

ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT / DEVOLUTION CONSULTATION

# YOUR VERDICT - WHAT IS IT TO BE?



The Government and their counterparts in the Irish Republic have issued the terms of an agreement for the government of our beloved Province.

The St Andrews Agreement is the document of the two Governments. It is not the Agreement of the DUP or any other political party.

Through our representations we sought, and succeeded, in obtaining the safeguard that the people of Northern Ireland would have the opportunity to pass their verdict on the proposals. Other parties have already opposed the election plan. They do not want you to have the final say.

But you will have the final say – your verdict. What is it to be?

The DUP is a devolutionist party. We want to see devolved government founded on sound democratic principles so that the people of Northern Ireland can have a real say in their own local government.

Had it not been for the DUP there would have been no focus on the need to have a complete end to paramilitary and criminal activity, the requirement that all parties in power support the rule of law and the necessity for fundamental changes to the pro-United Ireland agenda of the Belfast Agreement.

If you want to save the Union and have a devolved democratic government then the changes which the DUP fought for and obtained in this new Agreement, to safeguard your British and democratic rights, must be made.

## ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT



Republicans must now stop delaying and get on with delivering. **If there is no delivery there is no deal.** We demand delivery first. Law and Order is absolutely fundamental to the establishment of any lasting democratic form of British devolution in Northern Ireland.

It is imperative that we maintain the integrity of the democratic process. The notion of any Party wishing to sit in the government of Northern Ireland yet not at the same time supporting the Police must be resisted by all right-thinking people.

The personal attacks on me by IRA/Sinn Fein and on the DUP policy indicates that we are looked upon as Enemy Number One. Why? Because we are replacing the disastrous Belfast Agreement so that at last the people of Northern Ireland are to have a real say in their own future.

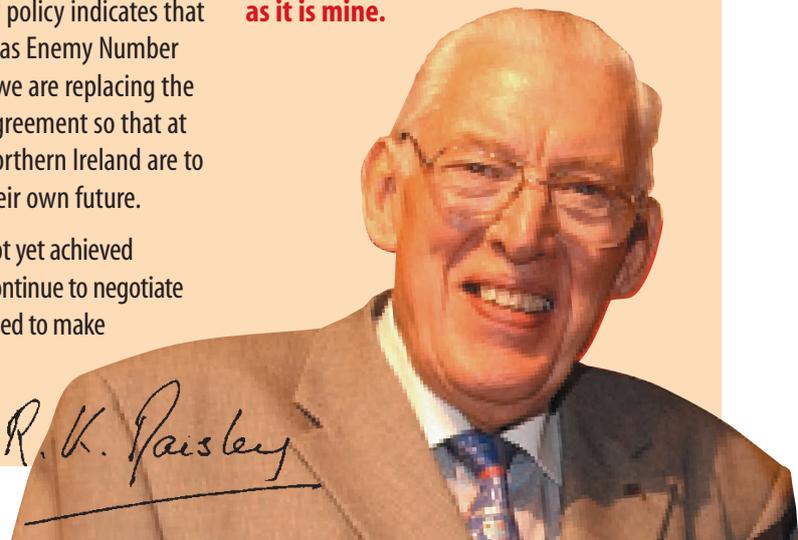
Of course, we have not yet achieved everything, but we continue to negotiate and remain determined to make further progress.

Study this short paper carefully and weigh up what we have achieved while bearing in mind what will happen if these changes are not made. At this vital time in our history, true unionists must prevail and give leadership to our Province. This is not the time to withdraw. This is the time to withstand.

It is only as informed and dedicated unionists that we can deliver the vital verdict and lead our Province out of the night and into the light.

**Give your verdict. The future of Ulster is your solemn responsibility as it is mine.**

*Ian R. U. Paisley*



## WHAT THE ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT MEANS:

1. Fundamental Changes to the Belfast Agreement.
2. A DUP veto on all significant decisions – never again will Ministers be able to take decisions in defiance of the unionist community.
3. A DUP veto on North South decisions.
4. Strong DUP influence on all policies affecting Northern Ireland - accountable local decision-making instead of Direct Rule.
5. Implementation of measures to ensure Fairness and Equality for unionists.
6. The retention of Academic Selection.
7. A Cap on Rates.
8. Local Control of issues such as water charges.
9. Assembly to take responsibility for RPA with ability to block its all-Ireland agenda.
10. Sinn Fein having to give full support to policing and the criminal justice system.
11. An automatic end to 50/50 recruitment as soon as composition of the PSNI reaches 30% Roman Catholics.
12. No date for the devolution of policing and justice powers and a DUP veto over when this takes place.
13. Westminster Northern Ireland Grand Committee to meet in province.
14. An end to all IRA paramilitary activity.
15. A complete end to all IRA criminal activities.
16. A testing period to ensure republicans have delivered.
17. Unionists no longer having to jump first- no delivery means no deal.
18. The electorate given an opportunity to pass their verdict.
19. Commitment to increased funding for victims.
20. A Financial Package for Northern Ireland.

