# <u>Dodds announces £500,000 for innovative apprenticeship projects</u>

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced funding of more than £500,000 for 13 projects through the Apprenticeship Challenge Fund.

### **Work Quality in Northern Ireland Statistics**

The second statistical publication on work quality was published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency, where analysis by gender, age and skill level is presented for eight work quality indicators.

## <u>Innovation is key to economic recovery</u> <a href="#">— Economy Minister Diane Dodds</a>

2020 was a tough year for all of us, but the roll out of the vaccine has brought a new sense of optimism that things will get better. As we look towards a time when we can ease restrictions again, it is important that we plan for recovery.

#### Pay increase for Agricultural Workers

Following a meeting on 15 January 2020, the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland has announced proposed increases to the minimum wage rates for agricultural workers.

#### <u>Publication of Online Safety Strategy</u> <u>and Action Plan</u>

The Department of Health, on behalf of the NI Executive, has today published the Online Safety Strategy and Action Plan for Northern Ireland.