

## **New domestic abuse offence to be introduced in Northern Ireland**

A new domestic abuse offence for Northern Ireland is included in the Home Office Domestic Abuse Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons today.

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## **Forest Expansion Scheme reopens for applications**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced the opening of the fifth phase of the Forest Expansion Scheme and a revised Forest Protection Scheme to help woodland owners affected by Chalara ash dieback.

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## **New Chair of Invest Northern Ireland appointed**

The Permanent Secretary of the Department for the Economy, Noel Lavery, has announced the appointment of Rose Mary Stalker as the new Chair of Invest Northern Ireland.

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## **Statement from the Head of the Civil Service on the death of Sir Anthony Hart**

The Head of the Civil Service David Sterling has spoken of his sadness at the death of Sir Anthony Hart.

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## **£100,000 road improvement scheme for Serpentine Road, Belfast**

A £100,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on Serpentine Road, Belfast is due to commence on Monday 22 July.