

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Audit and Corporate Governance Committee

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to allow Members to review and comment on the Annual Governance Statement.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

That the Committee comment on and note the Annual Governance Statement as attached at Appendix 1.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS) is the document that details the priorities agreed for Slough with partner organisations. The SJWS has been developed using a comprehensive evidence base that includes the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Both are clearly linked and must be used in conjunction when preparing your report. They have been combined in the Slough Wellbeing Board report template to enable you to provide supporting information highlighting the link between the SJWS and JSNA priorities.

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The report indirectly supports all of the strategic priorities and cross cutting themes.

The maintenance of excellent governance within the Council to ensure that it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does is achieved through the improvement of corporate governance and democracy by ensuring effective management practice is in place.

The report helps achieve the corporate objectives by detailing how the Council is delivering the Council's budget in line with the approved budget.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no direct financial implications of this report, however failure to implement actions raised could have an impact on the Council's ability to achieve its financial objectives.

(b) Risk Management

This report is concerned with the risk management and other governance arrangements of the Council

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no human rights issues arising from this report

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no equality issues arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 Each Council is required to produce an annual statement to provide assurance that it is a well-governed organisation with the right policies and control in place to ensure that public services are delivered and public money is spent wisely.
- 5.2 The Councils Annual Governance statement is attached at Appendix 1.
- 5.3 The Annual Governance Statement is included with the Statement of Accounts and is also available on the Council web site.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

None.

7. **Conclusion**

That Members consider and review details of the Annual Governance Statement.

8. **Appendices Attached**

Appendix 1 - 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement

9. **Background Papers**

None.