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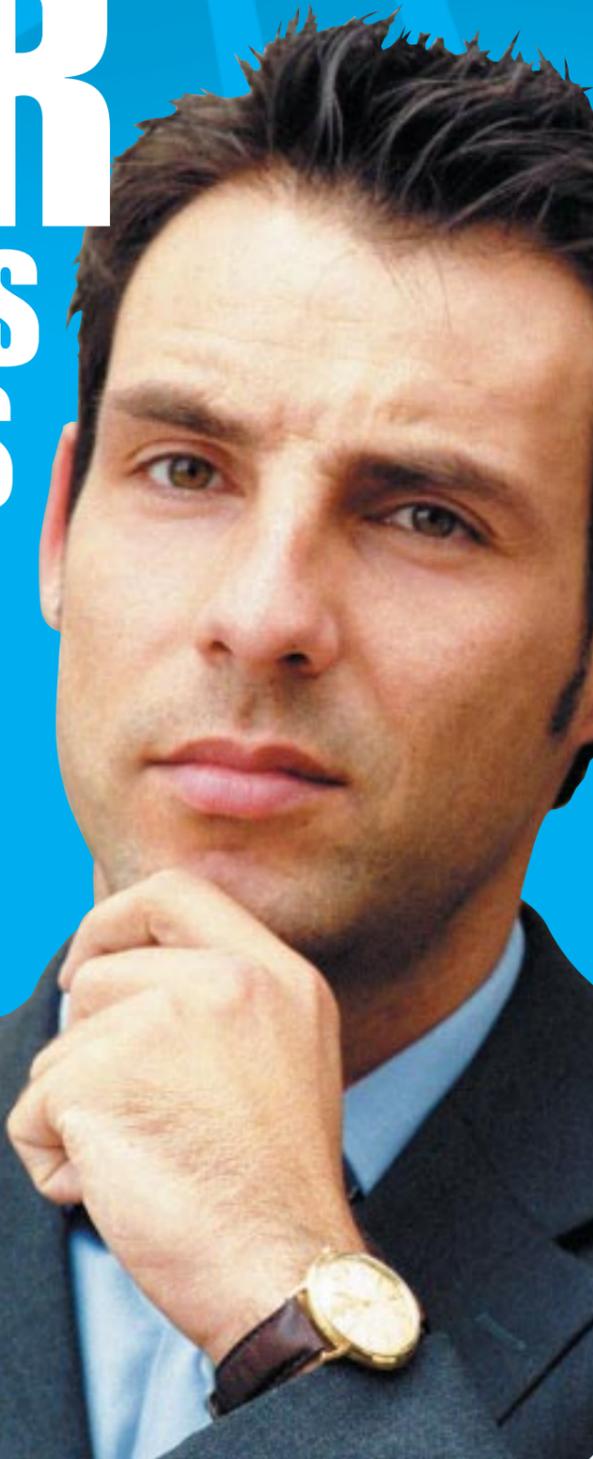
**THE BELFAST AGREEMENT
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I DON'T WANT FOUR MORE YEARS OF TRIMBLE'S CONCESSIONS

After the election Sinn Fein is likely to be the largest nationalist party. If David Trimble has the votes to become First Minister a Sinn Fein/IRA Deputy First Minister will also be elected.

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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER:

This election is Ulster's date with destiny. It is the chance to put things right, to give a mandate to a strong and united Democratic Unionist team and to negotiate a new agreement.

Stop and think how much has happened since 10th April 1998. Has it been the journey we were promised?

The destruction of the RUC, the withdrawal of the Army, the release of terrorist prisoners, the elevation of Sinn Fein/IRA members to government office without evidence of the destruction of weaponry, the creation of ever-expanding all-Ireland institutions, the lawless state of our Province, the ever-growing list of breaches of IRA and loyalist so-called ceasefires, the disregard of the views of peaceful and democratic politicians in favour of the spokesmen of terrorist organisations.

Now imagine where Northern Ireland will be in another four years if we allow the concessions to continue:

Terrorists running the police, a joint role in the affairs of Northern Ireland for Dublin, Irish language and Gaelic culture given prominence, British culture and identity no longer in existence in many parts of the Province, Sinn Fein Ministers in charge of policing and justice and large areas of our towns and cities abandoned to the will of terrorists.

“ Is the Union stronger today as a result of the Belfast Agreement? No it is not. As a result of the policy and actions of the Official Unionists we are closer to a united Ireland than we have ever been. ”

Ask yourself this question, "Is the Union stronger today as a result of the Belfast Agreement?" No it is not. As a result of the policies and actions of the Official Unionists we are closer to a united Ireland than we have ever been.

Only a vote for the DUP can stop the nightmare of David Trimble partnering Gerry Adams in the running of our Province.

The DUP will fight these elections based on our 'seven principles'. Unlike the UUP, when elected we will keep our word and honour our manifesto.

In this election the Official Unionists are again seeking your endorsement for a continued programme of appeasement.

For unionist voters who face the prospect of Sinn Fein/IRA becoming the largest nationalist party in the Assembly the choice is clear - do they want republicans faced by a UUP which has granted everything Sinn Fein IRA have demanded while destroying the foundations of unionism or do they want republicans faced by the DUP which will confront and resist their republican agenda while resolutely defending the Union?

A numerically stronger Sinn Fein/IRA grouping in the Assembly combined with a Trimble led UUP with no purpose or vision, racked with internal division - that is the real unionist nightmare.

You can stop it. Vote for a party with policies to put things right. On Wednesday 26th November it's your chance to put things right. It's time for a new start.

It's time for a fair deal.



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OUR SEVEN PRINCIPLES:

- 1: The DUP is a devolutionist party. We believe in democratic, fair and accountable government.
- 2: No negotiating with the representatives of terrorism but we will talk to democratic parties.
- 3: Those who are not committed to exclusively peaceful and democratic means should not be able to exercise unaccountable executive power.
- 4: Terrorist structures and weaponry must be removed before the bar to the Stormont Executive can be opened.
- 5: Any relationship with the Republic of Ireland should be fully accountable to the Assembly.
- 6: The DUP will work to restore the morale and effectiveness of the police force.
- 7: We will strive to ensure genuine equality for all, including equality in funding.

These Assembly elections are crucial to the future of Northern Ireland. Their result will determine whether there will be another four years of the Belfast Agreement or negotiations for a new agreement.

Four more years of the Belfast Agreement is likely to mean a Sinn Fein/IRA Deputy First Minister, a Sinn Fein/IRA Policing and Justice Minister, Sinn Fein/IRA back in government, more all-Ireland rule and a fundamental weakening of the Union.

A new agreement can lead to a stable and lasting form of devolution, fair to all and certain in its terms which can be a constitutional settlement not a process to a united Ireland.

THE CHOICE FOR UNIONISTS

Whilst the UUP negotiated and supported the Belfast Agreement the DUP opposed it. We have consistently opposed the one-sided concessions the Agreement has delivered to republicans over the last five years. Unless the Belfast Agreement process is halted it will extend and entrench the gains republicans have made.

This election represents the last and best chance to reverse the failures and decline of recent years. It represents a choice between a new agreement which can command the support of unionists as well as nationalists or more of the same concessions to republicans, undermining of the unionist position and instability in government.

Only a strong unionist stance can deliver a fair deal. Only the DUP can negotiate that deal. The UUP have tried and failed. The UUP have lied and failed. Unionists cannot afford to give the UUP yet another chance.

On 26th November the choice facing unionists will be between the Belfast Agreement and a new agreement.

