

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/2009 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS****AUDIT COMMISSION ACT 1998 (SECTIONS 15 & 16) and ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2003 (REGULATIONS 13, 14 & 16)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from 1 July to 28 July 2009, between 9.00am and 4.15pm (Monday to Friday inclusive), any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the year ended 31 March 2009, together with all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto, although certain restrictions may apply in respect of personal information about employees. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement. Applications should be made initially to the Director of Finance, Finance Department, Cleveland Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside CH41 6BU (telephone 0151 606 2000 ext. 3389).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, on or after Wednesday 29 July 2009 at 10.00am until the completion of the audit, the Auditor, at the request of a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts, and that any such elector may make objections to the Auditor as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Sections 17 and 18 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 (namely, an unlawful item of account, failure to bring a sum into account, or a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct) or could make a report in the public interest under Section 8 of that Act.

Requests for this purpose should be addressed to the Auditor (Michael Thomas, District Auditor, Audit Commission, First Floor Block 4, The Heath Business and Technical Park, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 4QF). By arrangement with the Auditor, questions may be received at the Finance Department, Cleveland Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside CH41 6BU. No objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds for it. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the Director of Finance, Metropolitan Borough of Wirral (address as above).