

WIRRAL COUNCIL

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

AUDIT COMMISSION REPORTS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises reviews undertaken by the Audit Commission since April 2007, and details the action that Wirral Council has subsequently taken to implement the recommendations contained within the associated reports.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 29 June 2005, the Finance and Corporate Management Select Committee resolved that it should receive an annual report detailing the results of the reviews undertaken by Internal Audit as to how the Council has responded to Audit Commission reports.
- 2.2 The Financial Regulations (4.3.15) state that it is incumbent on Chief Officers to ensure that the action taken in response to the recommendations within external audit reports, relating to services for which they are responsible, is reported promptly to the appropriate Committee.

3. FINDINGS

- 3.1 The Audit Commission issued ten final reports for the period 1 April 2007 to date in respect of Wirral Council and three in respect of Merseyside Pension Fund. These are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 All reports had been reported to the appropriate Committee, with an attached action plan where required, with the exception of the report on the Merseytram project. This report covers all Merseyside Authorities and Merseytravel, and has been reported to the Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority.

4. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no local Member support implications.

6. LOCAL AGENDA 21 STATEMENT

6.1. There are no local agenda 21 implications.

7. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

7.1. There are no planning implications.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1. There are no equal opportunities implications.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. There are no community safety implications.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are no human rights implications.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Audit Commission Reports issued during 2007/08. (See Appendix 1).

12. RECOMMENDATION

12.1. That the report be noted.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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