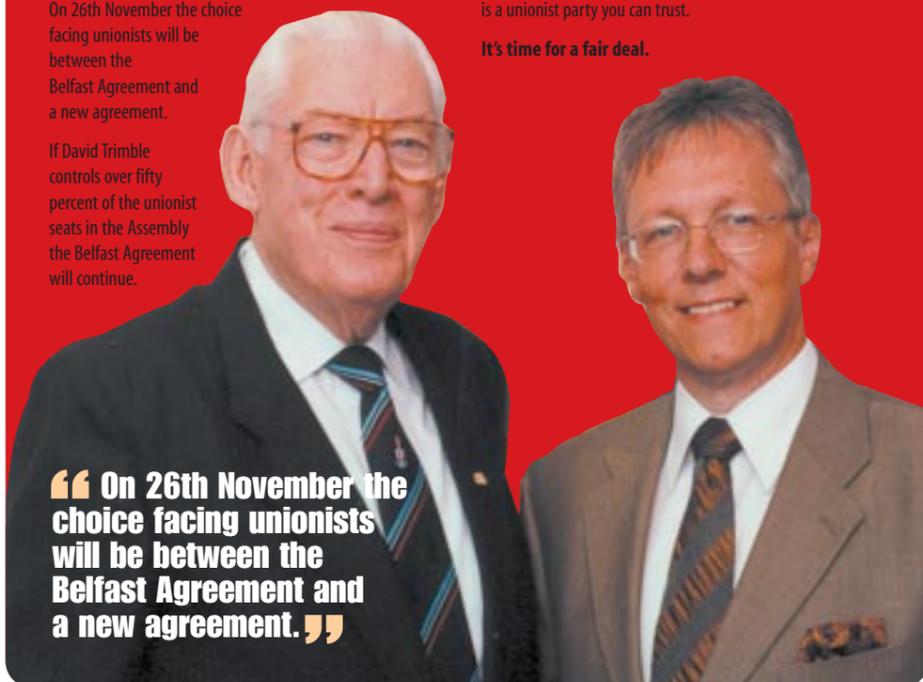
If David Trimble controls over fifty percent of the unionist seats in the Assembly the Belfast Agreement will continue.

If Ian Paisley controls over fifty percent of the unionist seats in the Assembly there will be negotiations for a new agreement.

In this manifesto we set out the Ulster Unionist record over the last four years. We set out the nature and record of Sinn Fein/IRA. We set out the consequences of four more years of the Belfast Agreement and we set out the DUP's strategy for a new agreement.

Whilst the Ulster Unionist Party breaks its manifesto commitments we honour ours. The Democratic Unionist Party is a unionist party you can trust.

It's time for a fair deal.



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THE BELFAST AGREEMENT IS WRECKING NORTHERN IRELAND:

I DON'T WANT AN AMNESTY FOR ON-THE-RUN TERRORISTS

The Secretary of State said the Joint Declaration constituted a 'shared understanding' between the pro-Agreement parties. If implemented, terrorists will be free without serving a day in prison.

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**THE BELFAST AGREEMENT
IS WRECKING NORTHERN IRELAND:**



I DON'T WANT GERRY KELLY AS MINISTER FOR POLICING & JUSTICE

Four more years of the Belfast Agreement will mean the devolution of Policing and Justice. Under the present arrangements Sinn Fein/IRA will be able to appoint the man who bombed the Old Bailey to such a post.

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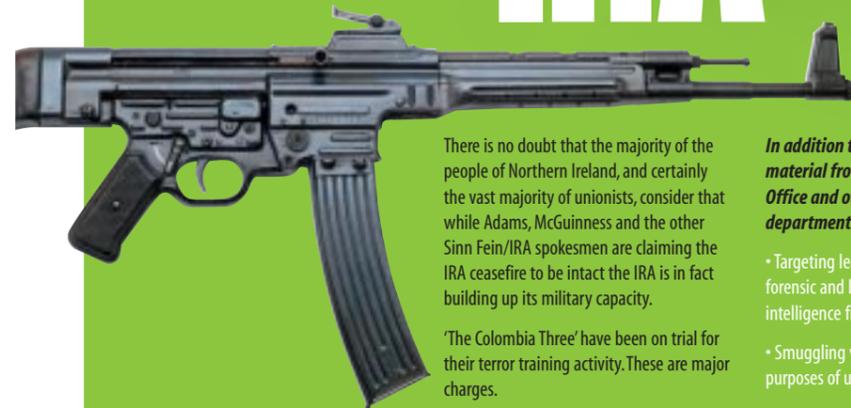
Sinn Fein/IRA has fought a thirty year war in Northern Ireland to advance its ambitions for a united Ireland. Through all the years of bombing it was unable to achieve its goals, but since 1994 and the first so-called ceasefire it has extracted major concessions.

This is down to weak leadership by the Ulster Unionist Party. Let us remember the organisation that is Sinn Fein/IRA.

The Sinn Fein/IRA agenda remains the achievement of a United Ireland by whatever means necessary. Its so-called ceasefire is a mere illusory tactic, used to advance its long-term aims and objectives. The long and varied list of terrorist activity over the last five years and beyond demonstrates that the IRA has not gone away but is continuing to re-arm and perpetrate terror, even when in government.

Sinn Fein/IRA still engages in a continuous cycle of violence. It has never abandoned the targeting, training and recruiting business and has completely disregarded all calls for its disbandment. It is responsible for murders, shootings and assaults and numerous bombing attempts.

THE SINN FEIN IRA AGENDA



There is no doubt that the majority of the people of Northern Ireland, and certainly the vast majority of unionists, consider that while Adams, McGuinness and the other Sinn Fein/IRA spokesmen are claiming the IRA ceasefire to be intact the IRA is in fact building up its military capacity.

'The Colombia Three' have been on trial for their terror training activity. These are major charges.

The IRA continues to be the most sophisticated and ruthless terror organisation in Europe and the western world.

It possesses a massive weapons arsenal, all of which remains firmly within its control and it has international criminal links.

It has previously ordered weaponry from Florida in addition to training narco-terrorist enemies of the United States. If it is committed to decommissioning, what is it doing ordering tonnes of weapons in the United States of America? The IRA has not disbanded and has no intention of disbanding. Sinn Fein/IRA exists because of the power of the gun.

Having been caught operating one of the largest spy-rings ever uncovered, Sinn Fein/IRA has demonstrated its lack of commitment to exclusively peaceful and democratic behaviour.

In addition to gathering intelligence material from the Northern Ireland Office and other government departments they have also been:

- Targeting leading political, judicial, security, forensic and loyalist figures using updated intelligence files.
- Smuggling weapons from Florida for the purposes of upgrading its weapons stockpile.
- Murdering over a dozen people in Northern Ireland since the signing of the Belfast Agreement in April 1998.
- Updating its weapons and bomb techniques in Colombia as well as exchanging terrorist tips with its colleagues in the FARC movement.
- Identified as being the major line of inquiry into the break-in at Special Branch Headquarters, Castlereagh.
- Consistent in its role as judge and jury in the community in the form of beatings, shootings, and other forms of intimidation.
- Orchestrating and organising violence in East and North Belfast and elsewhere, culminating in the shooting of five Protestants in the East of the city.

Violence and terrorist activity is on the increase in Northern Ireland because it is accepted that terrorists can be admitted to the democratic process while continuing to pursue the path of terror.

Sinn Fein's failure to follow democratic rules makes its place in government totally unacceptable. No amount of explaining or defining by the Ulster Unionist Party can change the reality that two representatives of a fully armed terrorist organisation, that pays lip service to non-violent commitments, were elevated to the position of unaccountable Ministers in the government of Northern Ireland.

The DUP is opposed to terrorists in government. The people of Northern Ireland deserve better. **It's time for a fair deal.**



Judge the UUP on its record and ask yourself the question:

"Is the Union stronger today than it was five years ago?"

THE UUP RECORD OF

FAILURE:

In 1998 after negotiations with republicans the Ulster Unionist Party supported every aspect of the Belfast Agreement.:

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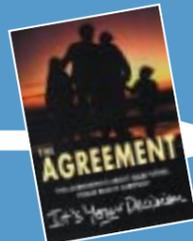
The Belfast Agreement:

- Destroyed the RUC.
- Released terrorist prisoners.
- Elevated Sinn Fein/IRA into government.
- Gave Dublin unaccountable executive powers over affairs in Northern Ireland.

On every major issue in the last five years the UUP has been proved wrong and the DUP has been vindicated.



Still haven't found what they are looking for!



