

## **Changes to Basic Payment Scheme Entitlements for 2021**

Agriculture Minister, Edwin Poots MLA has confirmed that a number of changes have now been made to Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) entitlements in 2021. These changes will simplify the application process for farmers and will be reflected in the Entitlements Register, which was published on 31 January this year.

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## **Communities Minister announces further £150,000 for Business Improvement Districts**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey confirmed today that she is allocating an additional £150,000 to Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) to assist them with their operational costs.

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## **Coronavirus (Covid-19) Infection Survey Northern Ireland – 17 – 23 January 2021**

The Department of Health today published the next in the series of weekly results from its COVID-19 Infection Survey (CIS).

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## **Poots reiterates call for Common Travel Area and confirms extension of**

## **education phase for pet checks**

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots has reiterated his call for a Common Travel Area for pets as they travel within the UK – urging Westminster and the European Union to adopt a pragmatic and sensible approach, which retains pet welfare at its heart.

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## **Minister announces PPE funding for non-statutory training providers**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today launched a £250,000 fund to help non-statutory training providers meet the additional costs resulting from ensuring compliance with public health regulations as a result of Covid-19.