

[Justice Minister Naomi Long has welcomed moves to ease restrictions on visiting prisons](#)

The Justice Minister Naomi Long has welcomed the announcement by the Northern Ireland Prison Service that in-person visits will re-commence from 4 May.

[Minister publishes DAERA Innovation Strategy](#)

Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots has published his Department's Innovation Strategy 2021-2025.

[Poots announces £2m Environment Fund Challenge competition](#)

Environment Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced a further £2million for environmental projects through an Environmental Challenge Competition, one of three strands of the Environment Fund (EF).

[Mallon gets tree-planting on World Earth Day](#)

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has joined in with tree-planting at a section of land on the M2.

Foster and O'Neill praise preparations for re-opening of sectors

First Minister Arlene Foster and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have praised the efforts of businesses, organisations and individuals across sectors in preparing for reopening.