UUP Deception

Five years ago the UUP deceived the Unionist electorate:

- In 1998 the UUP claimed it had saved the RUC. In 1999 the Patten Commission, which the UUP supported, recommended the destruction of the RUC.
- In 1998 the UUP claimed that all-Ireland bodies could not operate if the Assembly was suspended. Today, twelve months after suspension, they still function.
- In 1998 the UUP claimed that the Assembly would be able to hold Ministers to account. On numerous occasions Sinn Fein/IRA Ministers have flouted the will of the Assembly and its committees.



1999-2002

The Ulster Unionist Party has a record of u-turns:

- In June 1999 it fought an election on the policy of 'no guns – no government'. Yet in December 1999 the Ulster Unionist Party placed Sinn Fein/IRA into government without any decommissioning.
- In December 2001 the UUP publicly opposed the provision of offices for Sinn Fein/IRA at Westminster. On the floor of the House of Commons the Secretary of State produced a letter from David Trimble stating the UUP could support it.
- In December 2002 David Trimble stated he was opposed to the devolution of policing and criminal justice powers despite campaigning for it for several years.
- In May 2001 before the General Election David Trimble said he would resign as First Minister "unless the IRA kept its promise to put arms beyond use in a way to ensure maximum public confidence" yet only months later with no evidence of any movement by the IRA he returned to government.

UUP Hypocrisy

The Ulster Unionist Party's record is a record of hypocrisy:

- The Ulster Unionist Party was stating that Sinn Fein/IRA was not fit to sit on the Policing Board, whilst at the same time it was sitting in the Executive alongside Sinn Fein/IRA.
 - The Ulster Unionist Party opposed Alex Maskey as Lord Mayor of Belfast yet was content to put Martin McGuinness in charge of our children's education.
- While the UUP deceived the unionist electorate, concessions flowed to republicans
- Prisoners released.
 - Army bases closed.
 - Proposal to allow terrorist prisoners onto District Policing Partnerships.
 - Offices at Westminster and other public funding.

IRA Activity

As concessions flowed, the IRA's activities continued. Since the signing of the Agreement:

- Over a dozen murders
- Over 160 shootings
- Over 250 punishment beatings
- Training FARC terrorists in Colombia.
- Running guns from Florida.
- Stealing documents from Special Branch at Castlereagh.
- Operating a spy-ring at the heart of government.



Today?....

One thing is clear – you can't trust the Ulster Unionists:

Before every election the Ulster Unionist Party talks tough. After every election the UUP caves-in.

You can't afford to give them another chance...



ANTI-AGREEMENT ULSTER UNIONISTS?

UUP ELECTION FRAUD

To end the Belfast Agreement and bring about negotiations for a new agreement it is essential that the DUP wins at least half of the unionist seats in the next Assembly election.

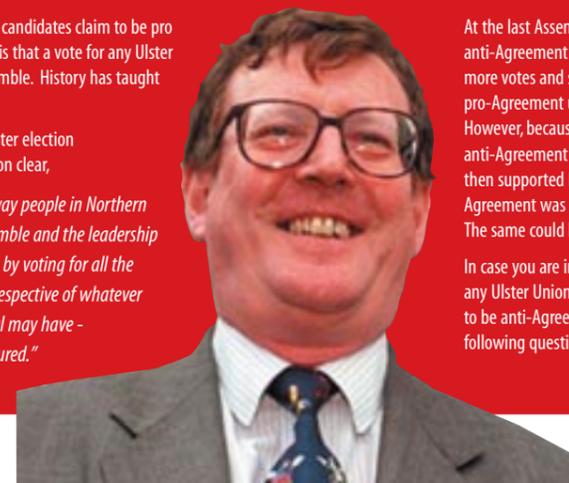
This will prevent the election of a First and Deputy First Minister and force negotiations to take place.

Your only guaranteed way of forcing negotiations is to vote DUP.

Don't be fooled. Whether UUP candidates claim to be pro or anti-agreement the reality is that a vote for any Ulster Unionist is a vote for David Trimble. History has taught us that lesson.

Even before the last Westminster election David Trimble made his position clear,

"The reality is that the only way people in Northern Ireland can support David Trimble and the leadership of the Ulster Unionist Party is by voting for all the Ulster Unionist candidates irrespective of whatever particular views an individual may have - that reality must not be obscured."



At the last Assembly election anti-Agreement unionists won more votes and seats than pro-Agreement unionists. However, because some so-called anti-Agreement Ulster Unionists then supported David Trimble the Agreement was able to survive. The same could happen again.

In case you are in any doubt ask any Ulster Unionist who claims to be anti-Agreement the following questions:

QUESTIONS:

Are you running on the same manifesto as David Trimble and other pro-Agreement Ulster Unionists?

Who do you advise voters to give a higher preference to -

- pro-Agreement UUP colleagues, or
- anti-Agreement DUP candidates?

Are you calling for a renegotiation of the Agreement or simply its full implementation?

Will you take the Ulster Unionist whip at Stormont?

Can you give a categorical assurance that you will never back David Trimble for First Minister?

UUP UNITY EXPOSED:

"... It is a pretend unity, a unity born of ballot box fear and nurtured by electoral necessity. It's a hollow sham, a despicable make-believe unity whose only purpose is to fool the electorate. But they won't be fooled.

If the UUP enters the election with a cobbled together marriage of convenience then the party will be destroyed. Is the electorate to be asked to vote YES and NO, and I hope nobody at UUP HQ believes that the election can be fought as though the last five years hadn't happened?..."

ALEX KANE : Trimble advisor, on Ulster Unionist election strategy



**“WE’RE NOT
TALKING ABOUT
CHANGING THE
AGREEMENT”**

MICHAEL MCGIMPSEY, UUP

“Inside Politics” - BBC Radio Ulster - 1st March 2003



WE ARE.



NORTHERN IRELAND'S REAL NIGHTMARE:

If the Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble controls more than fifty percent of the unionist seats in the Assembly then the Belfast Agreement will survive. This is a terrifying prospect for unionism in Northern Ireland. Just as some of the concessions made five years ago cannot now be recovered, another four years of the Belfast Agreement may leave unionism fatally weakened.



UNCONTROLLABLE SINN FEIN/IRA MINISTERS

In the Belfast Agreement the Ulster Unionist Party not only created a form of devolution which placed Sinn Fein/IRA in the heart of government but they also created a system in which the Assembly was unable to control Sinn Fein/IRA Ministers.

Last time around Sinn Fein/IRA was entitled to two departments, next time under the existing arrangements it is likely to be more.

On a number of occasions Sinn Fein/IRA Ministers flouted the will of the Assembly. The Sinn Fein/IRA Health Minister from West Belfast, contrary to the wishes of the Assembly, and its Health Committee chose to close maternity services in South Belfast and put them in her West Belfast constituency. The Assembly and the Executive were powerless to act.

The anti-grammar school Sinn Fein/IRA Education Minister, on his last day in office, chose to abolish the 11+ without the consent of the Assembly and before any replacement had been found. Again the Assembly is powerless to overturn such a decision.

Next time around who knows what departments Sinn Fein/IRA could control. What actions could they take which could not be reversed by the Assembly? Gerry Kelly could be Policing and Justice Minister.

GERRY ADAMS AS DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

It is likely that Sinn Fein/IRA will overtake the SDLP as the largest nationalist party.

This means that if David Trimble secures over 50% of unionist seats Gerry Adams or Martin McGuinness would be Deputy First Minister.

Whilst unionists cannot control who nationalists elect, think of the consequences of Unionists returning the UUP to power.

- Do you want Sinn Fein/IRA representing Northern Ireland across the world?
- Do you want Sinn Fein/IRA appointing High Court judges?
- Do you want Sinn Fein/IRA to control public appointments in Northern Ireland?
- Do you want Sinn Fein/IRA to run policing in Northern Ireland?
- Do you want Sinn Fein/IRA to control Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland?

With the Ulster Unionist Party leading unionism all of this will happen. The DUP supports a new form of government where terrorist related parties have no such control.

