

Addition by Alliance Party to paragraph 8:

TRANSPORT

This would involve a reconsideration of the Belfast Ring Road project.

and car parking. We are also agreed upon the need to open discussions with Westminster on our powers in relation to shipping and air services - both freight and passenger - which are crucial to the future development of the economy of Northern Ireland.

CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- 9. There is a need for encouragement and re-inforcement of the new arrangements in Northern Ireland relating to conservation in order to marshall all the necessary resources and to harmonise management policies and legislation.

TOURISM

- 10. We are agreed on the need to explore the possibilities of providing facilities in advance of need in order to pioneer markets for the future.

EDUCATION

- 1. The ideal of equal educational opportunity for all and the primacy of parental rights are the principles on which our educational system should be based. In the present context the following changes must be considered.

- (a) the introduction of a policy of universal nursery education;
- (b) the radical re-examination of the present selection procedures for secondary education and the consequent re-organisation of secondary education;
- (c) recognition of educational priority areas based on social need;
- (d) In the field of higher education co-ordination of available resources in the best interests of the community as a whole.
- (e) a detailed investigation of the role of education in the promotion of community harmony and the development of pilot experiments, after consultation with interested parties, in integrated education.

CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

We understand the need for sensitivity and care in these fields but believe that every effort should be made to promote further understanding of the variety of our culture and traditions.

PRICES AND INCOMES

- 13. This is largely the responsibility of Westminster but the Northern Ireland Executive should co-ordinate Government agencies here and create adequate price policing methods as well as giving positive encouragement to the development of voluntary consumer associations.

HUMAN WELFARE

We shall encourage research into all aspects of the welfare of the community in order to identify genuine needs and evaluate the effectiveness of existing services in meeting them. Without prejudice to the principle of parity with Great Britain, consideration should be given to the creation of Northern Ireland as a pilot area for reforms in the whole field of family allowances, supplementary benefits, and the rationalisation of means tested benefits. Among of our first priorities will be the elimination of poverty and the rehabilitation of all those especially the young adversely affected by the recent violence.