### Portal for Spend Local card applications open

Economy Minister Gordon Lyons today announced that the portal for applications to the High Street Scheme is now open. The Minister said: "This is a big day in the rollout of the High Street scheme. I am delighted to announce that the portal for applications for the Spend Local card has now opened."

#### <u>Murphy urges Chancellor to extend</u> <u>Furlough scheme</u>

Finance Minister, Conor Murphy has written to the Chancellor urging him to extend the furlough scheme beyond the end of September to help support businesses and workers.

## Publication of Quarterly Carers' Statistics for Northern Ireland (April \_ June 2021)

The Department of Health (DoH) has today published Quarterly Carers' Statistics for Northern Ireland (April – June 2021).

### <u>Minister Poots launches new Northern</u> <u>Ireland Food Strategy Framework</u>

Making Northern Ireland a world-class food region, that provides safe, healthy and environmentally friendly food for the future is the central ambition of the latest DAERA-led consultation.

# Coronavirus (Covid-19) Infection Survey Northern Ireland - 12 September to 18 September 2021

The Department of Health today published the next in the series of weekly results from its COVID-19 Infection Survey (CIS).