

## **Ministers sign North-South Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Action and Cultural Heritage**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA and Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, TD today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cultural Heritage and Climate Action to support greater North-South co-operation in dealing with the impacts of climate change on built and archaeological heritage across the island.

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## **Junior Ministers hail work of Urban Village Initiatives in north and west Belfast**

Junior Ministers Declan Kearney and Gary Middleton have hailed the life-changing impact community-led health, educational and training projects are making in Urban Village areas.

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## **Minister Poots consults on NI's first ever Rural Policy Framework**

Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots has launched a public consultation on Northern Ireland's first ever Rural Policy Framework that aims to create a sustainable rural community where people want to live, work and be active.

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## **Northern Ireland Composite Economic**

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The Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index (NICEI) Q1 2021 was published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA).

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## [Importance of improved digital connectivity cannot be overstated – Lyons](#)

Economy Minister Gordon Lyons has visited Killyleagh as hundreds of homes and businesses in the area go live with access to next generation access broadband speeds under Project Stratum.