

## **Murphy visits Newry Open Data Fund winner**

Finance Minister Conor Murphy today visited Smart Newry to see first-hand how it has benefitted from the Department's Open Data Innovation and Outreach Fund.

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## **West End Community Council – election of additional community councillors**



## Nominations for West End Community Councillors

Dundee City Council is keen to encourage nominations of Community Councillors to join the West End Community Council.

The purpose of a Community Council is to:

- Act as a voice for local people
- Actively seek views and concerns in the area
- Make public bodies aware of local needs and opinions

If you wish to become a Community Councillor, you must have a completed nomination form returned to the Community Council Liaison Officer.

All relevant information on becoming a Community Councillor, a map of the West End Community Council boundary and nomination form can be viewed and downloaded online at: <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/community-council-elections>. Alternatively, information and forms are available at Blackness Library. Current opening hours are:

Monday: 10:00-13:00  
Tuesday: 14:00-17:00  
Wednesday: 10:00-13:00  
Friday: 14:00-17:00

Please contact Natalie Mackland (Community Council Liaison Officer): on 01382 436796 or [natalie.mackland@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:natalie.mackland@dundee.gov.uk) for more information.

**Deadline for nominations: 30th October 2020**

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West End Community Council is calling for nominations for new Community Councillors as there are spaces to fill. West End Community Council has space for up to 10 more Community Councillors.

In order to fill these spaces, there will be a recruitment period known formally as an 'election' where we call for nominations to join the Community Council.

Community Councils play an important role in the local West End community and are an important link between the community and public bodies.

It is important to note that West End Community Council's boundary does not cover the whole of the West End Ward as the Community Spirit Action Group covers areas like Pentland, Tullideph, Antrim and areas around Forest Park Road, Cleghorn Street and Brook Street – the areas to the north of the ward.

The community council area is therefore most of the south of the ward – roughly everything south of Blackness Road east of Balgay Road, everything in

the ward west of Balgay Road, plus the Logie area.

There are also conditions for eligibility in terms of age and being on the electoral register – all this information can be accessed online or in Blackness Library.

As this is a statutory group, there is a process and publicity format for nominations which started from this Monday (5th October) and forms must be completed and returned by 30th October.

More information is on the poster on how to obtain the information required online or via Blackness Library.

The community council is a great way to become involved with our local community so do please consider getting involved if you live in the community council area.

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## **DAERA publishes Farm Business Data 2020**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) today announced publication of the 'Farm Business Data 2020' farm planning handbook.

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## **Minister announces new Covid-19 surge plan for Northern Ireland**

"Our health and social care system is already badly bruised and scarred by COVID. But it is picking itself up and is once again ready to care for us all despite the immense pressures on staff."

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## **Finance Ministers call for urgent**

# clarity on Spending Review and Treasury Funding

Finance Ministers from across the devolved nations have today joined forces to call for flexibility, fairness and clarity from the UK Government.