

# **METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL**

## **FINANCE AND BEST VALUE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**26 SEPTEMBER 2006**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHRONICLE (LGC) AWARDS 2006**

##### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report is to inform Members of the intention to submit an entry for the LGC Awards 2006.
- 1.2. Attendance at the awards ceremony if the Authority is shortlisted should be referred to the Cabinet for approval of duty.

##### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The awards have been held for a number of years and are intended to celebrate the highest levels of achievement in the world of local government. It is expected that entries will be made in the categories of Best Exchequer Function and Risk Management.
- 2.2. If the Authority is shortlisted then Members may wish to attend the awards ceremony.
- 2.3. The closing date for entries is 30 September 2006 and the awards ceremony for shortlisted entries is to take place on 6 November 2006 at the Dorchester Hotel in London.
- 2.4. The Authority has previously been shortlisted for awards but has never won a LGC award.

##### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. There is no charge for entering the awards competition or for attendance at the awards ceremony. The cost of travel to London and overnight accommodation in London for those attending can be met from within the existing budget provision.

##### **4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. There are no staffing implications in this report.

##### **5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**7. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. There are no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

**9. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**10. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1. None used in the preparation of this report.

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1. That Committee is requested to consider the question of attendance at the awards ceremony on 6 November 2006.

12.2. That attendance be referred to the Cabinet for approval of duty.

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