

Our social enterprise sector contributes an estimated £933m to economy – Archibald

The scale and impact of the local social enterprise sector has been set out in a new report launched by Economy Minister, Dr Caoimhe Archibald.

Archibald updates Assembly on Utility Regulator Consultation following Storm Éowyn

Economy Minister, Dr Caoimhe Archibald, has today published a written statement updating the Assembly on the Utility Regulator's (UR's) consultation of the Electricity Guaranteed Standards of Service (GSS).

Kimmins visits Maghera and Aughnacloy to discuss roads and traffic issues

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins visited Mid-Ulster Council District where she met with local elected representatives and discussed roads and traffic issues in the area.

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