MORE ALL-IRELAND RULE

At the time of the referendum Ulster Unionists claimed that the Union had been strengthened yet the Belfast Agreement set up all-Ireland institutions with executive powers which are unaccountable to the Assembly.

Despite what was promised by the Ulster Unionist Party the DUP has proved:

- The Assembly cannot hold the North-South Ministerial Council to account.
- The Assembly has been unable to amend the budget of the all-Ireland implementation bodies.
- The all-Ireland institutions continued after the Assembly was suspended.

Uncontrollable all-Ireland bodies are the starting point for a united Ireland.

Whilst David Trimble has said he wants to expand North-South Rule, the DUP believes power should rest with the Northern Ireland Assembly.

SINN FEIN/IRA PERMANENTLY IN GOVERNMENT

Regardless of the behaviour of republicans there are no adequate provisions for the removal of Sinn Fein/IRA from the Executive in the current Assembly structure.

As we predicted, the exclusion mechanism negotiated by Ulster Unionists proved to be totally unworkable in practice because of the need for SDLP support.

The Hillsborough "sanctions" are as ineffective as those negotiated by the UUP in 1998.

Indeed after campaigning in the Referendum on the basis that Unionists would have control over Sinn Fein/IRA's position in government, the UUP had to resort to calling for the government to take action in 2002.

If the Belfast Agreement is allowed to stay in place then Sinn Fein/IRA has its place in government permanently assured.

Only a vote for the DUP can stop this happening.

A vote for the Ulster Unionists will make this nightmare a reality.

FOUR MORE YEARS OF TRIMBLE'S AGREEMENT



OUR SEVEN TESTS:

1. Any agreement must command the support of both nationalists and unionists.
2. Any Assembly must be democratic, fair and accountable. Any executive power must be fully accountable to the Assembly.
3. Only those committed to exclusively peaceful and democratic means should exercise any Cabinet-style Ministerial responsibility.
4. Within any new Agreement any relationship with the Republic of Ireland must be fully accountable to the Assembly.
5. A new settlement must be able to deliver equality of opportunity for unionists as well as nationalists.
6. Agreed arrangements must be capable of delivering an efficient and effective administration.
7. The outcome must provide a settlement within the UK, not a process to a united Ireland. It must provide stable government for the people of Northern Ireland and not be susceptible to recurring suspension.

WHO NEGOTIATES FOR UNIONISM?

This election is about who negotiates for unionism - who can fight for unionism within the negotiations following this election?

The UUP has tried to negotiate on behalf of unionism but has shown itself to be unfit and has failed. Only the DUP can take on Sinn Fein/IRA and halt the concessions to republicans.

No deal in Northern Ireland will be stable until it is supported by the DUP. Our seven principles are the foundation of the DUP stance for a new agreement.

We will judge proposals from whatever quarter on the basis of seven tests we have devised. These tests are not unionist demands but are reflective of reality and are demands of democracy.

We shall work for any new agreement which will satisfy these seven tests and maintain Northern Ireland's position within the United Kingdom.

JOINT DECLARATION THE THREAT TO ULSTER

The Joint Declaration was another step in the process started by the Belfast Agreement. It yet again represents the absolute failure and hypocrisy of the Ulster Unionist Party.



The Ulster Unionist Party is responsible for the Joint Declaration.

We warned the Ulster Unionist Party that involvement in any talks process to 'save the Belfast Agreement' would lead to more concessions to republicans.

Though the UUP try to evade responsibility for the Joint Declaration the Secretary of State made it clear that it represented a 'shared understanding between the parties.'

The Joint Declaration represents another raft of concessions to republicans:

- destruction of PSNI Reserve.
- destruction of Special Branch.
- All Ireland Policing and Justice arrangements.
- Removal of Counter-Terrorist Legislation.
- Role for Republic of Ireland in Northern Ireland's Affairs.
- Amnesty for terrorists.

Martin McGuinness wants to deal with pushover unionists that he can mould and fashion.
On the BBC's "Inside Politics" programme on Saturday 4 October 2003 he said:

**“ I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE
DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY...
MOVING INTO THE ASCENDANCY.
I WANT TO SEE THE WORK OF THE
GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT CONTINUE.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET THAT,
WITH A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME,
WITH PEOPLE LIKE PETER ROBINSON,
NIGEL DODDS AND IAN PAISLEY.
I HOPE IN THE COURSE OF
THE ELECTION THE UUP
WILL MOVE FORWARD...”**

Campaigning for a UUP election victory he confirmed that IRA/Sinn Fein would be open to assisting the UUP to beat the DUP!

DON'T LET THE IRA HAVE ITS WAY - VOTE DUP



THE DUP VISION FOR DEVOLUTION:

The institutions created under the Belfast Agreement have given devolution a bad name in Northern Ireland. It was costly, inefficient, ineffective, unaccountable and unstable. It was focussed on delivering for the politicians who created the institutions rather than the public. With few exceptions it did not make a tangible difference to the people of Northern Ireland.

The DUP is committed to devolution. We believe that local people are best placed to make the decisions which affect their lives. Devolution is not however an end in itself but a means to an end. Devolved government is preferable to Direct Rule but not devolution at any price.

Our vision for devolution is of an Assembly which is stable, effective, efficient and accountable to the people of Northern Ireland. A devolved administration should deal with the matters which are most appropriate to a region and leave other matters to the national Parliament. The Belfast Agreement did not get that balance right. Issues such as tax and benefits are national issues and should remain at Westminster. Equally, responsibility for the Human Rights and Equality Commissions should be the responsibility of the Assembly in a new agreement.

It is also critical that the way matters are dealt with in any institutions is carefully considered. Different levels of devolution may be appropriate for different issues. The DUP is totally opposed to the devolution of Policing and Justice to the institutions created under the Belfast Agreement. However, if accountable institutions could be created, then this could be considered. It may be more appropriate in the long term to devolve the administrative function rather than the legislative responsibility in this area.

The Belfast Agreement created costly political bureaucracy on a massive scale. The DUP supports a streamlined administration with fewer MLAs, fewer departments and no Civic Forum. Millions of pounds a year could be saved without any loss of services to the public. Huge savings could also be made by cutting back on the wasteful and ineffective human rights and equality agendas which only serve to cost money and jobs.

Under the Belfast Agreement Ministers were free to take decisions which were not accountable to the Assembly. It is critical that in any new settlement Executive decisions are accountable to the Assembly and the people of Northern Ireland. No decisions should be taken which are against the wishes of the Assembly. Institutions should be created to ensure that decisions are accountable.

The Belfast Agreement created institutions which were unstable. They were suspended four times in three years and will always be liable to collapse. Despite the political crisis over the past thirty years, Belfast City Council has never been suspended. It is clear that we need a form of government which can survive the bad behaviour of any party and will not collapse after an election.

It is critical that any new arrangements command the support of unionists as well as nationalists. Only through accepting political realities can a settlement be achieved. The process should not rely on a high degree of trust between the parties, but on what is achievable.

The DUP believes in a form of devolution which can actually work and deliver for the people of Northern Ireland. We are seeking a mandate for a new agreement.

TO GOVERN IS TO LEAD

Our commitments and aspirations for a new model of devolution for Northern Ireland.

Over the past five years we campaigned against the Belfast Agreement and its form of devolved institutions in Northern Ireland and we honoured our commitments to the electorate and took the Ministerial responsibility which our votes secured.

In government we fulfilled our long standing party commitments. For example delivering free fares on public transport for those over 65.



We support devolution in Northern Ireland and believe that people here should take many of the decisions on matters which affect them. It must however be a form of devolution which is democratic, fair and accountable. This section of the manifesto sets out our key priorities over the next four years.

A finite budget means that not everything which is desirable can be achieved, so we must prioritise. Any form of administration which is likely to involve the requirement for the support of more than one party means that the ability to deliver projects will depend not only on the votes achieved at an election, but on the power of our ideas in any administration.

Rather than set out a detailed but undeliverable plan for every facet of government, we believe we have set out a reasoned and reasonable mixture of commitments and aspirations for a new model of devolution.

