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Response Due: 7th July 2025

Date: 7th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9th June 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Governance & Responsibility

- **Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?**
Yes.
- **If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).**
Sustainability Team.

2. Current Solar Deployment

- **How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?**
0.
- **What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?**
N/A.
- **What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?**
N/A.

3. Investment & Strategy

- **Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation?**

No.

- **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

- **Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?**

Yes.

- **If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?**

Green plan.

5. Future Plans

- **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).**

Yes, but the details have not been confirmed.

- **Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared?**

Yes. The studies are still being completed so are not able to be shared.

6. Procurement & Partnerships

- **Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones?**

No.

- **Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?**

Yes.

7. Battery Storage

- **Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?**

N/A.

- **Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?**

N/A.

8. Funding

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

Yes.

9. Barriers

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

Funding, planning restrictions, roof sustainability and internal resource.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we

will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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