

## **New GP contractor for Grove Medical Practice, Belfast**

The Department of Health can confirm that a new GP contractor has been appointed for Grove Medical Practice in Belfast.

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## **Search begins for Tourism Northern Ireland board members**

The Department for the Economy (DfE) has launched a public appointments competition for five members of the board of Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI).

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## **Stop before you shop – Trading Standards Service**

As part of this year's National Consumer Week the Department for the Economy's Trading Standards Service (TSS) is advising people to spend their money wisely and what to do if things go wrong.

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## **Future of the Blackness industrial area #dundeewestend**



In line with the requirements of the council's Local Development Plan, back in 2019, city council planners consulted on a proposed Design Framework for the future development of the Blackness General Economic Development Area.

This covers the industrial area north of the Hawkhill by-pass to Lochee Road running from West Marketgait in the east to Lower Pleasance in the west.

The framework was subject to a six week consultation, including a drop-in event at Verdant Works that Fraser attended, in the heart of the area.

The concept was to unlock the potential of the area to bring vacant, derelict or underused land and buildings back into productive use, as well as improving employment opportunities and productivity.

We recently asked for an update on progress since the adoption of the Design Framework as we are anxious to see progress with this.

The council's Head of Planning and Economic Development has responded as follows :

**"When approved in 2019, the Blackness Business Place Plan sought to encourage new development opportunities to help regenerate this industrial area. The Plan facilitated more use diversification and generated positive discussions with building owners, developers and architects regarding the redevelopment of several buildings.**

**Unfortunately, Covid19 did impact on development interest. However, you will be aware that some mixed-use student accommodation projects did progress and were granted planning permission during April 2021 for 63 Brown Street and November 2021 for 56 Brown Street). Whilst no building works have commenced so far, the 63 Brown Street project has recently applied to discharge their planning conditions, which is a sign that development may proceed.**

**In addition, we have a planning application for no.9 Guthrie Street as well**

as several proposals that are pre-application discussion stage.

Significant progress has also been made with the City Centre Strategic Investment Plan, which was recently reported to City Development Committee.

A major aim of the plan is to strengthen links between the city centre and surrounding areas by improving pedestrian connectivity and active travel routes.

These medium to long-term interventions will take time to design and deliver, but should make further improvements to the Blackness area by making it more integrated with the city centre, particularly via the Guthrie Street/Ward Road axis.”

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## [City Church's Community Café and Larder #dundeewestend](#)

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*Community Café & Larder*



THURSDAYS // 11-2  
FUNCTION SUITE @ THE FRIARY

Today – and every Thursday – City Church's Community Café and Larder is open – from 11am-2pm.

Come along for homemade soup & cakes and to pick up some groceries!

This takes place at The Friary in Tullideph Road.