

## **Applications invited for Assets Recovery Community Scheme funding to prevent crime in communities**

The Department of Justice is inviting voluntary and community sector organisations, registered charities, and statutory bodies delivering projects in community settings in Northern Ireland to apply for funding aimed at preventing crime.

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## **Murphy visits local businesses in Strabane**

Finance Minister Conor Murphy visited a number of businesses in the Strabane area this week to see first-hand how they have benefitted from the financial support offered by the Department during Covid-19 as well as their future plans.

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## **New regional mental health crisis service**

Health Minister Robin Swann today announced a new regional Mental Health Crisis Service in line with a commitment in the Mental Health Action Plan.

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## **Poots encourages responses to consultation on NI's first ever Rural Policy Framework before 06 September**

**2021**

With the consultation period set to close on Northern Ireland's first ever Rural Policy Framework, Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots MLA is encouraging those who have yet to respond to do so before 06 September 2021.

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## **Unadopted pavements in the West End** **#dundeewestend**



Some time ago, the council's administration group proposed changing the criteria for the adoption of unadopted pavements to widen it to include other unadopted assets that would allow some areas that had previously not met the criteria for adoption to be considered in the future, such as cul de sacs and some remote footpaths.

My colleague Councillor Duncan from Broughty Ferry and I had no issue with the change in principle but felt it should be altered only after the current unadopted list had been honoured – indicative dates had been given in relation to streets on the "old" list up to this financial year 2021-22 – and were in the public domain.

Changing the criteria would potentially mean that indicative dates would not be honoured, but the council administration was not for listening and the

change went ahead before the old unadopted footways list had been completed.

There were six outstanding schemes in the West End on the "old" list and I recently asked the Senior Engineer in the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership what the position with them is :

**"I have had a look at the list and interpolated the positions of the schemes you asked about.**

**At current budget levels we do roughly 15 schemes a year**

**I have put the place in the list beside the address :**

- 1. Elliot Road At Tennis Courts, East Footway – Footpaths on Elliot Road all adopted**
- 2. Rockfield Crescent – This financial year**
- 3. Roxburgh Terrace South Footway – Place 235 in list – roughly 2036-37**
- 4. Millhall Crescent remote path to No 3,5,7,9 &11 – Place 279 in list roughly 2039-40**
- 5. Dunmore Gardens – This financial year**
- 6. Norwood Terrace – This financial year"**

On the "old" criteria, Roxburgh Terrace south footway would have been upgraded and adopted last year so will now be done 16 years late.

Millhall Crescent's path covering numbers 3 to 11 would have been improved this financial year and is now scheduled to be done 18 years late.

In the West End, this affects only two pavements but the issue will exist in other wards and could have been avoided by changing the criteria for adoption from 2022-23.