We have proved that when we have the power in a particular area, we deliver. In this next Assembly the more seats we have the more of our programme we shall be able to deliver for the people of Northern Ireland.

FUNDAMENTAL FLAWS IN THE BELFAST AGREEMENT:

1. Terrorists in Government: The Belfast Agreement granted automatic places to Sinn Fein Ministers in government and has no adequate means of excluding them.

2. Unaccountable Executive: Decisions taken by Ministers were not accountable to the Assembly nor to the people of Northern Ireland with Sinn Fein Ministers being able to do as they wished.

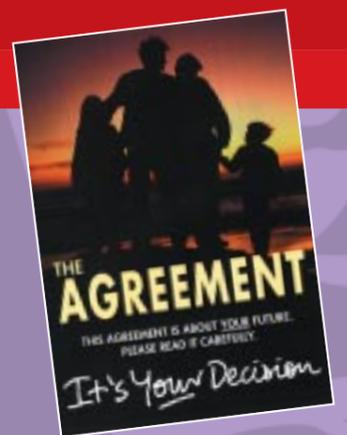
3. Inability to deliver coherent Government: The system of government designed by the Belfast Agreement did not result in effective decision making.

4. Unaccountable all-Ireland implementation bodies: The all-Ireland implementation bodies were not accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

5. NSMC - stand alone all-Ireland Government: The NSMC was not accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

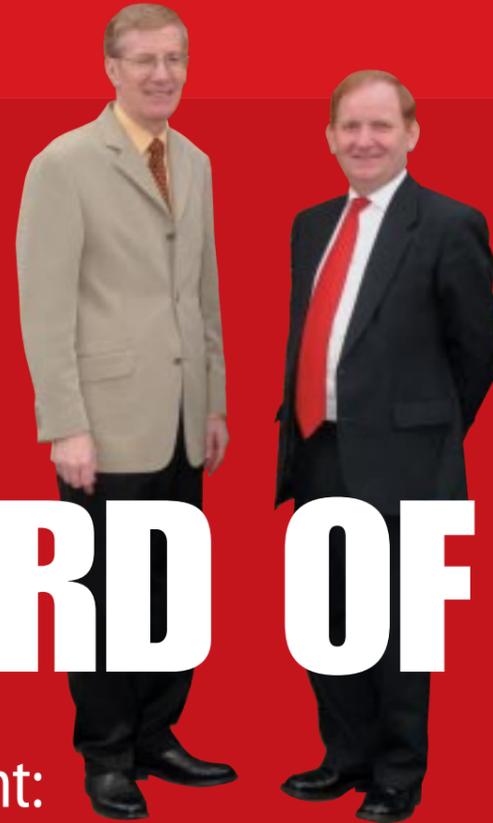
6. Freelance unaccountable North/South Co-operation: Ministers were free to do what they liked with their Republic of Ireland counterparts.

7. Imbalanced north/south, east/west relationships: Whilst there were dozens of North South meetings there were only a few British Isles meetings.



GREGORY CAMPBELL MP
Former Minister for Regional Development

MAURICE MORROW
Former Minister for Social Development



DUP MINISTERS: A RECORD OF

Even the fiercest critics of the DUP accept that the DUP Ministers were the best in office. All four DUP Ministers excelled in running their departments and won acclaim for being effective.

Slammed as 'rogue Ministers' by Trimble and Mallon, the DUP proved that its Ministers could do their jobs without sitting around the Executive table with Sinn Fein/IRA.

ACHIEVEMENT

Department for Social Development:

Under the DUP control of Nigel Dodds and Maurice Morrow, during devolution DSD projects have transformed the lives of many ordinary people through their innovative and imaginative programmes.

They have ensured people in Northern Ireland get no less benefits than those in Great Britain and have supported urban regeneration right across the Province.

IN OFFICE THE DUP:

- Pioneered and introduced the 'Warm Homes' Scheme which has helped to tackle fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures. It is now widely respected across the UK.
- Reversed the trend of inflation-busting rent increases.
- Introduced the Housing Bill which helps counteract anti-social behaviour for Housing Executive tenants.
- Secured £8.6 million funding to promote physical and economic regeneration in Belfast.
- Secured £12 million to assist with urban regeneration projects including in Belfast, Londonderry, Strabane, Downpatrick, Coleraine, Craigavon and Ballymena.
- Designated a £200m redevelopment scheme for Belfast around Victoria Square.
- Developed a compact between the voluntary sector, the community sector and government.
- Pioneered a one-stop shop for benefits.
- Stepped up attempts to tackle Social Security Fraud.
- Introduced the North Belfast Housing Strategy which will invest over £133 million over seven years to tackle housing problems in both communities in the area.

Great progress has been made in the Department for Social Development over the last four years but there is still much work to be done.

It is essential to develop community capacity infrastructure especially in the Protestant community where traditionally it has been weak.

We must strive to ensure that Northern Ireland is not a cold place for Protestants.

We support responsibility for Social Security remaining at Westminster to ensure that the UK has a unified tax and benefits system.

NIGEL DODDS MP
Former Minister for Social Development

PETER ROBINSON MP
Former Minister for Regional Development



Department for Regional Development:

Thirty years of under-funding left Northern Ireland's physical infrastructure in need of a strategic overhaul and significant investment. During their period in office the DUP Ministers set about reversing this in the areas of roads, water, ports and harbours and public transport. Widely respected across the political spectrum, the DUP Ministers were able to achieve support throughout the community. Peter Robinson and Gregory Campbell transformed physical infrastructure and placed it on the road to recovery.

IN OFFICE THE DUP:

- Introduced free travel on public transport in Northern Ireland for all those over 65.
- Reversed the previous government policy and saved the railways in Northern Ireland with the largest investment in history.
- Began the process to reform the delivery of public transport in Northern Ireland.
- Increased funding for disabled and rural transport
- Formulated Northern Ireland's Regional Development Strategy for the next 25 years with the unanimous agreement of the Assembly.
- Agreed Northern Ireland's first ever Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) for the next 10 years which will lead to a greater investment in public transport and significant funding for new roads and bypasses.
- Delivered more new road schemes than in a generation including work begun or completed in Limavady, Comber, Toome, Portadown, Newton Stewart, Strabane with many other schemes on the way.
- Massively increased funding for infrastructure.
- Invested in new water infrastructure to meet European Directives, reduce leakage and improve standards.
- Commenced the process to make the Water Service more efficient.

- Ended any plans to privatise Water Service.

- Kept the Port of Belfast in public hands, increased the ability of all Northern Ireland Trust Ports to compete with Dublin and made them more accountable.

In the area of Regional Development the DUP will work to:

- Extend the free fares scheme to all those over 60 and concessionary fares to all disabled.
- Introduce a rapid transit scheme for Belfast.
- Deliver the Regional Transportation Strategy.
- Introduce a fair and equitable system of developers' contributions to pay for new facilities.
- Continue to address the massive deficit in infrastructure.
- Consider utility charges for road works.

DELIVERING A BETTER EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR ALL CHILDREN:

The importance of education in Northern Ireland was demonstrated by the anger and protests that flowed from the decision to admit Sinn Fein/IRA into government and the nomination of self-confessed IRA commander Martin McGuinness as Education Minister.

Whilst in office he has used his position to pursue a policy of discrimination against the Controlled (State or mainly Protestant) sector of education leading to the destruction of our highly respected education structures catering for differing educational needs. He promoted Irish language schools and targeted investment within the Maintained (Roman Catholic) sector of education.

MINISTER MCGUINNESS HAS:

- Abolished the 11+ examination and sought to end selection.
- Discriminated against sectors within education giving funding to integrated and Irish language schools with 12 pupils whilst closing rural Protestant primary schools.
- Promoted bias in capital spending. The school capital building programme favoured Roman Catholic schools with large investment in Sinn Fein/IRA targeted constituencies.
- Whilst a Minister he admitted his role in the IRA and boasted to school children about being on-the-run. Meanwhile the IRA remained active.

“McGuinness has used his position to pursue a policy of discrimination against the Controlled (State or mainly Protestant) sector of education... He promoted Irish language schools and targeted investment within the Maintained (Roman Catholic) sector of education...”

