# Statement following meeting to discuss Covid-19 response on island of Ireland

Today a call was held to discuss the response to COVID-19 on the island of Ireland.

## Reappointment of Independent Member of the Agricultural Wages Board

DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots MLA, has announced the reappointment of Miss Patricia O'Callaghan for a second term as Independent Member of the Agricultural Wages Board (AWB) to 31 March 2023.

# DAERA Minister announces temporary change to carrier bag law to aid fight against Covid-19

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots has announced a temporary change to carrier bag regulations in a bid to stem the spread of Covid-19.

# <u>Road/pavement works - Benvie Road - suspended #dundeewestend</u>



I have had enquiries from residents about signage that appeared on Benvie Road last week — near the junction with Benvie Gardens — that indicated forthcoming road/pavement works.

I have spoken with council roads engineers and this work was to have been undertaken by SSE contractors to instal a new electricity supply.

However, non-essential/non-urgent work of this kind is now suspended during the COVID-19 health emergency, so the work is not now going ahead and will be undertaken at a later date.

The signage has now been removed.

#### <u>Poots urges farmers to complete Single</u> <u>Application now</u>

DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots, MLA, has urged all farmers and agents to continue to submit their 2020 Single Applications as soon as possible.