## <u>Poots launches initiatives to protect</u> <u>pollinators</u>

Over one third of Northern Ireland's bee species are under threat of extinction, Environment Minister Edwin Poots MLA has said on World Bee Day.

## <u>Funding deadline approaches for</u> <u>projects to protect nature - Poots</u>

Environmental projects that connect people with nature, improve our best habitats or help tackle threats facing our natural environment such as the decline of native species are being urged to apply for funding.

#### <u>Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in</u> Northern Ireland lifted

The Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) in force across Northern Ireland (NI) and the ban on poultry gatherings has ended as of noon on 20 May 2021, Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister, Edwin Poots, has announced.

## <u>Junior Ministers inspired by</u> <u>transformative Urban Villages projects</u>

Junior Ministers Declan Kearney and Gordon Lyons have hailed the positive impact The Executive Office's Urban Villages Initiative is having in Derry~Londonderry.

# Murphy allocates £316 million of Covid funding

The Executive today agreed almost £220 million of Covid funding to support the social recovery from Covid. The health service, education, the arts, charities and sports organisations are among the beneficiaries.