

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Audit and Risk Committee **DATE:** 25th June 2013

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PART I

EXTERNAL AUDIT PLANNING LETTER: 2013-14

1 **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to approve the External Audit Planning letter for 2013-14

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

That Audit & Risk Committee is requested to approve the External Audit Planning letter.

3 **Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The actions contained within the attached reports are designed to improve the governance of the organisation and will contribute to all of the emerging Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

Priorities:

- *Economy and Skills*
- *Health and Wellbeing*
- *Regeneration and Environment*
- *Housing*
- *Safer Communities*

4 **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications of proposed actions.

(b) **Risk Management**

This report concerns governance across the Council

(c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

None identified.

(d) **Equalities Impact Assessment**

There is no identified need for an EIA

5 Supporting Information

5.1 The draft planning letter is attached at Appendix A.

6 Conclusion

6.1 The Council's external auditors, BDO, are required to present an audit planning letter and indicative fees for future years. The appendix attached to this report details the above.

7 Appendices Attached (if any)

'A' - BDO planning letter: 2013-14 audit year

8 Background Papers

None