

## **Minister acknowledges Universal Credit staff on visit to Newry office**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has praised Department for Communities' frontline staff for their commitment and hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## **Council receives an update on key infrastructure projects for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**

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## **Council receives an update on key infrastructure projects for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council**

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## **Minister Hargey paves the way for upfront childcare costs**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has welcomed the Executive's approval to her request for amendments to existing Universal Credit (UC) regulations

which pave the way for upfront childcare costs.

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## **Concerns regarding Free Trade Agreement with Australia**

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots has written to the Secretary of State George Eustice to express his strong opposition to the prospect of a zero tariff, zero quota Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the UK and Australia.