

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 16th April, 2009

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PART I FOR DECISION

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCRUTINY 2008/09

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to give a brief overview and purpose of the Annual Scrutiny Report.

2 Recommendations

The Committee are requested to approve the contents of the draft Annual Report and recommend it to the Council for approval.

3 Supporting Information

Annual reports are an opportunity to review the scrutiny work programme for the last year and assess the impact scrutiny has had on influencing policy and holding the Executive to account. Looking at an Annual Report can help us to understand the nature of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny and to assess its effectiveness.

The production of an Annual Report is a statutory requirement of the Constitution and the Committee "must report annually to the full Council on future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate."

4 Conclusion

The local authority through its Overview and Scrutiny function has an influential as well as a statutory role in scrutinizing the activities and performance of the Executive and external bodies. The Annual Scrutiny Report provides an opportunity to communicate the work the Committee and its Panels have undertaken, challenges faced and the improvements made to the lives of Slough residents.

The draft Annual Scrutiny Report is currently being finalised will be circulated to Members shortly.