

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Award of £9,760 of UKSPF funding to Phil Whiting Consulting, an independent energy and sustainability consultancy, to carry out a study into the technical, financial and legal feasibility of installing PV solar panels on ten properties within the council's estate.
Date of Decision:	15 th January 2025
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	At its meeting of 18 th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to deliver the council's Cultural Strategy. At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making authority to the Head of Housing and Health, acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability, regarding sustainability projects.
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a
Decision:	Commission Phil Whiting Consulting, an independent energy and sustainability consultancy, to carry out a study into the technical, financial and legal feasibility of installing PV solar panels on ten properties within the council's estate at a cost of £9,760, funded from the council's allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies.
Reason(s) for Decision:	Although the council's electricity is provided through a carbon free electricity tariff, there is a case for exploring the potential of generating its own renewal energy through the installation of PV solar panels on the council's buildings in that if installation were to go head, this could (a) reduce the call on the national grid and (b) act as a 'demonstrator project' for other organisations and residents.

	<p>To assess the feasibility of installation, in the first instance the council wishes to assess the technical, financial and legal feasibility of installing rooftop solar PV on at least ten council owned buildings. The properties to be included in this feasibility study will be determined via an initial consideration of all the council's asset by council officers and the consultant, taking account of existing information and previous studies.</p>
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<p>Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not fund the feasibility study. NOT RECOMMENDED as this is important feasibility work to enable possible future schemes to come forward that could meet the national greenhouse gas emissions outcomes envisaged by the UKSPF.</p>
<p>Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:</p>	<p>Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health</p>
<p>Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):</p>	<p>REDACTED</p>
<p>Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):</p>	<p>Support confirmed via an email to Jonathan Geall from Cllr Tim Hoskin, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability, sent on 13th January 2025.</p>

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED.