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Ní Chuilín unveils proposals to reform liquor licensing laws

Communities Minister, Carál Ní Chuilín MLA, has announced Executive agreement on proposals that will transform and modernise the liquor licensing law, striking a balance between tackling alcohol abuse and bolstering the hospitality industry.

Getting things done – River Crescent and Hillside Terrace #dundeewestend



There has recently been significant levels of flooding on the roadway at the south end of River Crescent that residents brought to my attention.

I took this up with the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership Manager who helpfully updated me as follows :

"I can confirm we'll arrange for gully cleaning of this street.

"We are aware of wider problems in this area and the flooding team are working on a surface water management plan in conjunction with Scottish Water.

Our next challenge will be securing funding to implement the improvements identified from the study.”

Separately, there were also road flooding concerns recently at the west end of Hillside Terrace and I am grateful to the Roads Maintenance Partnership for its prompt attention to this.

Poots welcomes NI representation on Trade and Agriculture Commission

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has welcomed the announcement that NI will be represented on the new Trade and Agriculture Commission following the appointment of Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU) Deputy President, Mr Victor Chestnutt.

Pavement Assessment Works To Commence In North Belfast

A road coring and road pavement investigation programme in North Belfast will commence on Sunday 26 July. The work, which will be carried out on short sections of the Westlink, the M2 motorway and some local streets is expected to last three weeks.