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The Leader stated that this was probably the 4th/5th occasion that Councillor Rogers had raised the issue of the Audit Committee Chair. He had given him answers on each and every other occasion and they had been consistent and truthful. If Councillor Rogers could not accept those answers, then perhaps he should re-consider his position within this Authority.

Councillors H.W. Thomas and W.J. Chorlton were both of the opinion that the former Member of the Executive who had refused to sign the letter of apology to the officers in question, should apologise to the Council today. It would help the Council to move forward if he did so.

Councillor E. Schofield in response stated that he had been a member of this Authority for many years and those who knew him were aware that he would not shy away from the truth as he saw it. The important thing at the end of the day was whether an individual could live with his conscience. He had made it clear and public that he had drawn a line underneath everything that had happened in relation to the Audit report. He had assured both the Leader and the Interim Managing Director to this effect.

There were elements in that letter of apology which he was completely happy with and he did regret the period where there were obviously misunderstandings taking place. If two sides were unable to reach agreement, inevitably there would be an apportionment of responsibility on both sides. He accepted that and he believed that the way forward was to draw a line on all those matters. He wished to make it clear that he had never made a complaint about any Officer or Member within this Authority.

RESOLVED to accept the contents of the report.

13. NORTH WALES POLICE AUTHORITY.

Submitted for information - A report from Councillor Peter Rogers, the Council's representative on the North Wales Police Authority of meetings held by the Police Authority between 1st September, 2009 and 30th November, 2009.

Councillor H.E. Jones referred to the reference within the report to a possible precept of 3% and he requested further information in this respect and what consultation would take place with this Council?

Councillor Rogers in reply stated that the matter would be going before the Police Budget Scrutiny Committee this week. There were options of 2%, 3% and 5% being mooted. He did not think that a 5% increase would be acceptable under the present economic climate and that 2% was too low a figure. He was more than willing to discuss these options with the Executive before a final vote was taken by the Police Authority.

RESOLVED to accept the contents of the report.

14. NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

Submitted for information - A report from Councillor Aled Morris Jones, one of the the Council's representatives on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority, of meetings held by the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority between 1st September, 2009 and 30th November, 2009.

Councillor H.E. Jones stated that the previous minute to Council stated that Councillor Aled Morris Jones would report back to this Council on the financial position. He requested this information as it was not contained within the report.