

## Cover up to show you care – Swann

Wearing face coverings in shops will show people who have been shielding that we care.

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## Elliot Road playing field area #dundeewestend

Residents will recall that, when Dundee City Council made its proposals for 'naturalised areas' within some parks and open space areas across the city to improve biodiversity, I mentioned – and highlighted to environment management – that I felt the most problematic proposal in the West End would be at Elliot Road.

This is because it completely removed an amenity space and is very close to residential housing – and so it has proved to be as there has been much comment to both myself and the City Council very largely saying that the site was not appropriate.

I am very pleased to say that the council has listened to feedback and last week cut the grass along most of the site – see photos below.

The Service Manager – Environment in the department has advised me :

**“Following our ongoing review and proposals and also the feedback we have received with regards to Elliot Road we have concluded that the majority of grass will be cut and can confirm that this was commenced yesterday. As the area is no longer used for formal football, the cut area will be maintained as amenity grass.**

**However, a proportion of the green space will be designated as a biodiversity / naturalised area. Access to the entrance of Balgay cemetery will be maintained through this. In the future we will be considering how this area can be improved for biodiversity and amenity.**

**The proposal plan currently on the council website will edited and updated accordingly.**

**On another note and for information the area next to the Play park at Lochee Park will also be brought back to standard.”**



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## **Minister Announces Initiatives on Day Surgery and Orthopaedics**

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced important initiatives to support the rebuilding of hospital services while protecting patients and staff from Covid-19.

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## **Mallon plans to resume further MOT services and car and lorry driving tests**

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has today announced that the Driver & Vehicle Agency (DVA) intends to resume further MOT testing services and practical car and lorry driving tests from 1 September 2020.

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## **Expert panel to tackle educational underachievement**

Education Minister Peter Weir has today announced the appointment of an Expert Panel to examine the links between educational underachievement and social disadvantage.