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Opposing any attempt to introduce the Burns Report. The DUP rejects the Burns Report as it would simply lead to economic selection or selection by social connection. Burns and McGuinness promote a one-size-fits-all comprehensive schools structure which has failed in England and Wales. We passionately believe that each child has differing needs and it stands to reason that a range of schools offering differing educational experiences is more appropriate to allow each child to develop.
- Promoting selection that places each child at the most appropriate school. We value every child equally.
- Ending inequality in funding.
- Increasing support and funding for small rural schools and promoting schemes to ensure such schools remain open.
- Publishing fair and meaningful performance tables for all schools to improve parental choice and information.
- Supporting teachers whom we believe to be education's most valuable asset. Teachers must be rewarded appropriately for the job they undertake.
- Applying adequate funding to improve standards of education, not create bureaucracies. As part of the review of public administration we will be seeking to address the issue of whether there is a need for five education and library boards and the funding of seven education providers.
- Seeking to have more money spent on children and schools rather than administration and bureaucracy.

The DUP is committed to a fair education system with equality of opportunity and funding.



A LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE THE TAXPAYER DESERVES:

Improving healthcare is one of the greatest challenges we face. The Belfast Agreement did not improve health provision. Ulster Unionists' desire to partner Sinn Fein in government saw Bairbre de Brun assume control of health, and waiting lists, understaffing and bed shortages worsened. Instead of action we witnessed only reviews and consultation.

Democratic Unionists are committed to the highest level of healthcare for the people of Northern Ireland and recognise the need for restructuring our hospital resources. A strong Health Service is about delivering the benefits of a co-ordinated healthcare network to the user.

Decisions on locating specialist services must be carefully addressed. We appreciate the importance of final decisions on the location of particular specialist services to ensure an effective service results from Province-wide planning. However, we fear proposed changes could leave some hospitals unable to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Over the years health provision in Northern Ireland has fallen well behind the rest of the United Kingdom. **Proper investment is required to close the gaps in our healthcare services.** We believe funding must exceed that provided through the Barnett formula.

Democratic Unionists support the restructuring and amalgamation of health providers to minimise unnecessary and often costly bureaucracy, streamline decision making and create clear accountability. **Expenditure on healthcare must reflect best practice and good value.**

We need targeted strategies with an end to knee-jerk spending. Audit trails are important to ensure transparency. It is important to see how and where funding is spent. Following the renegotiation of the Agreement it is essential that the Minister becomes fully accountable to any Assembly.

Staff shortages mean that patients suffer and a further burden is placed on existing staff. A shortage of nurses means local hospitals have to recruit in Asia. We need more radiographers and extra occupational, speech and physiotherapists to increase capacity. Democratic Unionists want to see more doctors and other healthcare professionals trained in our universities in Northern Ireland and consideration given to developing incentives to keep them here in the NHS.

Democratic Unionists want to see effective workforce planning to ensure there are no further delays in the new regional cancer centre becoming fully operational. **Our hospitals are overstretched and we should aim for occupancy levels less than 80%.**

It is unacceptable that patients often have to wait many days for an appointment with their GP. **We support initiatives that would assist general practitioners to see those patients most in need of treatment and limit inappropriate consultations.**

The DUP recommends integrating related services like general practice, pharmacies, dentists and opticians at multi-disciplinary primary care centres. Improving medical care for our ageing population is one of our greatest challenges. **Government must provide the best possible standard of care for those who develop dementia and other conditions of older age.** We remain committed to free nursing care for the elderly. Northern Ireland needs more nursing home and residential care places.

The Health Service crisis goes far beyond acute services. **Community care provision requires massive improvement especially in the field of mental health and respite care and the needs of disabled people.** They are sometimes overlooked and undervalued. We will continue to promote the needs of the disabled.

Disease prevention and the promotion of good health are essential. **We support health education designed at preventing drug and alcohol-related problems.** Addiction-related illnesses ruin lives and continue to take their toll on health spending.

Security in hospitals and the threat to health staff and facilities need to be reviewed realistically. We want to see legislation to increase protection for children and vulnerable members of society.

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THE BELFAST AGREEMENT IS WRECKING NORTHERN IRELAND:

I'M VOTING DUP - FOR THE MOST ABLE TEAM.

Seven Policy Commitments for Devolved Government:

1. Control the level of Rates.
2. Preserve Grammar Schools and raise education standards for all.
3. Introduce free travel on Public Transport for all over 60.
4. Introduce free personal care for older people.
5. Deliver a quicker and more responsive planning system.
6. Ensure extra spending on health delivers results for patients.
7. Ease rural planning laws for rural dwellers.

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PROTECTING THE TAXPAYER - CONTROLLING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

The Democratic Unionist Party believes in accountable, efficient, effective and affordable government. At Local Government level the DUP has proved that the best quality services can be delivered at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer. Any administration in Northern Ireland must learn to spend the money it receives more effectively rather than expect the population to fund political bureaucracy.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

At regional level the pro-Agreement parties have devised a form of government with too many layers of administration and too many checks to effective governance. As a result we have an ever growing bureaucracy devouring resources which are needed for front-line services and investment. This situation must change.

In the last four years the staffing levels at the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister have expanded to a level where it is larger than the Prime Ministers' offices in London and Dublin combined. It is clear that the pro-Agreement parties are unable or unwilling to halt the growth of bureaucracy. The pro-agreement parties promised that a review of Public Administration would result in cost savings. After five years this process has hardly got off the ground.

In Northern Ireland at a regional level we have:

- **11 government departments: when only 6 were needed under Direct Rule.**
- **108 Assembly Members: three times the number per head in Scotland and Wales.**
- **A Civic Forum: an expensive talking shop which delivers nothing.**

The abolition of the Civic Forum and reductions in the number of Assembly Members and government departments would make substantial savings without any damage being done to the administration in Northern Ireland.

Nothing has been done to limit or control QUANGOs in Northern Ireland.

Remember it is your money that is being spent. When politicians want to raise your Rates remember what your money is being wasted on.

EQUALITY

In Northern Ireland we have the most extensive consultation and equality proofing process in the world. As a result resources are wasted and crucial time and money is lost.

Whilst protecting the goal of equality, a much more streamlined process must be devised which will allow government to assist people rather than getting bogged down in bureaucracy.

REINVESTMENT AND REFORM INITIATIVE - RRI

The 'Reinvestment and Reform Initiative' has paved the way for massive Rate increases within the term of the next Assembly.

Historically, for a variety of reasons, Northern Ireland has paid Rates at a level lower than the rest of the U.K. and the Treasury saw this as an opportunity to seek to bribe Northern Ireland with its own money.

When combined with the other changes in the Rating system, some people could be paying twice as much in Rates at the end of the next Assembly term as at the start.

The DUP has consistently voted against the Rate increases endorsed by other parties. The DUP will campaign for the best possible deal for the Ratepayer and will oppose unjustified Rate increases.

WATER CHARGES

Despite objections from the DUP the link was broken between the Regional Rate and the funding of water services. As a result the Treasury claims that people in Northern Ireland do not pay for their water and can effectively force Water Charges on Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland people pay for their water, albeit not in the form of a separate charge. The key issue is not whether water charges are introduced but whether there is then an equal decrease in the level of the Regional Rate. Reform of the water service can make a significant contribution to reducing costs

The DUP will campaign to ensure that any introduction of a water charge does not place an additional burden on the ratepayer.

PROPOSALS:



- Oppose significant local tax rises.
- Reduce the number of Assembly members from 108 to 72.
- Reduce the number of Government Departments by around half.
- Abolish the Civic Forum.
- Cut back on all-Ireland Implementation Bodies and cut back on North South Ministerial Council.
- Redefine the equality and human rights agendas.
- Cut the size of the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister.



OUR CONTRACT WITH SENIOR CITIZENS



WE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT:

- the provision of free travel on public transport to all over 60.
- the provision of free personal and nursing care for older people similar to that provided in Scotland.
- action to ensure that older people claim all the benefits to which they are entitled.
- action to ensure that older people feel safe in their homes.
- the delivery of a substantial increase in the size of the state pension.
- the delivery of free TV licences to all aged over 65.



