

PRESS RELEASE

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL - 13/1/09

Town Council says "No tax increase next year".

Nantwich Town Council has frozen its council tax for the year ahead. The Town Council tax demand for the year April 2009 to March 2010 will remain, as it is now, at £20.78 per band D household per year.

Said Council Chairman, Keith Cafferty, "The recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee was for a 5% increase in Council tax. However, the feeling of the Council on 12th January, when we decided the budget, was to maintain council tax at its present level for the coming year."

The motion for a nil increase in council tax was put forward by Councillor John Lewis, of the Conservative group on the Town Council, who commented, "In view of the current financial circumstances in the country we wanted to show that we understand the difficulties people are facing. We also hope that a standstill rate might give a strong hint to the new East Cheshire Council when they fix their budget."

Clerk Riddell Graham commented, "The recommended increase of 5% would only have amounted to an increase of £1.04 over the whole year for most tax payers, so the Council understand that this is not earth shattering. However, Councillors felt it would show people that we are looking closely at our own spending and would provide a small example to other organisations, which will be setting their budget in the next few weeks."

Nantwich Town Council council tax helps fund grants to local organisations such as Nantwich in Bloom, the town Museum and the First Responders. Contributions from the Council also help keep the town Police Station front desk staffed and support events like the Food Festival, Family Fun Day and Holly Holy Day.

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