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**Minister Linares attends the Commonwealth Local Government Forum
(CLGF) European Members' Meeting in Dublin**

The Minister for Sports, Culture, Heritage & Youth, the Hon Steven Linares, MP, attended the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) European Members' Meeting in Dublin last week.

The meeting was also attended by delegates from Councils in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Malta, Cyprus and Gibraltar. The subject matter discussed was Local Government innovation at a time of austerity. Although Ireland is not a member of the Commonwealth, the meeting was by invitation of the Dublin City Council in order to coincide with the Cities of the Isles Conference which was set up after the Good Friday Agreement by both the UK and Irish Governments.

Mr Linares was invited to address the forum. He spoke of Gibraltar's unique position with the Government dealing with issues that local Councils traditionally do while, at the same time, with those of a national and international nature.

Mr Linares also had the opportunity to speak to the Irish Foreign Minister who attended the CLGF.