

Kimmins announces earlier roadworks embargo and extension to bus lane hours to Keep Belfast Moving

The pre-Christmas roadworks embargo in Belfast City Centre is to be brought forward by two weeks to help keep traffic moving as the festive season approaches, Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced.

New funding boost to support teacher and classroom assistant development

Education Minister Paul Givan has announced a new partnership with the Chartered College of Teaching to give teachers and classroom assistants access to their evidence-informed professional learning programmes.

Recruitment for Student Placement Scheme launched

Recruitment competition for the 2026/27 Civil Service Student Placement Scheme launched.

Consultation on Disability and Work strategy launched by Minister Lyons

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has outlined plans for a disability employment strategy which will see an additional 50,000 people join the workforce over the next ten years.

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Reacting to a host of 'nasty' policy proposals that have been announced since the start of the Conservative Party conference in Manchester, co-deputy leader of the Green Party, Mothin Ali, said:

"The announcements from Kemi Badenoch's Conservative Party so far show the Tories are looking to outflank Reform for divisiveness and hatred. But they also show a party quickening its pace towards oblivion.

"The package so far – turbo charged welfare cuts, draconian anti-migration measures, and axing life-saving foreign aid – would leave few but the wealthiest unscathed. These measures are a cruel attack on the sick and disabled, migrants and asylum seekers, and some of the poorest communities in the world.

"Nastiness is now at the very core of the Conservative Party. What a contrast to the vision of hope and bold politics witnessed at our own conference where we reaffirmed our policies to tax wealth fairly, fund public services properly and say unequivocally that refugees are welcome here."

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