<u>Appointment of one Councillor to the</u> Board of Libraries NI

The following new Councillor Member has been appointed to the Board, for a term of appointment, from 1 February 2020 until the date of the next local council elections:

Extension of Appointments to the Board of National Museums NI

The Department for Communities has extended the first term of appointment of the Chair

• Mr Miceal McCoy

from 1 January 2020 until 30 June 2020. He has served on the Board since 1 January 2014.

Poots confirms £293million secured for Direct Payments in 2020

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has confirmed that farmers will share £293million in Direct Payments for the 2020 scheme year and that his Department aims to make full payments from 16 October 2020.

Personal Independence Payment Review

The Department for Communities has appointed Ms Marie Cavanagh to carry out the second independent statutory Review of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) assessment.

New Deloitte Business Transformation Assured Skills Academy seeks untapped tech talent

The Department for the Economy, in partnership with Deloitte, is offering 20 places in a new Business Transformation Assured Skills Academy.