

[Mallon praises community partnership in face of Storm Francis and urges caution as warnings remain in place](#)

The Minister for Infrastructure, Nichola Mallon has praised the multi-agency and community response to Storm Francis and called for communities to be on their guard as weather warnings remain in place.

[Agencies on the ground responding to Storm Francis](#)

Multi-agency partners are currently on the ground working in partnership responding to the impacts of Storm Francis.

[Weeds at road edges in the West End – an update #dundeewestend](#)



Numerous constituents have contacted me about the extent of weeds at road edges across the West End.

Whilst appreciating that services have not been as normal through much of 2020 due to the health emergency, I was anxious to see this addressed and am therefore pleased to see this feedback from our local environment manager :

'As part of our planned maintenance and recovery programme, the 2nd city wide street spraying and commenced from 17th August and should take about 4 to 6 weeks to complete.'

Long welcomes designation of DoJ to administer Victims' Payments Scheme

Naomi Long said: "I regret that this case ever had to reach the courts, but welcome the judgement and am hopeful that the Executive can now move forward together to progress the delivery of a scheme to support those with serious physical and psychological injuries as a result of the Troubles.

Minister launches Experience Development Programme for tourism providers

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has launched Tourism NI's new programme to provide financial assistance to help support tourism providers in creating experiences that reflect the new Northern Ireland Embrace A Giant Spirit experience brand and stimulate demand for local tourism.