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Justice

Community Safety Strategy: Launch and Publication of 'Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities'

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The Minister of Justice (Mr Ford): I am pleased to inform Assembly Members of the launch and publication today of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) 'Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities', a consultation paper on proposals for a new Community Safety Strategy.

This consultation paper sets out my proposals for a new Community Safety Strategy for Northern Ireland, which will contribute to creating safer, shared and confident communities over the longer term.

Much good work has been done in recent years to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and to build communities that feel safe. I intend to build on what already works, with evidence-based solutions tailored to the needs of local communities.

This is an important consultation, setting out proposals to shape a new approach to building safer, shared and confident communities in the years ahead. I would encourage members to ensure that you and your constituents contribute to the consultation process.

The consultation period will last for 12 weeks and close on Friday 15 April.

Copies of the consultation paper are available from the Department's Community Safety Unit in hard copy and I have also arranged for copies of the paper to be available in the Assembly Library.

It has also been published on the DOJ website www.dojni.gov.uk as well as NIDirect website www.nidirect.gov.uk.