MAKING ROAD SAFETY A PRIORITY

7291 people died on Northern Ireland's roads from 1969-2001. Indeed it has consistently caused more fatalities than the Troubles. These figures represent a disgrace for Northern Ireland and it is critical that they are very substantially reduced. The problem is particularly acute for men under 35.

Only a concerted effort across government can make this a reality. Fatalities have reduced in the last thirty years but road fatalities still represent a huge cause of death and suffering in Northern Ireland. Education, engineering and enforcement initiatives must be taken to help tackle the problem. Insurance companies should be encouraged to fund accident remedial schemes which will in turn provide additional savings.



DELIVERING AN EFFECTIVE POLICE SERVICE:

The DUP has been vindicated in its opposition to the Patten Report which came about as a result of the Belfast Agreement. Through Patten we have seen the name and badge of the RUC disappear and the introduction of a discriminatory 50:50 recruitment policy for both police officers and civilian staff which was first suggested by the UUP.

Of the 855 recruits who were eligible to be appointed but rejected, 777 were non-Catholics. Indeed since the start of the recruitment procedure more Catholics than non-Catholics have been appointed.

The DUP has worked tirelessly to block those Patten proposals which were not based on the principle of good policing, but on political judgements.

The DUP took its seats on the Police Board and the work of Ian Paisley Jnr, Sammy Wilson and William Hay has prevented many of the Patten recommendations from being realised.



The DUP's work on the Policing Board:

- *Sammy Wilson argued and achieved the retention of the crown as part of the new police badge, despite being told it would not be allowed by law.*

- *It was a motion proposed by Ian Paisley Jnr., and seconded by William Hay that ensured that of 22 Police Stations proposed for closure, 20 of them were saved.*

- *The Full Time Reserve has been maintained thanks to DUP pressure on the Police Board. On average, 30% of officers on duty at any one time are FTR.*

- *The Special Branch report endorsed by the Board supported the continuation of the SB despite Sinn Fein/IRA and SDLP demands for it to be disbanded.*

- *It was the DUP who revealed that the police Ombudsman spent £3.5 million on investigation reports into the police and that £2000 is spent on an enquiry every time a plastic baton round is fired.*

- *The DUP revealed that it was David Trimble who blocked the building of a new Police Training Academy at the Maze Prison site.*

- *The DUP argued for and secured an enquiry into the startling allegations against retired Chief Superintendent Bill Lowry.*

DUP members have been fully active on the board unlike the representatives from other parties; including former MPs who said they left the Commons to concentrate on the Board, yet the DUP MP for Strangford's questions in the

House of Commons reveal that the former member has one of the worst attendance records at the Board.

We will continue to effectively oppose the 50:50 recruitment policy which stemmed from a proposal made by Ken Maginnis. This policy is preventing recruitment at a time when crime is rising and detection rates have fallen.

The Police should not be manipulated for the benefit of Sinn Fein/IRA and this includes any changes to allow terrorist prisoners to sit on District Policing Partnerships and incentives for Sinn Fein/IRA to join the Police Board.

We will continue to work for good policing in Northern Ireland and we know that police officers on the ground welcome the role taken by the DUP in protecting policing here.

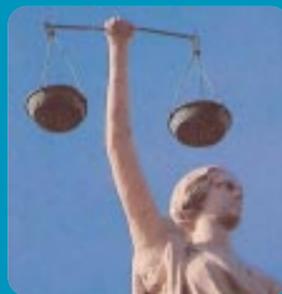
OUR PRIORITIES FOR POLICING & JUSTICE:

The DUP opposes the devolution of Policing and Justice to the institutions created under the Belfast Agreement as decisions would be taken by Sinn Fein members like Gerry Kelly as Minister and would not be accountable to the Assembly. This is entirely unacceptable.

We support the devolution of Policing and Justice in the context of a new agreement and only following a cross-community vote of the Assembly. It is however vital that such arrangements would in no way hinder the fight against crime and should be devised with this in mind.

Dealing with crime and the fear of crime is critical to the quality of life of people in Northern Ireland. We have established a number of priorities in this area.

- 1) **Tougher sentences for serious car crime.**
- 2) **Tougher sentences for hate crimes and crimes against the elderly.**
- 3) **Presumptive mandatory minimum custodial sentences for repeat burglary.**
- 4) **Tougher powers to tackle anti-social behaviour.**
- 5) **Delivering justice for the victim and accused in sexual offences.**
- 6) **Get tough on criminal and terrorist gangs.**



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REMEMBERING THE INNOCENT VICTIMS:

The DUP has taken the lead in promoting and defending the rights of victims and their families through the party's 10 member dedicated advisory committee. The DUP has been unrelenting in its calls for inquiries into the forgotten atrocities. Dr Paisley has been to the fore in calling for a public inquiry into the Claudy bombing, Iris Robinson has sympathetically promoted the grievances of those injured and the families of those killed at La Mon highlighting their pain and suffering.

The DUP has also been insistent in calling for inquiries into other terrorist atrocities such as Kingsmill, Teebane, Enniskillen and Shankill Road.

Whilst those who perpetrated the violence have been rewarded, victims have been ignored. The DUP has not and will not tolerate this inequity. We will continue to work for victims' groups to end the injustice.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- The continuation of our valuable Advisory Committee on Innocent Victims, meeting monthly to address genuine concerns and specific issues.
 - Maintaining regular contact with victims' groups and individual victims.
 - Opposing terrorists and their organisations who would seek to promote their fellow travellers as victims.
 - Highlighting and addressing the apparent inequalities in the level of funding administered to innocent victims by the government.
 - The acquisition of compensation for widows of former UDR/RIR personnel murdered by terrorists, in line with the welcome compensation paid to RUC widows.
 - Intensifying the campaign for the forgotten ex-RUC widows to ensure they are treated equally.
 - Continuing to work for Prison Officers who were injured through terrorism and the families of those whose loved ones were murdered whilst serving in the Prison Service.
 - Equality and accountability in the funding of victims' groups.
- **The DUP will continue to campaign for innocent victims.**
 - **We shall lobby government to implement changes which will eliminate inequality in the treatment of victims.**
 - **We believe genuine victims of terrorism should be supported in a suitable and generous manner.**





Tourism has been an important industry in Ulster for decades - tens of thousands of visitors enjoy our country every year.



TOURISM IS CENTRAL TO THE PROMOTION & INVESTMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND PLC

Tourism is central to the promotion and investment of Northern Ireland PLC. Tourism is the mainstay of Northern Ireland's economy, but it is an under utilised asset that to date has not been permitted to realise its full potential. 47,000 people are employed in the tourist sector. In 2001, 1.7 million tourists visited Northern Ireland, spending £0.3 billion, making it a major industry.

Visitors who come to the Province to enjoy our unique and wonderful natural assets such as the Giants Causeway, the Glens of Antrim, the Fermanagh Lakeland, the Sperrins and the Mourne are not properly catered for in terms of quantity of places to stay and quality of attractions when they do stay.

Investment must be strategically directed at our tourism package so that the few millions

realised from tourism can increase to hundreds of millions. That is no more than the Northern Ireland tourism industry deserves.

Targeted support must be allocated for the development of the international transportation infrastructure. Consideration should be given to reduced rates on tourism premises, as they are a primary employment provider in the Northern Ireland economy.



DELIVERING A growing NORTHERN IRELAND



The DUP is committed to promoting inward investment and economic and industrial development in Northern Ireland. We are dedicated to promoting all sectors of industry and to ensuring equality of treatment and opportunity for those based in rural communities.

We desire to see Northern Ireland compete and entrench itself within the rapidly changing global economy and seek to promote local business to achieve economic success.

