

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Audit and Corporate Governance Committee

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**WARD(S):** ALL

### **PART I** **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

#### **ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2016-2017**

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to present to Members the Annual Internal Audit report.

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

That the Committee comment and note the Annual Internal Audit Report as detailed in 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

##### (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 The Head of Internal Audit is required to give an annual opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisations risk management, control and governance processes.

5.2 The opinion given by the Head of Internal Audit for Slough Borough for 2016/17 is as follows:

*“There are weaknesses in the framework of governance, risk management and control such that it could be, or could become, inadequate and ineffective.”*

5.3 The full report is at Appendix 1.

#### 6 **Comments of Other Committees**

None.

#### 7 **Conclusion**

That Members consider details of the Annual Internal Audit Report 2016/17.

#### 8 **Appendices Attached**

Appendix 1 – Head of Internal Audit Opinion

#### 9 **Background Papers**

None.