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**CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE WORKS TOWARDS  
A CARBON NEUTRAL GIBRALTAR**

The aim of the Government is to achieve a carbon neutral footprint for Gibraltar. Charged with achieving this aim is the Climate Change Task Force which now meets monthly at No 6 Convent Place.

Although meetings of the Task Force are chaired by the Deputy Chief Minister, the Hon Dr Joseph Garcia, the Task Force includes Environment Minister Dr John Cortes who is driving the project together with his department. The Task Force contains a mix of people from both the private and the public sector. It includes representatives from the Gibraltar Electricity Authority, AquaGib, the Finance Centre, Gibtelecom and the Port Authority as well as the Chief Technical Officer and the Financial Secretary. These are balanced by members of the Boards from the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses. The Task Forces also benefits from having an independent environmental consultant, Geoff Lye as a member.

The Task Force has a number of different ongoing work streams, including cleaner power generation, the introduction of renewable energy, uptake of energy efficiency and the decarbonisation of the economy to name but a few. The Task Force is aiming to present its findings to the Cabinet later this year with a view to publishing a Climate Change Strategy in the autumn.