

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

15 OCTOBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. This report presents the Annual Report for 2008/09.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1. On 9 April 2009 Cabinet agreed the Financial and Performance Management arrangements for the financial year 2009/10, 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 2008/09 was reported to, and agreed by, the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 23 September 2009.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

3.1. This is the second Annual Report that the Council has published. It combines information contained in the previously produced Best Value Performance Plan and the Statement of Accounts summary leaflet to provide an overview of performance in 2008/09.

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 the Council 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 distributed to partner organisations.

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 to the documents are being encouraged.

4. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The production of the annual report is by Council staff, with the cost for printing estimated to be £1,200.

4.2. There are no specific 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 Statement of Accounts 2008/09 - September 2009.

12. RECOMMENDATION

12.1. That the Annual Report 2008/09 be agreed.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE