# <u>Applications sought for membership of</u> <u>the Independent Review of Education</u> Panel

The Department of Education (DE) has launched a competition to appoint a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and three Members of the Independent Review of Education Panel.

## <u>Hargey welcomes £480,000 Covid funding</u> reaching communities in need

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has welcomed an investment of almost half a million pounds for arts, culture and heritage projects in communities in need.

#### <u>Wastewater surveillance system</u> <u>underway</u>

Creating a long-term tracking system for coronavirus levels in the community through wastewater surveillance is now possible as a result of DAERA research funding.

#### <u>Vaccine programme extended to 60-64</u> <u>year olds</u>

The vaccine programme has been extended to include people aged 60-64.

### <u>Murphy expresses concerns over</u> <u>Levelling Up Fund</u>

Finance Minister, Conor Murphy has expressed concern over the Levelling Up Fund.