

WIRRAL COUNCIL

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28 JUNE 2007

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 2006, 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 receipt and action taken in response to the recommendations within external audit reports, relating to services for which they are responsible, are reported promptly to the appropriate Committee.

3. FINDINGS

- 3.1 The Audit Commission issued 16 final reports for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 May 2007 in respect of Wirral Council and 3 in respect of Merseyside Pension Fund. These are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 With one exception reports have been reported to the appropriate Committee, with an attached action plan where required. The outstanding report on Housing Market Renewal, which was only issued in March 2007 will be reported to the relevant Committee.

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 2006/7. (See Appendix 1).

12. RECOMMENDATION

12.1. That the report is noted.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE