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Launch of Environmental App

The Environmental Agency together with HM Government of Gibraltar's Department of the Environment has extended its recently developed environmental application (app) for smartphones to Android devices, so that it can now be run both on these and on iOS. The app was developed locally together with a team of Environmental Agency staff. The App is now free to download for both iOS and Android devices and is designed to provide the user with useful information about the Agency's services and about recycling.

The app consists of four main pages, namely an Info page, Report-It page, Recycle page & News page all of which are user friendly and provide an interactive platform for the public.

The INFO page gives a summary of the different responsibilities and functions of the Agency. It also provides the user with links to the Agency's website where further information on all matters concerning the Agency can be accessed. Examples of useful links to the Agency's web pages are Bathing water quality and Air quality. It also provides a platform in support of the Government's initiative on eGovernment where the public can search for and download a variety of online forms and Apps.

The REPORT-IT page is very interactive and provides the user with the option of emailing the Agency directly with a complaint on any of the available subjects (fly tipping, pollution, pests, drainage housing defects etc). The complaint can be further supported by attaching a photograph taken with a smartphone or tablet. The page also provides information on the procedures to follow in case of an emergency.

The RECYCLE page contains a map of Gibraltar that identifies all the different Government recycling points. When selected, every pin on the map shows the address of that particular recycling point. A photograph of the area together with the recyclables that can be deposited at each site can be viewed when pressing the 'i' symbol. The search option incorporated into this page allows users to

carry out searches by area, type of materials or nearest point to quickly find answers to any queries they may have on their recyclables. The recycle page can also be used to find information on the Government-operated site that accept wastes that cannot be placed in the normal recycling bins. These wastes include cooking oil, furniture, paint cans etc...

The NEWS page provides the user with the latest updates on matters concerning the Environmental Agency as well as any other relevant Government of Gibraltar news.

Members of the public and businesses are encouraged to download this free App thereby helping the Environmental Agency in providing a better service to Gibraltar.