



## **Police Federation to ballot members on industrial rights and to hold an event to highlight concerns about government cuts to policing**

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The Police Federation of England and Wales national committee today voted unanimously to hold a ballot of its membership on the question of whether police officers want full industrial rights. They also agreed to hold an event in central London before the Police Federation's annual conference in May to highlight the unprecedented attack on policing by this government and the consequences that these cuts will have for public safety.

At the meeting of the Police Federation's Joint Central Committee today, the decision was taken to ballot the entire membership as to whether they wish the Police Federation of England and Wales to seek full industrial rights. The Federation's 135,000 members will be provided with all relevant information and the ballot will be held as soon as possible. In tandem, the Police Federation will explore all the consequences, including the legal position, with regards to police officers obtaining full industrial rights.

At the same meeting the national committee called upon the Home Secretary to reject Tom Winsor's Part Two report published last week. They announced plans for an event to be held in central London before the Police Federation annual conference in May, in order that police officers, families, friends and supporters can show their strength of feeling against the budget cuts being applied to policing and the consequences for public safety.

This will be discussed further next week at a meeting of the 43 Police Federation Joint Branch Board Chairs and Secretaries.