The Northern Ireland Planning Statistics: 2019/20 Annual Statistical Bulletin

Planning statistics for 2019/20 are now available. These data provide an overall view of planning activity. Alongside this there is a summary of council performance across the three statutory targets for major development applications, local development applications and enforcement cases as laid out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Mallon announces face coverings to be mandatory on public transport from July 10

Face coverings will become mandatory on public transport from Friday July 10 as part of the recovery process from Covid-19 to support efforts to reduce the risk of transmission.

<u>Health Minister meets with BDA</u> <u>Representatives</u>

Health Minister Robin Swann has met with representatives of the British Dental Association and reiterated his appreciation for the leading role the profession had played in the battle against COVID-19.

Joint statement from Health Minister

Robin Swann and Chief Medical Officer Dr Michael McBride

Health Minister Robin Swann and Chief Medical Officer Dr Michael McBride said:

£2.5million announced for Small Business Research Initiative projects

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has announced £2.5million in support for 13 projects as part of the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI).