

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 5th June 2008
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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

BROOM AND POPLAR HOUSES REFURBISHMENT

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To report to Members on the follow up of the six recommendations made in the Internal Audit report following the delay in completion of the refurbishment of Broom and Poplar Houses.

2 Recommendation(s)/proposed action

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to note the progress of the implementation of the six recommendations from the audit report dated 6th September, 2007.

3 Key Policy Priorities

Priority 5 – Maintaining excellent governance within the council to ensure it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does.

5.1 Improve project, performance and major project management.

4 Other implications

- (a) Financial: there are no direct financial implications.
(b) Human Rights & other legal implications: there are no Human Rights Act or other legal implications.

5 Supporting information

- 5.1 In September 2007, Internal Audit reported to Overview & Scrutiny Committee with a high level review of the Broom and Poplar project which focussed on:
- Relevant parties, costs and delivery times;
 - Tender Opening;
 - Tender specification and analysis;
 - Checks on the contractor;
 - Monitoring project progress;
 - Information for Members; and
 - Risk register.
- 5.2 The Committee approved the audit report and requested a follow up report and also made recommendations to Cabinet.

- 5.3 On 24th September, 2007 Cabinet approved the audit report recommendations. Cabinet endorsed that a report should be submitted Overview & Scrutiny Committee on working practices and lessons learned.

6 Comments of other Committees

None

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 Progress has been made and continues to be made in respect of project management. Of the six recommendations one has been implemented, four are partially implemented and one has not yet been implemented.

8 Appendix Attached

- 8.1 Report on Progress in Implementing Audit Recommendations

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 Internal Audit report presented to Overview and Scrutiny dated 06/09/08