## <u>DAERA to reduce number of inspections</u> <u>for 2020 Basic Payment Scheme</u>

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is to carry out a reduced number of inspections for the 2020 Basic Payment Scheme year, Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced.

### Resurfacing scheme for Belfast Road, Newry

A £300,000 resurfacing scheme on the Belfast Road, Newry has commenced.

#### <u>Mallon to extend Theory Test Pass</u> Certificates for learner drivers.

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has today confirmed that the Driving Licence Regulations will be amended under Article 5(3) of the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1981 to extend the validity of theory test pass certificates for learner drivers during the Covid-19 crisis.

# <u>Finance Minister responds to</u> Chancellor's Summer Economic Update

Finance Minister, Conor Murphy has welcomed the additional £155m of funding towards the COVID-19 response but has warned it does not go far enough.

# Co Down communities 'revitalised' thanks to major DAERA investment

Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots MLA today visited two Co Down villages set to be revitalised by a major investment of £250,000 from his Department.