



I would like to request information regarding your current and planned usage of solar energy across your estate. Please could you provide responses to the following questions:

1. Governance & Responsibility

- a. Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation? **No**
- b. If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).

2. Current Solar Deployment

- a. How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate? **On corporate buildings we have 6 buildings with solar PV**
- b. What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)? **812 kwh**
- c. What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation? **9.6%**

3. Investment & Strategy

- a. Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation? **No**
- b. If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published). **N/A**

4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments

- a. Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy? **Yes**
- b. If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)? **Projects delivered are communicated on a project by project basis. Information is available via local media and the local authority website**

## 5. Future Plans

- a. Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years? If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales).
- b. Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared?

The council currently has 5 properties undergoing decarbonisation feasibility studies which will review the desirability of solar PV. The surveys have not been returned as yet.

## 6. Procurement & Partnerships

- a. Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones?
- b. Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?

Yes. The council will advertise jobs in a compliant procurement procedure using the councils Electrical and mechanical framework.

No

## 7. Battery Storage

- a. Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?
- b. Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

No

Each project will be assessed on a site by site basis for energy saving solutions.

## 8. Funding

- a. Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?

Public sector decarbonisation Scheme.

## 9. Barriers

- a. What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)?

Funding, is there a positive business case, internal resource and roof strength / condition are the main issues.