Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to deal with Coronavirus (7 July 2020)

Northern Ireland Executive ministers and their officials have over the past 24 hours been involved in a number of initiatives and critical decisions relating to the Coronavirus emergency.

<u>Consultation launched to amend human</u> <u>trafficking legislation</u>

Justice Minister Naomi Long has launched a consultation to amend human trafficking legislation.

<u>Call to ease 'rigid fiscal rules' to support recovery</u>

Finance Ministers from the devolved administrations are urging the UK Government to ease the financial restrictions imposed on devolved governments so they can better respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

Ní Chuilín welcomes £33m allocation of funds

Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín, has welcomed the news that the Executive will receive £33million, following the announcement by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport that they are to invest £1.57 billion in cultural, arts and heritage institutions.

<u>Ministers announce free public</u> <u>transport for those fleeing domestic</u> <u>abuse</u>

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon and Justice Minister Naomi Long have announced that free public transport travel will be available from today for those fleeing domestic abuse.