

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Solar Power***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of information Act 2000.

I require the below information relating to solar power investment and infrastructure to be provided by your organisation. I require the following questions to be answered:

1. Does your organisation own any solar panels?
  - a. **Yes**
  - b. **No**
  
2. Does your organisation have any partnerships with third parties to co-own solar panels? If yes, please specify who the partnership is with and the details of the deal?
  - a. **Yes** – the partnership is with company X and the deal includes XYZ (i.e. free daytime electricity for tenants)
  - b. **No**
  
3. If yes to question two, did the third party organisation initiate contact with you for the above deal?
  - a. **Yes**
  - b. **No**
  
4. If yes to questions one or two, how much energy (in kWh) are you generating?  
**590 000 kWh**
  
5. How much has your organisation invested in solar technology to date (to the nearest £10,000)?  
**£920,000**
  
6. Are you planning on purchasing solar technology within the next:
  - a. 0 – 6 months
    - i. **Yes**
    - ii. **No**
  - b. 6 – 12 months
    - i. **Yes**
    - ii. **No**

- c. 1 – 3 years
    - i. Yes
    - ii. No
  - d. 3 – 5 years
    - i. Yes
    - ii. No
  - e. 5 years +
    - i. Yes
    - ii. No
7. How much are you expecting to spend on solar in the next:
- a. 0 – 6 months
    - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
  - b. 6 – 12 months
    - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
  - c. 1 – 3 years
    - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
  - d. 3 – 5 years
    - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
  - e. 5 years +
    - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
- Not known
8. Is solar technology incorporated within your organisation's current environmental strategy? If so, please provide details of strategy).
- a. Yes – my organisation plans to achieve XYZ, within the following timeframe X  
City of Wolverhampton Council committed to a 15% reduction in CO2 emissions in ten years from 2006, this has been achieved.
  - b. No
9. Please identify the main barriers to solar adoption within your organisation:
- a. Lack of internal stakeholder buy-in
  - b. Lack of capital to front investment
  - c. Lack of external stakeholder buy-in
  - d. Lack of knowledge of the benefits of solar
  - e. Lack of knowledge on how to deploy solar
  - f. Lack of incentive (due to reduced government incentive)
  - g. Other (please specify) Re-organisation of council structure and estate