THE DUP PLEDGES TO:

- Promote small business and oppose the imposition of additional taxation and regulation which would impede this sector and support for broadband.
- Promote the information technology sector which offers significant scope for employment growth. We will press for rapid expansion of this sector particularly outside Belfast.
- Promote Northern Ireland goods and services within our key markets.
- Support the work of Invest Northern Ireland and ensure investment is evenly distributed throughout Northern Ireland, particularly in rural areas.
- Oppose the imposition of the Euro.

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A FAIR DEAL FOR OUR FARMERS

Every sector of the agricultural industry is facing problems. Farmers work some of the longest hours of any workers, yet over the last five years, the average farm income has been below the national minimum wage. If the industry is to survive then people must be able to make a living from food production.

The DUP has proved its commitment to defending the interests of farmers.

We believe that if properly managed we can return the industry to more prosperous days which will be to the benefit of everyone in Northern Ireland.

This fight has been led by the DUP Leader Dr Ian Paisley who, as Chairman of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, has been to the fore in championing the cause of farmers in the province.

- DARD must ensure that within Northern Ireland the CAP reform is implemented in a way that secures the long-term future of the agri-food industry whilst not having an adverse effect on individual farm businesses in the short-term.
- The DUP will not support voluntary modulation of payments on top of compulsory modulation unless a transparent mechanism is put in place to channel the modulated funds back to those farmers who contributed the funds.
- The dairy industry here is heavily reliant on exports, and while we will continue to campaign for the maintenance of export refunds, we would support a restructuring of the dairy industry towards value-added products.
- Within the beef industry we will endeavour to get the full resumption of beef exports outside the UK. We will also work to get a more transparent system for the grading and pricing of livestock slaughtered within Northern Ireland.
- We will work to ensure that there is greater efficiency at all levels within DARD. We believe that DARD can be streamlined to become more efficient in dealing with the industry.
- Sourcing of local produce allows a shortened food chain which gives consumers increased confidence in their food quality and can also increase revenue for farmers.
- People must be able to find a place to live in the countryside. We propose an easing in planning legislation in certain areas to allow farmers to obtain planning permission for a domestic dwelling.
- The DUP will support a new-entrants' scheme providing that it is cost efficient and beneficial to those who have already entered or wish to enter the industry.
- The DUP will work to ensure that a mechanism is put in place to help farms cope with incoming environmental legislation.



A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL



Over the past four years William McCrea has been the Chairman of the Assembly committee for the Department of the Environment.

Over that period the committee has intervened on a number of occasions to ensure that the department moved in the right direction. Significant challenges lie ahead for the DOE including:

- Ensuring that reform of the planning system delivers fast and efficient results.
- Devising a system of third party appeals which gives rights to objectors but does not allow frivolous claims to delay development.
- Greater liberalisation of the sale of number plates to raise finance.

HIGHER EDUCATION: INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The DUP supports extending educational opportunity to as many people as possible in society. It is a crucial building block for any economy.

Northern Ireland desperately needs more third level education places in the Province. It is critical that students from Northern Ireland are given every opportunity to stay here for their education if they so wish.

Entry to third level education must not be dependant on financial means. Any system of student finance must take account of this priority.

Co-operation between business, industry and educational institutions is vital to ensure courses are designed to maximum effect.

Adult illiteracy should be made a thing of the past.



ESTABLISHING THE FREEDOM TO PARADE

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

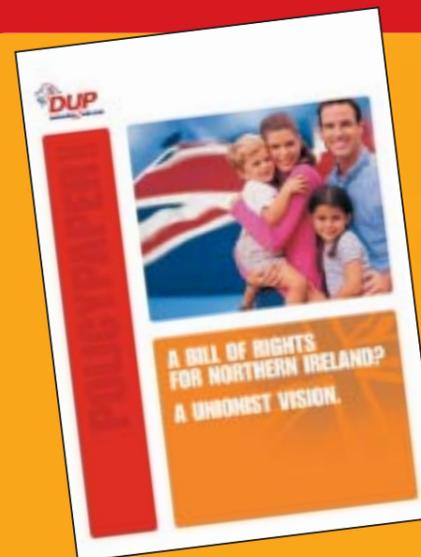
- Ending the scandalous denial of civil and religious liberties to the Loyal Orders. The Parades Commission has failed in its operation and new legislation is required to make determinations on parades fairly.
- Putting in place a system that recognises the fundamental rights of freedom of assembly and freedom of expression.
- Ensuring that the process of making determinations on parades and protests in Northern Ireland is accountable.

The Parades Commission has merely sought to legitimise and reward the actions of those who seek to cause trouble by determining parades on the basis of threats of violence by those who oppose the Loyal Orders. Thus the Parades Commission has become part of the problem.

ENHANCING A RICH CULTURAL TRADITION

Northern Ireland has a great history in the fields of culture, arts and sporting achievements. The DUP is fully committed to promoting these areas so that we can build on that tradition.

- The Ulster-Scots language and culture is slowly gaining more and more prominence. The DUP is fully committed to the further promotion of what for too long has been a forgotten culture. Ulster-Scots should have parity of esteem with Irish including equality of funding.
- We wish to see road racing continue in Northern Ireland as a competitive sport. We feel there is room to upgrade Northern Ireland's road racing tracks.
- Northern Ireland should have a national stadium, but it should not be built at the expense of Irish League football grounds which require improvements.
- After McGimpsey's failed Belfast European City of Culture bid, we are committed to ensuring that the arts receives adequate funding and can attract people from all backgrounds.



HUMAN RIGHTS - THE UNIONIST AGENDA

The DUP supports a positive Human Rights agenda where fundamental freedoms are protected but the role of the legislature is respected. The Human Rights agenda which has been pursued since the Belfast Agreement has proved to be financially very costly and both sympathetic to nationalism and expansionist in its outlook.

WE SUPPORT:

- A minimalist Bill of Rights.
- Devolution of responsibility for the Human Rights Commission to a Northern Ireland Assembly in a new political settlement.
- A Human Rights Commission which keeps within the boundaries laid down by Parliament.
- Fairness in funding by the Human Rights and Equality Commissions.
- An end to discrimination by the Human Rights Commission.

Human Rights provisions should be supported by both unionists and nationalists. Unless checked both a nationalist Human Rights and Equality Agenda could be damaging to unionism and business alike. We believe that unionists should shape the Human Rights agenda in Northern Ireland and not leave it to be dictated by nationalists.

The Ulster Unionist Party betrayed the unionist electorate. Remember how it coned unionists with their slogan, "Vote Yes for the Union"?

It created and supported the Belfast Agreement, now it seeks to blame everyone else for its mistakes. Whilst republicans pocketed concessions, the IRA continues with its terrorist activities.

THE BELFAST AGREEMENT IS WRECKING NORTHERN IRELAND:

"I KNOW WHO I'M VOTING FOR!"

Four more years of the Belfast Agreement will lead to the destruction of Northern Ireland. David Trimble and the Ulster Unionists want to see it fully implemented: the DUP wants to see it replaced by a new agreement.

Only the DUP can be trusted to deliver for unionism.

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Policy Papers:

These policy documents offer a more detailed analysis of some of the crucial issues which must be dealt with in Northern Ireland:



Towards a New Agreement
A critical assessment of the Belfast Agreement five years on. This document demonstrates how the DUP's stance in 1998 has been vindicated.



Joint Declaration
The DUP's analysis of the latest UUP concessions to the IRA.



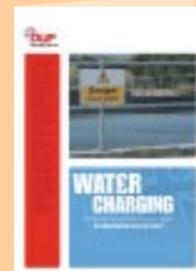
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The DUP's priorities and position on the issue of Policing and Justice.



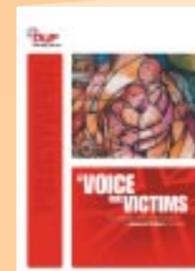
A Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland? A Unionist Vision.
We believe that a bill of rights should not supplant the role of government but should protect fundamental freedoms.



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The DUP's proposals to cut bureaucracy outlines where we can make savings of £1 billion which can be freed up for front-line services.



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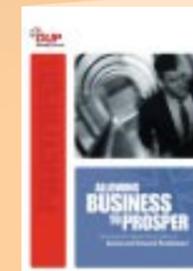
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