

Overview of Scrutiny Activity across all committees - Draft 5 April 2012											
Month	Formal Meetings (requiring planning and preparation, agenda despatch, support on the day, minute writing etc)										Key
											C&YP SC
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April	3 formal committee										S&HP SC
May	3 formal committee										E&T SC
June	2 formal committee										P&R SC
July	4 formal committee										HOSC
August											
September	2 formal committee										
October	1 formal committee										
November	4 formal committee										
December											
January	6 formal committee meetings										
Total	26 meetings during the year as standard (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	Continuing to monitor developments as a result of recommendations made from the Light Touch Reviews undertaken in 2011 (Allocation of Grants and Income Generation). Panel's may be re-convened on an informal basis to consider proposals prior to full Select Committee. Will continue to monitor developments in Library Service and Museums & Arts Service through the formal committee meetings.										

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. New Chairman due to take over starting with the May meeting.	
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	Chairman continuing to follow up responses to the recommendations resulting from the committee's 2011 Light Touch Review of procurement of temporary agency staff. Panel Members identified in January for Light Touch Review of Consultation, however initial scoping indicates this piece of work may not be necessary and could be dealt with through an item at the formal committee meeting instead.	
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.	
HOSC	Chairman has continued to meet with key contacts between meetings e.g. with Hospital Trust Chief Executive's regarding the Vascular Surgery proposals, and other commissioners and providers regarding items coming up for the HOSC, including making contact with Clinical Commissioning Group Lead's. Proposals for service changes in Older People's Mental Health being considered including HOSC input to consultation document in early April. Adult Mental Health changes continue to be high profile, as a result of the March HOSC a Working Group is being set up to explore areas of concern prior to the next meeting.	

Support Available	As of 1 April 2012 there will be 2 scrutiny officers to cover all 6 scrutiny committees.		
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