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IAIN DUNCAN SMITH TO UNVEIL REPORT AIMED AT TACKLING GANG CRIME – THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Former Leader of the Conservative Party Iain Duncan Smith will unveil a new report calling for a new campaign to stem the surge in gang culture in Britain on Thursday 12 February.

The report *Dying to Belong* from the think-tank set up by former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith recommends that the police actively target gang leaders in line with schemes pioneered by US police in Boston.

Mr Duncan Smith will say the report sends out a clear message to the ring leaders of Britain's gangs: "Go straight or go to jail".

The 210-page report spells out a short, medium and long term strategy for breaking up gangs and warns that the number of gangs and their associated crime is rising in Britain's major cities. It estimates that 20,000 to 50,000 teenagers are members of violent gangs.

Joining Mr Duncan Smith will be the Chairman of the CSJ Gangs Working Group, Simon Antrobus the Chief Executive of Clubs For Young People.

Date: Thursday 12th February 2009
Place: Room S, Portcullis House, Westminster
Time: 10.00am

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Centre for Social Justice is an independent think tank established, by Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP in 2004, to seek effective solutions to the poverty that blight parts of Britain.