Roles filled within the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)

Two important roles have been recently filled in the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP).

<u>Changes to Basic Payment Scheme</u> Entitlements for 2021

Agriculture Minister, Edwin Poots MLA has confirmed that a number of changes have now been made to Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) entitlements in 2021. These changes will simplify the application process for farmers and will be reflected in the Entitlements Register, which was published on 31 January this year.

Communities Minister welcomes distribution of over £42m in Covid-19 Heating Payments

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has welcomed the distribution of £42.3 million of Covid-19 Heating Payments for older people and those in receipt of certain disability benefits at the highest rates.

<u>Dodds announces Internet of Things</u> <u>Assured Skills Academy with Sensata</u> <u>Technologies</u>

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has announced 20 high quality training places

for people with degrees in an Assured Skills Academy with Sensata Technologies.

Road improvement scheme for Dungormley Estate, Newtownhamilton

A £230,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme in Dungormley Estate, Newtownhamilton will commence on Monday 15 February 2021.