

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Audit & Risk Committee **DATE:** 19th September 2013

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 As a public sector organisation, Slough Borough Council is required to have an internal audit service in place which conforms with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards which came in to effect from 1 April 2013. The Charter has been prepared in order to support an effective internal audit service and to meet the requirements of Professional Internal Auditing Standards and RSM Tenon's Internal Audit Manual. This Charter establishes the purpose, authority and responsibilities for the internal audit service for Slough Borough Council.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Audit & Risk Committee is asked to endorse the Internal Audit Charter.

3 The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Corporate Plan

3.1 Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The report indirectly supports all of the Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities and cross cutting themes. The maintenance of good governance within the Council to ensure that it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does is achieved through the improvement of corporate governance and democracy by ensuring effective management practice is in place.

4 Other Implications

4.1 Financial

There are no financial implications of proposed actions

4.2 Risk Management

This report concerns risk management across the Council

4.3 Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

N/A

4.4 Equalities Impact Assessment

There is no identified need for an EIA

5 Supporting Information

5.1 **Background**

5.1.1 See appendix A

6 Comments of Other Committees

N/A

7 Conclusion

7.1 The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to endorse the Internal Audit Charter.

8 Appendix

8.1 Appendix A – Internal Audit Charter