### 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."

# Mallon to review strategic planning policy on oil and gas development, including development involving fracking

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon MLA announced today that she is commencing a review of strategic planning policy on oil and gas development. The review will include consideration of unconventional hydrocarbon development, commonly referred to as fracking.

# <u>Ministers launch public appointment</u> <u>competition for new Commissioner for</u> <u>Victims and Survivors</u>

First Minister Paul Givan and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have launched a public appointment competition for a new Commissioner for Victims and Survivors (CVS).

### Road improvement scheme for the A24 Carryduff Road

A £375,000 road improvement on the A24 Carryduff Road will commence on Thursday 30 September 2021.

### <u>Panel to undertake Independent review</u> <u>of education announced</u>

Education Minister, Michelle McIlveen has announced the independent panel which will undertake the review of education.