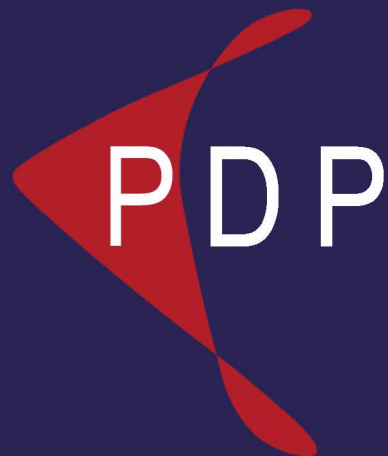


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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



# A FRESH START

## HEALTH

- A commitment to quality delivery of care
- Clear strategic leadership
- A new Health and Social Services ministry
- A new Mental Health facility
- A fundamental review in Mental Health Services
- More investment in Community Services
- Better interface with Social Services and Housing
- Investment in staff and better morale
- Better consultation with staff and their representatives
- Key recruitment of nurses, medical staff and professions allied to medicine
- More delegated financial management to Primary Care
- Support for a ban on smoking in public places
- Greater investment in training and emphasis on localisation of posts

## HOUSING

- A new town would be developed on reclaimed land which would include provision for residential housing for purchase and rental stock
- Housing stock made available for purchase would be at genuinely affordable prices
- A range of imaginative co-ownership schemes would be made available
- Priority for housing would be given to young families, young couples and those in urgent need of re-housing.
- There would be a review of the housing pointage system and the allocation criteria to ensure it works more efficiently and speedily
- More resources would be provided to ensure a speedier turnover of refurbishment projects so that housing can be made available to those on the housing list more quickly
- The landlord & tenant act would be kept under review to ensure that it works fairly for landlords and tenants alike
- Projects to sell housing stock to sitting tenants who wish to buy would be continued without affecting employees of the department detrimentally
- 300 rental stock houses over four years
- 300 new houses for purchase over four years
- A total of 1500 additional houses over ten years
- Housing designed with disabled and elderly needs in mind
- Environmentally friendly and sustainable buildings
- Sensitive land reclamation
- Tax incentives for internal refurbishment of older properties

## ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND HERITAGE

- Better consultation with the Heritage Trust
- Introduction of a system of listed buildings
- Protection of our governmental archives by legislation
- World heritage bid status as a key target
- More inclusive planning
- Review of health and safety legislation
- To bolster the Environmental Charter by introducing a specific Action Plan of key targets and measures
- Introduce energy saving measures to public sector buildings
- Improve methods of publicly available means of transport
- To ensure that environmental concerns are taken into account at all levels of government planning
- To introduce recycling measures
- To review the possibilities for re-using our waste in a sustainable way by the production of alternative fuels
- To introduce energy efficiency requirements for the construction of new buildings
- To enhance the provision of environmental education, awareness research and training at all levels
- To pursue a policy of regular co-operation and consultation with NGOs
- To carry out regular monitoring and review of our environment to assess emission and pollution levels and their impact on public health
- To support a smoking ban in public places

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CIVIL RIGHTS

- Disability allowance to be raised
- Disability allowance to be made payable to all that may become disabled during their lifetime
- More provision for residential Elderly Care Services
- More provision for domiciliary services for the Elderly
- More respite care services
- A Children Act to safeguard laws on children and parental rights
- Reform of legal aid and assistance
- Review of Public Service Broadcasting
- A Civil Partnership law
- A Referendum law which sets out how Referenda on important public questions can be organised and convened
- Review of Criminal Sentencing to allow greater powers to Attorney General in asking court to review cases
- Provision of enhanced services to Children in Care

## LIVING DEMOCRACY

- No PDP Chief Minister will serve more than 8 years as Chief Minister
- Electoral reform
- A Parliamentary Ombudsman
- Televised meetings of the Parliament
- A monthly Chief Minister's question time
- Greater use of Referenda on matters of public importance
- A more inclusive style of Government
- Cooperation and joint committees of the Parliament with Opposition members whenever possible
- The provision of more regular information to the Opposition
- Better consultation with social and economic interest groups all levels of Government planning

## ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND TAX

- Lower personal tax
- Lower corporate tax
- A dedicated Shipping Minister
- A New Town project with new commercial and industrial infrastructure
- A dedicated Financial Services Minister
- A business centre for one-stop business
- Less regulation
- Less bureaucracy
- Massive tourism product overhaul
- Linkage to sustainable Heritage use and Eco-Tourism
- Environmentally targeted taxation