

Tim Montgomerie claims that the Tory leadership is out of touch with the needs of its backbenchers.

Party Management: the Lib Dems

[How party members rate the performances of leading Lib Dems](#) (LibDem Voice, 31 January)

LDvoice polled about 600 LDs to rate the government and party's best performers. Huhne top in Cabinet, Cable down, Hughes down.

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Vince Cable is reportedly acting as arbiter as Chris Huhne and the Treasury are at odds on the role and powers of a planned green investment bank.

[The dashing prince who lost direction](#) (Financial Times, January 25) ££

Sue Cameron reports: "Mr Clegg lacks civil service support. I am told that wiser counsel came from Scots Lib Dem Jim Wallace, who warned Mr Clegg to learn from his example – he struggled to combine the deputy first minister of Scotland role with the minister for justice in Scotland. ... Others say he needs to be much more disciplined an