

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title:	Thame Town Cricket Club
Date:	7 February 2023
Contact Officer:	Andrea Oughton, Operations Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree in principle, to the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Cricket Pavilion on Church Meadow.

Proposal

2. Thame Town Cricket Club (TTCC) has written to the Town Council as its landlord to request permission to install solar panels on the rear roof of the pavilion (see Appendix A).
3. The cricket pavilion is located within the Conservation Area and as such the installation may require Conservation Area Planning Consent. If required TTCC have requested that the application is submitted in the name of the Town Council.
4. The installation will make a significant impact on future energy bills and the sustainability of the building.
5. TTCC has been made aware that the following information is required before the Town Council can give final approval to the scheme (the list is not exhaustive and additional items may be added):
 - All costs will be met by TTCC (including legal costs, if required)
 - That any warranty to the roof is not jeopardized by the works
 - That the roof is suitable for such an installation
 - Ongoing maintenance costs for the panels will be met by TTCC
 - Planning permission is sought, including Conservation Area consent, if required
 - Insurance levels are reviewed.
6. Subject to the above and completion of due diligence, a report will be brought back to the Committee seeking approval to provide written consent for this project to proceed in line with the conditions of the lease.

Resource Appraisal

7. TTCC will meet all costs associated with the scheme.
8. A small amount of officer time will be required to liaise re any planning permissions, insurance, and reports to CLR.
9. Benefits of installation will result in reduction of energy costs for TTCC.

Legal Powers

- General Power of Competence
- Local Gov (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
- Local Gov Act 1972 s111

Recommendation:

- i) To agree in principle that, Thame Town Cricket Club proceed with the project to install solar panels on the rear roof of the pavilion subject to any planning permissions being obtained and satisfactory responses to the questions listed in para 5 of the report.***