

## COUNCIL MEETING - 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

### QUESTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10

#### 12-18 TO COUNCILLOR ANDERSON, LEAD MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR STRUTTON (RECEIVED 16.10.18)

“How many solar panels has SBC installed on its own office buildings and council homes over the past 5yrs in a bid to help carbon emission targets and reduce energy bills? Please confirm the total spend of installation work during this period”

#### Reply

We have installed 68 panels at a cost of £39,987 excluding VAT, this does not include the 32 kilowatt system due to be installed at our new headquarters at 25 Windsor Road, as part of our Re-FIT programme which began in October 2018.

Re-FIT is an OJEU compliant procurement framework which allows Local Authorities to go out to tender for a partner Service Provider (know as an ESCO) with the intention to improve the energy efficiency of buildings. The project involves the refurbishment and retrofitting of council owned/long-term leased assets to make them more carbon and energy efficient which will reduce operating costs. It will also look at local energy generation measures e.g. solar PV etc. where the return on investment is justified.

- The Re: FIT programme will allow Slough Borough Council to make substantial cost savings from energy consumption, by reducing energy bills & the carbon footprint of their buildings.
- Re:FIT will also focus on optimising existing equipment rather than capital investment.
- The key performance requirement for Phase 1 and subsequent phases is a maximum 10 years payback.

Over the life of Re-Fit we will continue to look at innovative ways to reduce our carbon footprint and energy costs, and will of course be looking to install more solar panels on council premises where it is deemed viable.