WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

18 SEPTEMBER 2012

SUBJECT:	PROFESSIONAL PENSIONS AWARDS
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO	
HOLDER:	
KEY DECISION? (NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee that Merseyside Pension Fund has been shortlisted in the DB Communications (public) category at the Pension Scheme of the Year Awards 2012.
- 1.2 It also requests Members approve attendance by the Chair to represent the Fund at the ceremony.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The awards have been held for a number of years and are intended to celebrate the highest levels of achievement in local government pension funds. The Fund's submission highlighted the scope and variety of the Fund's communications with stakeholders and the recent decision by the LGE to ask the Fund to host the LGPS 2014 Reform website on behalf of itself and the Trades Unions.
- 2.2 The awards ceremony is to take place on 20 September at the Brewery in London.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options have been considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising from this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 There was no charge for entering the awards competition or for attendance at the awards ceremony. The cost of travel to London and overnight accommodation can be met from within the existing budget provision.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are none arising from this report

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?
 - (b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no carbon usage implications, nor any other relevant environmental issues arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 That attendance at the awards ceremony be approved.

13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 To ensure the Fund is represented at the awards ceremony.

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date