

Overview of Scrutiny Activity across all committees - Draft 10 January 2012													
Month	Formal Meetings (requiring planning and preparation, agenda despatch, support on the day, minute writing etc)												
January	7 formal committee meetings												
February													
March	1 formal committee												
April	3 formal committee												
May	3 formal committee												
June	2 formal committee												
July	4 formal committee												
August													
September	2 formal committee												
October	1 formal committee												
November	4 formal committee												
December													
Total	27 meetings during the year (4 each for the 5 select committee's, 6 for HOSC, + any additional convened e.g. additional CCRA in Jan 2012)												
Commentary of Recent and Ongoing Work for Each Committee													
CCRA SC	<p>Task and Finish Group July to October 2011 has been looking at Grants Allocated under the Culture and Recreation portfolio. Policy recommendations agreed by committee at 2 Nov formal meeting. Panel convened informally late December regarding implications for 2012 grant allocation. Extra full committee meeting convened in January to consider new grant proposals formally prior to Executive Member decision. At this meeting will also consider proposals for museums service and library service changes prior to Executive Member decision. Has also been an informal Panel meeting in September and November 2011 regarding income generation opportunities for Cultural and Community portfolio services. Findings provided by letter to Executive Member in December, future monitoring of action against recommendations to be considered at 12 Jan 2012 formal select committee meeting.</p>												

C&YP SC	The committee has chosen to identify issues where there is scope for it to enter into debate with the department, and through the debate and recommendations implement 'live scrutiny' that is both challenging and constructive. The Lead Executive Member and senior officers have commented positively about the approach being helpful. The call-in concerning the children's centres decision resulted in a commitment by the department to keeping committee members apprised on how the new management arrangements work out. The update information so far has been distributed by email. Other scrutiny in which members of the committee have been involved, ie. therapy provision for children with special educational needs have had information provided both at committee meetings via the HOSC and via email.				
E&T SC	Task and Finish Group due to begin in early 2012 looking at the Grass Verge, Footpath and Pavement parking policy, which is due to be reviewed and updated by the Department. This review group will likely meet 2-3 times before reporting to the Executive Member and Select Committee in the spring. Select Committee have also been tasked with the responsibility to undertake scrutiny under the Flood and Water Management Act, whereby responsible authorities are held to account for flood management duties. It is yet to be decided how this scrutiny will look.				
P&R SC	Task and Finish Group August to October 2011 has been looking at the temporary agency staff contract. Recommendations agreed at 27 Oct formal meeting. Chairman to attend decision meeting in January to support the committees views. Committee interest in a potential light touch task and finish group in 2012 looking at how the County Council consults, potentially via how recent examples have been perceived.				
S&HP SC	Scrutiny Committee hold the duty for Crime and Disorder Scrutiny under the Police and Justice Act, have have recently held their annual meeting looking at the work of the County Strategy Group. It is likely that this select committee will be involved in the continuing healthcare review conducted primarily by the HOSC.				
HOSC	Held additional meeting in October as a result of CQC critical report of an Adult Mental Health facility, in conjunction with Southampton HOSC. Held additional meeting in November regarding the Fast Track element of continuing healthcare, as a result of concerns expressed by providers. The HOSC is due to set up an indepth review panel to look at this issue further and monitor progress against agreed actions on Fast Track during 2012. The option will be open for non-HOSC members to be part of this review group. Informal workshop due to take place in early January for Members to provide input to draft consultation materials regarding vascular surgery proposals affecting Hampshire. Topics frequently come up that require additional meetings/seminars for HOSC members, or for the Chairman to address between meetings on behalf of the HOSC.				