WIRRAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL EXCELLENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITEE

19 NOVEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHRONICLE (LGC) AWARDS 2009

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. This report is to inform Members of the submission of an entry for the LGC Awards 2009 and to recommend attendance at the awards ceremony if the Authority is shortlisted.

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. Members may recall that in 2008, the Council was successful in being declared the winner of the Procurement Initiative Award and in 2009 the Council was successful in winning the Investment Manager of the Year Award.
- 2.2. The closing date for submission of entries was 23 October 2009 and I will provide a verbal update on progress at the meeting. If the Authority is shortlisted then Members may wish to attend the awards ceremony.
- 2.3. The awards ceremony for shortlisted entries is to take place on 25 November 2009 at Claridges Mayfair London.

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. **RECOMMENDATION**

12.1. That Committee is requested to consider attendance at the awards ceremony on 25 November 2009.

IAN COLEMAN DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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