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Solar Energy Usage and Future Plans

1. Governance and Responsibility

a. Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?

Yes, the Environmental and Sustainability Group

b. If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).

This group is Chaired by the Director of Planning and Business Development.

2. Current Solar Deployment

a. How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?

16

b. What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?

637kW installed capacity. kWp not available.

c. What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?

0.2%

3. Investment and Strategy

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

b. If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).

No current investment strategy.

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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.)?

No formal communication but solar output from the various installations are monitored.

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).

No specific planned solar projects.

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

Some high level estimations have been completed but these have not yet been formally produced into a report.

6. Procurement and 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?

No formal contract for solar installation or maintenance is in place. Maintenance is as and when required through measured term contractor.

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

None

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7. Battery Storage

a. Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?

Yes

b. Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

Battery storage will be utilised through new and refurbishment projects when the application is correct and finance is available.

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)?

The Trust is currently considering the impact of IFRS16 prior to engaging any third party funding.

9. Barriers

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

Primarily financial resource.