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COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA438

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 9th June 2025.

Q1. Governance & Responsibility

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

Response:

1.No

Q2. Current Solar Deployment

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

Response:

2 a None

2 b N/A

2 c Estimated 50%. The Combined Authority rents floorspace from Huntingdonshire District Council. They are unable to provide a disaggregated energy usage just for our floorspace. The Council offices utilise about 50% onsite renewables.

Q3. Investment & Strategy

- Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation?
- If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).

Response:

3 No

Q4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments

- Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?
- If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?

Response:

4 a No

4 b N/A

Q5. 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).
- Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared?

Response:

5 a The Combined Authority submitted a bid to the governments Mayoral Renewables Fund for a 387kW solar car park canopy to deliver by March 2026. Decision is awaited.

5 b None undertaken.

Q6. 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?
- Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?

Response:

6 a None currently in place. Access to the ESPO

6 b No

Q7. Battery Storage

- Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?
- Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

Response:

7 a N/A

7 b No

Q8. 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)?

Response:

8. Yes - Mayoral Renewable Fund on behalf of other organisations.

Q9. Barriers

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

Response:

9. The Combined Authority is a strategic authority that does not own land or manage its own premises. The Authority is not currently pursuing the development of solar energy assets.

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Yours sincerely



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