## WORK IN PROGRESS:

**Whilst the St Andrews Agreement has been published negotiations are still ongoing to make further progress across a whole range of issues. Satisfactory progress on these issues will also be required before devolution can be restored. These include:**

- Arrangements to move away from mandatory coalitions.
- Putting in place mechanisms to deal with breaches / default by republicans.
- Further Fairness and Equality Measures for the unionist community.
- Details of the Financial Package.
- Securing progress on resolving issue of parading.
- Clarifying the potential impact, if any, of Government proposals regarding ex-prisoners and the Irish language.
- Confirming implementation arrangements for all other proposals.

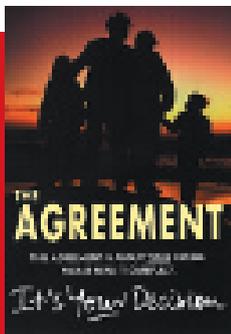
**We are continuing to negotiate on these and many other issues.**

## NO RELIANCE ON ASSURANCES

Unlike the UUP, the Democratic Unionist Party will place no reliance on any assurances from Government or other parties, whether verbal or written. The test for the DUP will be whether commitments have been met by inclusion in legislation or promises already delivered upon.

**There will be no deal without delivery.**





ST ANDREWS  
AGREEMENT

13TH OCTOBER 2006

# BELFAST AGREEMENT

UUP NEGOTIATIONS

V

# ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT

DUP NEGOTIATIONS

While the St Andrews Agreement is undoubtedly a better package than the Belfast Agreement the issue we have to determine is not whether it is a fairer deal but whether it provides for a fair deal.

The Belfast Agreement allowed republicans to enter government without giving up one gun or bullet.

The DUP forced substantial decommissioning of the IRA's illegal weapons where the UUP failed.

The Belfast Agreement allowed those who continued terrorist activity and criminality into government.

The DUP have forced republicans, kicking and screaming, down the road of ending paramilitary and criminal activity.

The Belfast Agreement destroyed the Royal Ulster Constabulary and decimated policing morale.

The St Andrews Agreement requires republicans to openly support the police.

The Belfast Agreement allowed terrorists found guilty in our Courts out of jail to escape the punishment set by the judiciary.

The St Andrews Agreement requires republicans to support the Rule of Law including the Courts and the judicial process

The Belfast Agreement allowed 447 paramilitary prisoners to walk free.

As a result of the present negotiations the Government have agreed to abandon proposals to give an amnesty to 'On The Runs'.

The Belfast Agreement set up unaccountable all-Ireland bodies.

The St Andrews Agreement ensures all North/Southern is fully accountable to Northern Ireland's elected representatives.

The Belfast Agreement handed power to nationalist Assembly Ministers without them either being accountable or collectively responsible.

The St Andrews Agreement ensures no significant decisions can be taken without unionist approval.

There was no satisfactory Financial Package to aid Northern Ireland and devolution arising from the Belfast Agreement.

The St Andrews Agreement commits the government to a significant financial package.

The Belfast Agreement brought concessions to nationalists and ignored unionist needs.

The government at St Andrews has made commitments to provide greater fairness and equality for unionists.

In addition agreements have been reached with the government, consequent on moving forward, that decisions on Water Charging and the Review of Public Administration will be left to a new Executive, Northern Ireland Rates will be capped and academic selection will not be abolished.

Crucially under the Belfast Agreement Sinn Fein was in Government before decommissioning even commenced, and whilst criminality and paramilitary and terrorist activity continued, without even a commitment to deal with them.

Whereas, under the proposed St Andrews agreement, Sinn Fein will only be in Government after decommissioning and an end to criminality, paramilitary and terrorist activity have been proven.

# THE ALTERNATIVE

If we reject the St Andrews Agreement there are a number of consequences.

- Sinn Fein would not be in a Government in Northern Ireland but may have a role in the Republic of Ireland.
- Devolution is unlikely to return for a number of years.
- Policy continues to be set by the Labour Government without any significant local input.
- There will be a greater role for the Government of the Republic of Ireland in the affairs of Northern Ireland.
- The plans for seven councils with nationalist and republican control of the west of the Province will be implemented.
- Academic Selection would be abolished.
- There would be no local control of issues like water charging or the reform of the rating system.
- Lets Sinn Fein off the hook on law and order.

## HOW TO RESPOND

The last date for responses to this consultation is **8th November 2006**

We have made it clear that only if all commitments that have been made are delivered would we consider entering an Executive with Sinn Fein. This will ultimately be a judgment which needs to be made in light of the prevailing circumstances in the Spring. The question is therefore predicated on such an environment existing when the final decision has to be taken.

Consultation responses should be sent to:

**Devolution Consultation Response  
Democratic Unionist Party  
91 Dundela Avenue  
Belfast BT4 3BU  
Fax: 028 9065 4480  
Email: [info@dup.org.uk](mailto:info@dup.org.uk)**

Electronic version and full policy document on this issue will be available at [www.dup.org.uk](http://www.dup.org.uk)

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE 

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS (OR PHOTOCOPY IT AND FAX IT TO THE NUMBER ABOVE)

**DO YOU ACCEPT, SUBJECT TO FAITHFUL DELIVERY AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON THE REMAINING ISSUES, THAT THE TERMS SET OUT IN THIS DOCUMENT REPRESENT A BASIS FOR MOVING FORWARD TO DEVOLUTION?**

(PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

YES

NO

COMMENTS (IF ANY):

---

---

---

---

---

---

NAME:

---

ADDRESS:

---

---

POSTCODE:

---

TEL:

EMAIL:

---