

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Audit and Risk Committee      **DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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### **PART I**

#### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

1 **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to approve the Annual Governance Statement

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

That Audit & Risk Committee is requested to approve the Annual Governance Statement

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 Annual Governance Statement is attached at Appendix A.

**6 Conclusion**

6.1 The Annual Governance Statement is prepared in order to report publicly on the extent to which the Council complies with its own governance procedures on an annual basis, including how the Council has monitored the effectiveness of its governance arrangements in the year, and on any planned changes in the coming years. A draft Annual Governance Statement is attached to this report for approval by the Audit Committee.

**7 Appendices Attached**

'A' - Draft Annual Governance Statement

**8 Background Papers**

None