

SECRET AND PERSONAL

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POLICY PAPERS

In recent weeks the Policy Unit has been working up ideas for the policy debate. Some of these build on earlier papers you have seen and they all build on various discussions about the way forward we have had in recent months.

They have been prepared entirely in the Unit and have been discussed with absolutely no-one outside No 10.

The list of papers is as follows.

Police, Fire, Education and Local Government

The first four deal with transferring certain responsibilities away from local government:

1. Police Reforms
2. Fire Service Reforms
3. Reforming LEAs
4. Structure of Local Government

Housing

Next there are two on housing:

5. Rents-to-Mortgages
6. HATs

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Extending Ownership

Then there are two dealing with extending ownership (one of which you have seen ):

7. Popular Capitalism

8. Privatisation

Benefits and Employment

And finally there is:

9. Workfare

All these papers are tentative in their conclusions and clearly much more detailed work is required on all of them.

But our aim in putting them to you now is to enable you to go over them at leisure during the summer break to get a first impression of some of the ideas.

I would hope we can discuss them in September.



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