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**People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

## **North Wales Police agree 3% council tax hike**

[Dec 17 2009](#) by Martin Williams, Daily Post



NORTH Wales Police has increased its council tax precept by 3%. The move came at a meeting of the police authority yesterday morning. Last December they decided on a 5% rise in a bid to stop cuts in frontline policing. A month earlier, in November 2008, police chiefs had warned up to 73 frontline officers or 134 civilian staff would be axed unless they agreed to put the precept up. Last night's news met with a mixed reaction, with one policing pressure group labelling it a largely positive move given last year's rise.

After the meeting, **police authority chairman Cllr Ian Roberts** said: *"We take our responsibilities very seriously so we are confident we have struck the right balance between sensible financial management and operational effectiveness of the Force. In recent years, North Wales Police has been very successful in terms of improving its performance and now we undoubtedly have one of the best police forces in England in Wales."*

**The PPP comments ....** These links take you to OUR detailed articles on what Policing is costing us and it is way above the precept which has risen massively because it is a government stealth tax compensating for reduced funds from central government.

<http://www.properpolicing.org.uk/articles/What%20does%20NWPF%20cost%20&%20why.pdf>  
<http://www.properpolicing.org.uk/articles/Vital%20statistics%20for%20North%20Wales%20Police.pdf>

Chairman Roberts has NOT managed our resources effectively and during his tenure, Brunstrom not only wasted £ millions on various vendettas, needle machines, horses, dogs and other 'boys toys'. BUT was rewarded for his never ending faux pas DIRECTLY by Councillor Roberts with a 2 year extension to his contract and maximum bonuses.

Due to PPP members' down with Flu we were not able to attend this important PA meeting but we have extracted the following **key sections** from the minutes of the previous meeting (approved at this meeting)

### Code of Conduct

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Standards Committee considered a recommendation by the Standards Board that Members' Code of Conduct should incorporate the 10 General Principles of Public Life which includes **the seven Nolan standards**.

**RESOLVED** that the Authority's Code of Conduct should incorporate the **10 Principles of Public Life PPP comment ... The Nolan standards (see link) from a 1994 government report and recommendation . Can be a sound guideline (obviously totally ignored by a majority of MPs currently) and should be taken seriously! And monitored.**

<http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/wwwfileroot/cxo/charter/5.1A.pdf>

### Standing Orders

Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of including provisions in Standing Orders which would **limit the terms of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority to two years** and ensure that at the end of that period, the Vice-Chair would become the Chair. The Chief Executive confirmed that he would make some enquiries and report back at the next meeting.(**19<sup>th</sup> February 2010**)

**PPP comments .... We heartily agree with this proposal and Councillor Roberts has now completed his term. A new Chief Constable, a new PA Chief Exec and Chair of the PA will pave the way for a revitalised NWPF in 2010**

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Submitted and Received a presentation on the 10 main objectives areas within the action plan. It was reported that the Plan was currently in its second year and the overall target is to reduce emissions from buildings and vehicles by 60% by 2020.

**PPP comments ... The manmade global warming myth is about to be seen for what it is a myth supported by bad science and downright lies. NWPF should not be wasting their time, staff and resources chasing the myth. Sound management of all their resources to serve the customer is what we need.**