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DUP NEWS

Latest News:

DUP taking fight against Eames-Bradley to Councils

The DUP will be taking their campaign against the Eames-Bradley Report to Councils around Northern Ireland. Following on the back of the successful passage of a DUP motion in the Assembly yesterday condemning moves that would equate perpetrators to innocent victims, the party, which has representatives on all of Northern Ireland's Councils will be tabling the following motion for consideration:



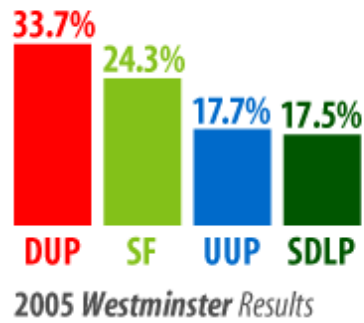
“That this Council recognises the importance of meeting the needs of victims, regrets that the Consultative Group on the Past has failed to produce recommendations capable of commanding broad consensus, and condemns proposals which equate perpetrators of violence with innocent victims.”

DUP MLA Jim Wells said:

“The party will be leading a co-ordinated and systematic campaign throughout local government in Northern Ireland to show the degree of public opposition to any proposals designed at equating terrorists with innocent people. This follows on from our success in persuading a majority of MLAs at Stormont to back our stance on this

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issue.

The DUP rejects utterly any proposition that would attempt to create moral parity between innocent people and criminals who went out to murder and destroy property. The £12,000 pay-off proposal contained in the Eames-Bradley Report would achieve that. It therefore will be strongly and robustly opposed by our party in Council chambers around Northern Ireland.

The decision on the report being implemented rests with the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. Peter Robinson has already outlined to the Secretary of State that the DUP will block any attempt to implement the Eames-Bradley proposals at a devolved level in Northern Ireland.

The Assembly has spoken on the matter. We now intend to use Councils around Northern Ireland to show the Prime Minister the degree of public anger that exists about any proposal to place terrorists on an equal footing with their victims. I urge all parties to join in supporting our motion in Councils throughout the Province."

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