

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

TO: All Alliance Councillors

FROM: General Secretary

RE: Council Resolution on "Dublin Involvement"

DATE: 29 November 1993

A resolution is being circulated by members of the Unionist Councillors Association which is designed to embarrass moderate Unionists and Alliance. There are slight variations, but there is a broad general theme.

It has been agreed by the Political Strategy committee that the following approach must be adopted by every Alliance Councillor:

- (1) The following amendment is to be proposed:

Preamble unchanged:

"Following the release of the Irish blueprint stating the Republic's future role in the Government of Northern Ireland that both Governments wish to see new structures in the Province which will assume executive and legislative responsibilities over a wide range of subjects ... etc."

Substitute

"...., and the recent leak of information regarding the British government's communications with the PIRA, this Councils, calls on all paramilitary organisation to stop their violence forthwith, and calls also on the two Prime Ministers to intensify their efforts to achieve an agreed approach to resolving our problems, which recognises fully the right of the people of Northern Ireland to determine their own future entirely free of violence or political coercion."

- (2) If the amendment is defeated, all Alliance members are to abstain on the substantive resolution, on the basis that all democratic parties should condemn all violence and support the two Prime Ministers: if they cannot support this, Alliance cannot support resolution.

- (3) You may, if appropriate in your Council, seek support for our amendment from moderate Unionists.
- (4) If there are any problems in your Council, you must contact John Alderdice (telephone 0232 793097) or myself either at Headquarters (tel. 0232 324274) or at home (tel. 0266 898170) to discuss them.
- (5) In no circumstances should you accept any other party's wording without prior discussion with Headquarters.