



# Key Policy Commitments for the Assembly

## Leading Change... for a Shared Future

- ✓ Achieve 20% of children in integrated schools and 40% in mixed schools by 2020
- ✓ Make it law that the Housing Executive encourages and facilitates mixed housing
- ✓ Require public bodies to promote shared space in new capital projects
- ✓ Cease tolerance of illegally-erected flags and emblems
- ✓ Work with communities to secure the removal of 'peace walls'
- ✓ End the sectarian designation system for MLAs in the Assembly
- ✓ Require Departments to review Spending Plans to identify the costs of managing a divided society by the end of the 2011-12 financial year
- ✓ Pass a Single Equality Bill by the end of 2012
- ✓ Deliver and implement a Sexual Orientation Strategy
- ✓ Strengthen the Community Relations Council as an independent watchdog
- ✓ Secure cross-party agreement on a mechanism for dealing with the past
- ✓ Introduce a Comprehensive Languages Act

## Leading Change... for Better Government

- ✓ Create an Executive formed through negotiation, that operates to an agreed Programme
- ✓ Reduce Government Departments from 12 to 8
- ✓ Reduce the number of MLAs to 80
- ✓ Place a duty to co-operate on all Departments
- ✓ Deliver on the Review of Public Administration – reducing the number of councils
- ✓ Convene talks between political and local government to develop consensus and a roadmap for the future structure of councils
- ✓ Create a partnership model between regional and local government.
- ✓ Introduce transparency around political donations

## **Leading Change... for an Economic Revolution**

- ✓ Create a Department for the Economy
- ✓ Introduce a lower rate of corporation tax
- ✓ Develop a targeted approach to inward investment
- ✓ Rationalise and better target business support
- ✓ Re-direct resources from revenue budgets to capital to support the construction sector
- ✓ Explore the possibility of creating a commercially orientated research organisation
- ✓ Develop incubation centres to support high growth indigenous business
- ✓ Ensure a range of finance opportunities for small business
- ✓ Protect and enhance our town centres
- ✓ Invest in the Green New Deal
- ✓ Grow our key sectors: agri-foods, creative industries, ICT and tourism
- ✓ Promote our culture, heritage and environment and designate the Mournes a National Park

## **Leading Change... for Modern Public Services**

- ✓ Redirect funding and service delivery to early intervention and prevention measures
- ✓ Benchmark and market-test public services to ensure value for money
- ✓ Reduce administration costs and waste to ensure that resources are directed to the frontline
- ✓ Promote greater provision of shared services on a north-south basis
- ✓ Work for the Mutualisation of Northern Ireland Water
- ✓ Provide a joined up approach to planning and urban regeneration
- ✓ Introduce a cross departmental approach to community transport needs



## Leading Change... for a Safer Community

- ✓ Ensure adequate resources and an Executive wide focus on addressing paramilitarism
- ✓ Tackle organised crime
- ✓ Reduce offending and re-offending via an inter agency approach
- ✓ Make communities safer, through a new Community Safety Strategy
- ✓ Develop a more consistent approach to sentencing
- ✓ Improve access to justice, through a reform of legal aid
- ✓ Recognise and address the needs of victims and survivors
- ✓ Reform the prison system

## Leading Change... for Health and Well-being

- ✓ Promote a cross-party working group to discuss and agree major reforms with the health service
- ✓ Ensure a better focus on public health, prevention and early intervention to improve health outcomes, address health inequalities and to save money
- ✓ Provide a greater emphasis upon better home and community services
- ✓ Increase funding for mental health services and deliver integrated mental health and mental capacity legislation
- ✓ Tackle bureaucracy and develop cross border co-operation to save money to protect vital services
- ✓ Introduce minimum pricing of alcohol



## Leading Change... for a Fairer Society

- ✓ Target spending toward need
- ✓ Ensure that taxes and charges are fair and progressive
- ✓ Support a welfare system that enables people to fulfil their potential
- ✓ Develop an inter-agency 'total place' approach to inactivity and unemployment
- ✓ Invest in early years' education and childcare to support child development
- ✓ Support early intervention and prevention for families and young people at risk
- ✓ Reduce the number of looked after children
- ✓ Provide social housing
- ✓ Support access to services for rural communities
- ✓ Introduce social clauses in public sector capital projects

## Leading Change... for a Greener Future

- ✓ Create green clean energy sources
- ✓ Work to reduce energy use in homes, businesses and government
- ✓ Develop a Climate Change Act for Northern Ireland, supported by a clear 'road map'
- ✓ Create an independent Environment Protection Agency
- ✓ Commit to a carbon neutral public sector estate
- ✓ Protect the marine environment
- ✓ Development a comprehensive animal and plant disease management strategy
- ✓ Protect and enhance our built and natural environment
- ✓ Introduce third party right to appeal
- ✓ Develop a sustainable approach to urban planning
- ✓ Provide a more sustainable public transport

## Leading Change... for Education and Skills

- ✓ Encourage 'wrap around' full-time nursery provision
- ✓ Rebalance the education budget, toward early and primary education
- ✓ Promote local area planning and sustainable schools
- ✓ Address inefficiencies in school estate to direct funding toward pupils
- ✓ Provide an education system that reflects the individual learning needs of pupils
- ✓ Retain legal statementing for special needs students
- ✓ Work to address poor levels of literacy and numeracy
- ✓ Retain government as the primary funder of higher education teaching
- ✓ No unfair rises in tuition fees
- ✓ Reduce the number of year one drop outs from university
- ✓ Develop stronger routes of progression between our universities and colleges
- ✓ Designate STEM subjects as priority skills areas and improve provision in schools
- ✓ Create a more flexible and responsive training and education system
- ✓ Stimulate employer investment in the skills of the workforce
- ✓ Develop strong links between employers and our education and skills providers
- ✓ Provide accessible, informed and independent careers advice
- ✓ Implement an early intervention and prevention strategy to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training

# Leading change on legislation...

## for a Shared Future

- ✓ Shared Housing Bill
- ✓ Comprehensive Languages Bill
- ✓ Shared Future Policy Proofing
- ✓ Single Equality Bill

## or an Economic Revolution

- ✓ Enabling Bill for Corporation Tax
- ✓ National Park Bill
- ✓ Renewable Energy Support Bill

## for Education and Skills

- ✓ Early Education and Care Bill
- ✓ Shared and Integrated Education Bill
- ✓ Education and Skills Authority Bill

## for Modern Public Services

- ✓ NI Water Governance Bill
- ✓ A Bill to Create an Independent Environment Protection Agency
- ✓ Winter Gritting Bill

## for Health and Well-being

- ✓ Minimum Pricing of Alcohol
- ✓ Single Mental Health and Mental Capacity Bill

## for Better Government

- ✓ Governance Bill
- ✓ Local Government Review of Public Administration Bill

## for a Safer Community

- ✓ Faster, Fairer Justice Bill
- ✓ Justice Miscellaneous Provision Bill
- ✓ Biometric Data Retention Reform Bill

## for a Fairer Society

- ✓ Adoption Bill
- ✓ Apartment Developments' Management Reform Bill

## for a Greener Future

- ✓ NI Climate Change Bill
- ✓ Northern Ireland Marine Bill
- ✓ An Economic Revolution

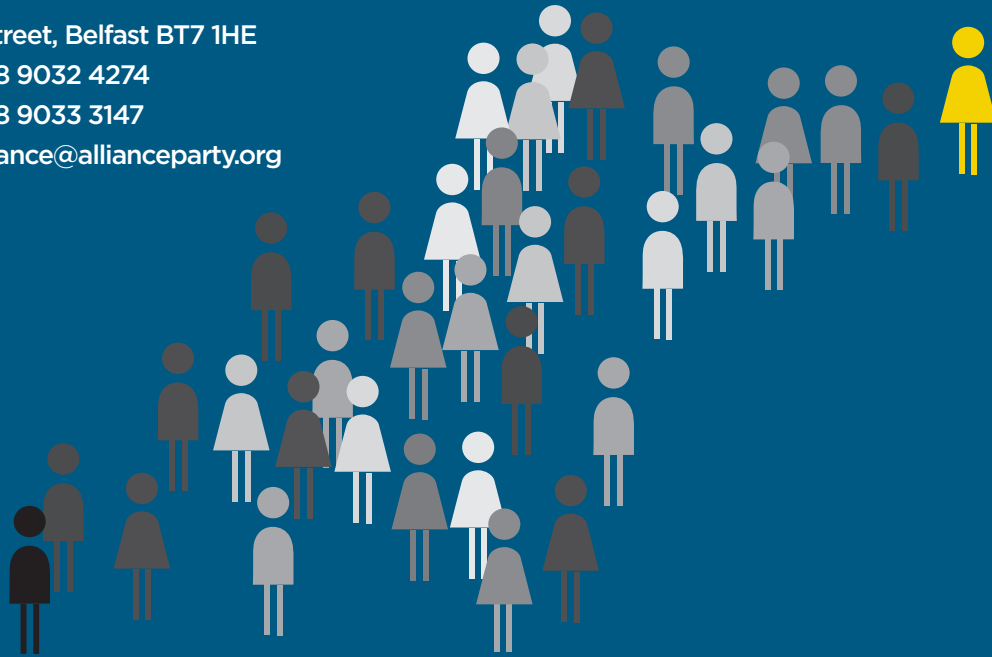
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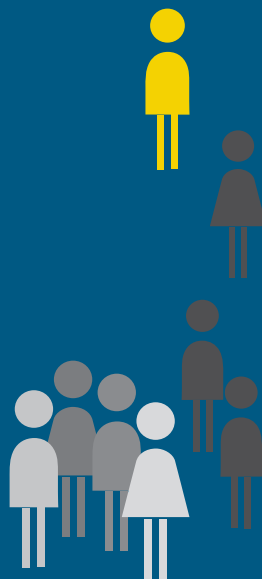
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