

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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**WARDS:** All

**PART I**  
**FOR ENDORSEMENT**

**AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 That Council is asked to receive and endorse the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22, as attached at Appendix A.

2. **Recommendation**

2.1 The Council is requested to resolve that the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22 be endorsed.

**Commissioners Review:**

The annual report has been reviewed by the Commissioners and suggestions, including information on Lessons for the Future, have been incorporated within the annual report.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

3.1 The actions contained within the annual report are designed to improve the governance of the organisation and will contribute to all of the emerging Community Strategy Priorities.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

The work of those functions supporting the Committee is included within existing SBC budgets.

(b) **Risk Management**

Recommendation	Risk/Threat/Opportunity	Mitigation(s)
Endorse the Annual Report	The opportunity is to use the Annual Report process to drive forward the improvements that are	The report was circulated to Audit Committee Members on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 and presenting the

	recognised and required for effective governance.	report to Council fulfils the Constitutional requirement.
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(c) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impact Assessments required as a result of this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 Annual reports are an opportunity to review the work programme for the past year and assess the impact scrutiny and monitoring has had on delivering effective governance arrangements. It also gives an opportunity to reflect on any lessons learned during the year to help guide future work.

5.2 The production of an annual report is a constitutional requirement and in addition the committee is able “to report to full Council on a regular basis (and no less than once per annum) on the Committee’s performance in relation to the terms of reference and the effectiveness of the committee in meeting its purpose.”

5.3 The annual report includes lessons learnt and priorities for the Committee for the municipal year 2022/23.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 The Annual Report was circulated to members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and it was agreed to recommend that Council endorse the document as at Appendix A to the report.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 The Annual Audit Report provides an opportunity to communicate the work the committee has undertaken, challenges faced and the improvements made during 2021/22.

8. **Appendices Attached**

A Draft Annual Audit Report 2021/22.