<u>Long Introduces Legislation For A New</u> **Domestic Abuse Offence**

Justice Minister Naomi Long MLA today introduced the Domestic Abuse and Family Proceedings Bill 2020 to the Assembly. The Bill will create a new domestic abuse offence for Northern Ireland which will capture patterns of controlling and coercive behaviour, as well as physical abuse, against a partner, former partner or family member.

<u>Minister extends NAP Derogation</u> <u>applications and accounts submission</u> <u>deadline</u>

The deadline for applying for a Nutrient Action Programme (NAP) derogation and the submission of 2019 fertilisation accounts has been extended to 30 April 2020, Minister Edwin Poots has confirmed.

<u>Statement following meeting to discuss</u> <u>Covid-19 response on island of Ireland</u>

Today a call was held to discuss the response to COVID-19 on the island of Ireland.

Reappointment of Independent Member of the Agricultural Wages Board

DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots MLA, has announced the reappointment of Miss Patricia O'Callaghan for a second term as Independent Member of the Agricultural Wages Board (AWB) to 31 March 2023.

DAERA Minister announces temporary change to carrier bag law to aid fight against Covid-19

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots has announced a temporary change to carrier bag regulations in a bid to stem the spread of Covid-19.