

## SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet **DATE:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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### PART I NON-KEY DECISION

#### ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2009/10

##### **1 Purpose of Report**

This report submits the Audit Commission's Annual Audit Letter 2009/10.

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

Cabinet is requested to recommend subject to any comments of the Audit Committee that the report and the recommendations contained therein be accepted and that the Council's Corporate Plan and the appropriate service plans be amended to address the recommendations.

##### **3 Community Strategy Priorities**

The Annual Audit Letter is an important element of external review which contributes to enabling the Council to achieve all the Community Strategy Priorities.

This report and the Annual Audit Letter have a direct impact on all the Council priorities given the fact that the documentation principally reports on the Authority's performance and financial standing.

##### **4 Other Implications**

The report and the Annual Audit Letter do not have any human rights or other legal implications. The financial and workforce implications are set out in the report and Annual Audit Letter.

##### **5 Background/Supporting Information**

The Authority's External Auditors have a duty to meet the audit objectives set by the Audit Commission and to summarise the conclusions and significant issues arising from their recent audit and inspection of the Council. The Appointed Auditor will be present at the Cabinet meeting.

## **6 Comments of Other Committees**

The Audit Committee will be considering the Annual Audit Letter at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## **7 Conclusion**

The Annual Audit Letter is welcomed, particularly as it identifies key areas of continued improvement made by the Authority and assists Members and Officers alike in identifying other areas for development and further improvement.

## **8 Appendices**

'Appendix A' - Annual Audit Letter 2009/10.