i.e. a matter concerning crime and disorder which affects all or part of the electoral Division for which the Member is elected or any person who lives or works in that area)
Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs	Reviewing how policies, services and decisions support thriving culture and sustainable, inclusive communities; how they are implemented and how performance is evaluated and improved. Culture and recreation; heritage; economic

	development; community development; developing sustainable communities; supporting diversity and inclusion; community engagement and consultation; lifelong learning for adults; relevant financial management. Departments covered: -Culture Communities and Business Services Corporate Services -Adult Services -Environment -Any other relevant functions in other Departments
Environment and Transportation	Reviewing how policies, services and decisions support a positive and sustainable environment, accessibility to services for all and effective management of natural resources; how they are implemented and how performance is evaluated and improved. Passenger transport; transport policy; road infrastructure; access; protection of the environment; flood and coastal erosion risk management; sustainable development; climate change; land management; waste management; relevant financial management. Departments covered: -Environment -Culture, Communities and Business Services -Children's Services -Any other relevant functions in other Departments

Specific Functions

5.2 **Policy development and review**

Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees may:

5.2.1 assist the County Council and the Executive, at their request, to develop the budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues

5.2.2 conduct research in the analysis of policy issues and possible options

5.2.3 question members of the Executive or Senior Officers, about their views on issues and proposals affecting their remit

5.2.4 liaise with external organisations as appropriate

5.3 **Scrutiny**

Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees may:

5.3.1 review and scrutinise Executive decisions

5.3.2 review and scrutinise the County Council's service delivery and performance, performance concerning its policy objectives, performance targets and particular service areas

5.3.3 question members of the Executive or Senior Officers about their decisions and performance; whether compared to service plans and targets, or related to particular decisions, initiatives or projects

5.3.4 make recommendations to the Executive or County Council arising from the scrutiny process

5.3.5 review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area; invite reports from them by asking them to address the relevant Select Committee

5.3.6 question and gather evidence from people and organisations that can inform the scrutiny process

5.4 **Petitions**

Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees must, when required to do so by a petition organiser, review the adequacy of the steps taken or proposed to be taken in response to a petition.

5.5 **Finance**

Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees may exercise overall responsibility for any money made available to them.

5.6 Annual Report

The Policy and Resources Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will submit to the County Council as soon as reasonably practicable in each financial year an account of the activities and outcomes of the scrutiny function for the last year and a tentative list of intended scrutiny inquiries for the following year.

5.7 Proceedings of Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees

Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees will conduct their proceedings in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure, set out in Part 3, Chapter 3 of this Constitution.

B Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee

5.7 **Membership of Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee**

(i) Fifteen Members of the County Council, appointed in proportion to the political representation of the County Council; and

(ii) Four District and Borough Council Members (nominated via the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association).

5.8 **Roles and Functions of Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee**

The Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will have the following roles and functions:

5.8.1 To review and scrutinise the totality of local services planned and provided as part of NHS Bodies' wider responsibility to seek health improvements and reduce health inequalities for their area and its inhabitants;

5.8.2 To refer contested proposals for major service changes to the Secretary of State;

5.8.3 To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999;

5.8.4 To review or scrutinise health services commissioned or delivered in the County Council's area within the framework set out below:

a) Arrangements made by local NHS bodies to secure hospital and community health services to the inhabitants of the County Council's area;

b) The provision of such services to those inhabitants;

c) The provision of family health services, personal medical services, personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;

d) The public health arrangements in the area; e.g. arrangements by NHS bodies for the surveillance of, and

response to, outbreaks of communicable disease or the provision of specialist health promotion services;

e) The planning of health services by NHS bodies, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population and the provision of health care to that population; and

f) The arrangements made by NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public;

5.8.5 To review and scrutinise the totality of local services including social services, planned and provided as part of their wider responsibilities to seek health improvements and reduce health inequalities; and

5.8.6 Act as consultee to an NHS body within the remitted area on issues of:

a) Substantial developments of the health service in the County Council's area; and

b) Any proposals to make any substantial variation to the provision of such services.

5.9 **Delegation of Functions of Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee**

5.9.1 The Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee may delegate health scrutiny powers to a joint committee and appoint Members when there is an intention by an NHS body to consult on a substantial variation or development to health services that extend beyond the area covered by the County Council.

5.9.2 The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee, may agree to the formation of such a committee, its membership and terms of reference, if there is insufficient time for that decision to be taken by the Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee, subject to the details being submitted for approval to the next meeting of the Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee.

5.9.3 Any joint committee so convened should work to a specific proposal and with clear terms of reference, which would be restricted to consideration of and agreeing a response to the proposal on which the committee had been consulted.

5.10 **Proceedings of the Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee**

The Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee Procedure, set out in Part ,3 Chapter 3 of this Constitution.

5.11 **Annual Report of Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee**

The Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will submit to the County Council as soon as reasonably practicable in each financial year an account of the activities and outcomes of the health scrutiny function for the last year and a tentative list of intended scrutiny inquiries for the follow year.