Overview of Scrutiny Activity across all committees - *Draft 16 July 2012*

Month	Formal Meetings (requiring planning and preparation, agenda despatch, support on the day, minute writing etc)
July	4 formal committee
August	
September	2 formal committee
October	2 formal committee
November	4 formal committee
December	
January	7 formal committee meetings
Total	30 meetings during the year as standard (4 each for the 5 select committee's, 6 for HOSC, 4 for Police & Crime Panel though this could increase + any additional convened e.g. additional CCRA in Jan 2012)

Key

- Children & Young People SC
- Culture Communities and Rural Affairs SC
- Safe & Healthy People SC
- Environment & Transport SC
- Policy & Resources SC
- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Police & Crime Panel

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. Working Group formed to meet regarding the museums service merger business case in July and October.

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 Executive Lead 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, but a discussion is planned for the July meeting. The new Chairman took over in February 2012 and chaired his first meeting in May. At the May meeting, items on the agenda included accountability in education, adoption and the departmental capital programme. Along with children's centre, a review of the Children and Young People's Plan, the Teaching Schools programme and the departmental revenue budget are likely to be considered at forthcoming meetings.				
E&T SC	Task and Finish Group began 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 later in the year. The Chairman will also be leading a short workshop on the A3 Zip Bus Priority Corridor.				
P&CP	The Police and Crime Panel held its first meeting in shadow form in June 2012, electing Cllr Dave Stewart from the Isle of Wight as Chairman. The Panel has oversight and scrutiny of the Police & Crime Commissioner, due to be elected in November 2012. It will begin a workprogramme after this date.				
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 indicated this piece of work could be dealt with through an item at the formal committee meeting instead which took place in April. How the county council enters into contracts currently being scoped as a potential topic.				
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 due to review the progress made against recommendations agreed in the 'Access to Services for people with Alcohol problems' review.				

HOSC	Chairman has continued to meet with key contacts between meetings, such as commissioners and providers regarding items coming up for the HOSC, including making contact with Clinical Commissioning Group Chairs. 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 was set up to explore areas of concern. This work has now concluded and reported to the May meeting. Update on implementation due to July meeting.				