

## **Avian Influenza housing order to come into force**

Mandatory housing measures for all kept birds and poultry are to come into force across Northern Ireland (NI) from 00:01 on Monday 17 February 2025.

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## **Minister details benefits of new Sustainable Agriculture Programme to dairy farmers**

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir has outlined the range of farm support measures available within the new Sustainable Agriculture Programme (SAP). The SAP provides support to ensure dairy farmers across Northern Ireland continue to make a major contribution to the economy and play a key role in addressing the serious environmental and climate challenges.

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## **Sport NI Chair Appointment**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons MLA has appointed Gavin Boyd as the Chair of the Sport NI Board from 10 February 2025 to 09 February 2029.

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## **Minister announces major funding boost for Downpatrick**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has announced £3.1m of funding for the delivery of a Public Realm Scheme in Church Street and DeCourcy Place in Downpatrick.

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# Historic Buildings Council Chair Appointment

Communities Minister, Gordon Lyons MLA, has announced the appointment of Joseph Birt as the Chair of the Historic Buildings Council (HBC), from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2028.