



## **Federation response to 'Reducing Bureaucracy in policing - Full Report'**

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**Responding to publication of 'Reducing Bureaucracy in Policing – Full Report', Paul McKeever, Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, says**

“This report rightly highlights a number of issues about bureaucracy in policing and the criminal justice system that the Police Federation of England and Wales identified and has raised with government over a number of years.

“It is important that there is not purely a focus on the reasons for bureaucracy outlined in this report as these are just some of the reasons police officers are tied up with paperwork. The real threat and problem that urgently needs to be addressed is a failing criminal justice system which results in a reoffending rate in excess of 60 percent. This in itself means police officers are dealing with the same persistent offenders time and time again. If these offenders were dealt with effectively through deterrent sentencing then police officers would have more time to deal with the growing demands and expectations placed upon them.

“In the meantime, any efforts to tackle bureaucracy are to be welcomed and we trust Jan Berry will hand over the baton and we will now see the Home Office, ACPO and NPIA take forward the recommendations. The time has come to stop talking about the problems and start implementing the solutions.”

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