

Policy & Resources Committee

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| Title: | Thame Guide Headquarters |
| Date: | 18 April 2023 |
| Contact Officer: | Andrea Oughton, Operations Manager |

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree to the installation of solar panels on the roof of Thame Guide Headquarters.

Proposal

2. Thame Guiding has written to the Town Council as its leaseholder to request permission to install solar panels on the left side of the roof of their headquarters building located on Southern Road Recreation Ground (see page 2).
3. The building is located just outside of the Conservation Area and as such the installation will not require Conservation Area Planning Consent.
4. The installation would replace the existing thermal boost panel with a panel that would use excess solar to heat water. A battery would be installed in the building to ensure maximum use of solar power generated.
5. The installation will have a significant impact on future energy bills and sustainability of the building.
6. Thame Guiding will ensure:
 - All costs will be met by Thame Guiding (including legal costs, if required)
 - That the roof is suitable for such an installation
 - Ongoing maintenance costs for the panels will be met by Thame Guiding
 - Insurance levels are reviewed.

Resource Appraisal

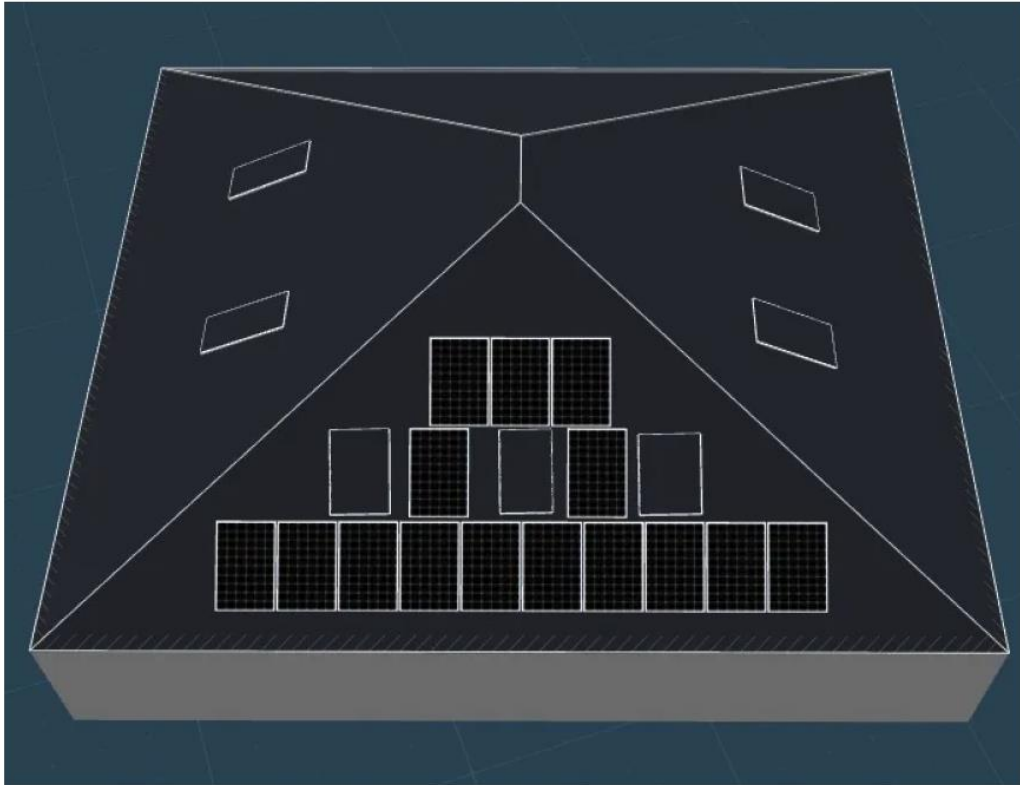
7. Thame Guiding will meet all costs associated with the scheme.
8. Benefits of installation will result in reduction of energy costs for Thame Guiding.

Legal Powers

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

Recommendation:

- i) To approve that, Thame Guiding proceed with the project to install solar panels on the left side of the roof of Thame Guide Headquarters.***



Proposed solar panels on left side of roof of Thame Guide Headquarters looking towards the recreation ground.