

**LANDLORD SERVICES COMMITTEE (CABINET WORKING GROUP)
10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

23. INVESTMENT IN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS (PV) ON COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK

Consideration was given to the draft report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration that provided detail of the potential environmental and financial benefits, for the Council and its tenants, offered through the installation of solar PV on Council housing stock, together with the associated risks and costs.

The Property Services Manager attended the meeting and gave an overview in relation to the proposals referring to details within the report, responded to questions and provided clarification on the issues raised.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in relation to the following:

- Investment in Solar PV – financial implications; access to the Feed-in Tariff (FiT); timescales.
- Environmental/aesthetic impact – advantages/disadvantages.
- On-going communication with tenants – affects/benefits; reasons for property suitability/unsuitability.
- Supply/location of panels – choices for tenants

The Leader of the Council and the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration provided additional clarification in relation to issues raised.

In discussion reference was made to the use of electric storage heaters in some tenanted property in the Borough. It was reported that most of these had been replaced with the last few scheduled for removal.

RESOLVED: That, as a consequence of the discussion on this item it was agreed, that the report be noted.