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 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 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 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

**for 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