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**People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

## **Tories target failing police chiefs ... Daily Mail 03/04/07**

**Failing police chiefs could be sacked by elected commissioners under reform proposals unveiled by the Tories.**

A review ordered by leader David Cameron says **taxpayers are not getting value for money from the police and that more local accountability is vital.**

The commissioners would take control of budgets, target setting and policing plans, leaving **chief constables in "operational control" ONLY of their force.**

Residents would get a **"right to policing"** - including cash to tackle local crime and safety issues by "hiring" a police officer or buying equipment.

And forces should also face a tougher scrutiny from a new independent watchdog to look at value for money as well as standards.

Drawn up by shadow home affairs minister Nick Herbert, the report also sets out cuts in red tape and reforms of training, recruitment and pay.

Mr Cameron has long advocated a reform of police accountability - earlier this year highlighting the leadership example of Labour's London mayor, Ken Livingstone.

Tuesday's report says the police are being thwarted from doing their job properly by a combination of "excessive bureaucracy and central intervention, an inflexible workforce, inefficient processes and political correctness".

It calls for more graduates to be recruited as well as **professionals from outside the force**, a new military-style senior staff college and a revamped promotion system.

Performance-related pay and a cut in the £243 million bill for the 8,000 officers at present on full pay for restricted duties, is also suggested.

**The PPP comments .... These proposals are a major step in the right direction. We have been committed to Community Policing for the last four years during which time Brunstrom and 'our' Police Authority have concentrated on everything else. We are preparing a comprehensive article on Policing priorities which we will post on this site after further consultation with experienced members and advisors.**