

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

**19 SEPTEMBER 2011**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TUNSGATE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE “GREEN APPLE” AWARD</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report advises Members that Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre, Guildford, part of the Merseyside Pension Fund property portfolio, has been identified for a “Green Apple” environment award.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Committee notes the environmental award in respect of Tunsgate Square.

**3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The award reflects progress made by MPF and the property managers in improving the environmental performance of the property assets.

**4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 CBRE has advised that they have recently received a “Green Apple Award” for environmental work at Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre. This is a coveted award and is highly regarded in the environmental field.
- 4.2. The Green Organisation is an independent, non-political, non-profit making environment group dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting environmental best practice around the world. It is funded by membership and sponsorship from the Environment Agency, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management, and other professional bodies.

- 4.3. The Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice were launched in 1994, initially aimed only at local authorities but later including commerce and industry. They are open to everyone from individuals to international conglomerates. The Green Organisation is keen to point out that an award does not mean successful companies are completely green – because none of us are, but they hope that by receiving recognition for the things being done right, winners may go on to improve their environmental performance in other ways.
- 4.4. The award ceremony is on 14 November 2011, in the House of Commons when an announcement will be made as to which award Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre has won.

## **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1. None required.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

- 11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

(a) Is an EIA required?

No

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 No direct implications. However, MPF is a member of the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change and support for Responsible Investment encourages an awareness of environmental issues by investment managers.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 None

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## **APPENDICES**

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>