Notice of Meeting to consider Section 24 Recommendations

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 24 and Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 a meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021 commencing at 7.00pm in order to consider the recommendations submitted by Julie Masci of Grant Thornton UK LLP, the local auditor of the accounts for Slough Borough Council, relating to the Council's financial position and related governance arrangements.

The report makes 4 recommendations in this regard, which the Council will consider at the upcoming meeting. The recommendations relate to the following areas:

- insufficient capacity and skills within the finance department;
- inadequate preparation of financial statements;
- inadequate general and earmarked revenue reserves;
- inadequate financial governance and monitoring over its outside groups and companies.

The full report is available online at Grant Thornton's report

The meeting will be held in public, however due to the Coronavirus pandemic, public attendance will be limited. The meeting will also be live streamed at <u>Annual Council</u>.

Dated this 12th day of May 2021.

Josie Wragg Chief Executive