

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET - 6 NOVEMBER 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. This report presents the Annual Report for 2007/08.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1. On 3 April 2008 Cabinet agreed the Financial and Performance Management arrangements for the financial year 2008/09, including reference to the publication of an Annual Report following completion of the Audit of the Statement of Accounts.

2.2. The Statement of Accounts for 2007/08 was reported to, and agreed by, the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 30 September 2008.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

3.1. This Annual Report is the first such publication by Wirral Council for a number of years. It aims to build upon the previously produced Best Value Performance Plan and the Statement of Accounts summary leaflet to provide an overview of performance in 2007/08.

3.2. Within the report there are contributions from the:-

- Council Leader on reviewing the past year and looking forward.
- Chief Executive on the delivery of our objectives.
- Director of Finance on the financial position.

3.3. The aim is to make the document widely available. This will be via the various customer access channels including the Council web-site, One Stop Shops and libraries / information points. It will also be available at public events such as the Area Forums and circulated to the local business community.

3.4. The Council Tax leaflet sets out the plans for the financial year and the Annual Report then presents a review of what has been achieved. This provides an overview for local people from whom any ideas and suggestions for improvement in the documents are being encouraged.

4. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The cost of the publication of the Annual Report can be met from existing budgets.

4.2. There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Annual Report can be made available in a variety of languages and provided in different formats.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are none arising from this report.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

8. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

9. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

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

10. MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are no direct implications for any Member or Ward.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 The Statement of Accounts 2007/08 presented to the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 30 September 2008.

12. RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1. That the Annual Report 2007/08 be agreed.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE