

£1.8million Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2025/2026 opens for applications

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir MLA has today announced that a new £1.8million Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme (RMCGS) will open for applications on Monday 15 September 2025.

Minister Kimmins marks a decade since local planning transformation

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins delivered the keynote speech today at the 2025 Royal Town Planning Institute Northern Ireland (RTPINI) Annual Planning Conference.

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The Health Minister has said that the 2025 Health Inequalities Annual Report should be a “challenge to us all to make life better” for everyone in Northern Ireland.

Kimmins thanks Newry Chamber for putting road safety first

Stark statistics show that Newry, Mourne and Down, as a local government district, had the highest rate of fatal and serious collisions caused by speeding from 2019-2023.

Greens condemn Israeli strikes on Qatar

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Reacting to reported Israeli strikes on Qatar, Dr Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Parliamentary Green Party Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, said:

“Targeting negotiators in Doha is reprehensible and strikes at the very mechanisms that offer a chance of ending this horror.

“Carrying out attacks on those engaged in talks – while the wider population of Gaza are starved and bombed – is self-evidently not the behaviour of a state seeking peace. It is the behaviour of a rogue state, operating completely outside international norms, which appears determined to pursue violence and undermine any possibility of a negotiated peace.

“The UK government must unequivocally condemn these strikes and urgently suspend all military cooperation with, and arms sales to, Israel.

“We are witnessing a pattern of total impunity where Israeli military objectives are pursued with devastating civilian cost. That cannot stand. The UK must press tirelessly for immediate de-escalation and a ceasefire, for safe and unfettered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and for independent investigations to hold perpetrators of war crimes and genocide to account.”

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