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Dear [REDACTED]

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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 50428 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Solar Energy Usage and Future Plans
Your request is set out below:

1. Governance & Responsibility

- a) Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?

Yes

- b) If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).

Head of sustainability, Environment and EFM Compliance/ Estates & Facilities Management Team

2. Current Solar Deployment

- a) How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?

6 Systems

- b) What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?

265 kWp

- c) What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?

3%

3. Investment & Strategy

- a) Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation?

Yes, KMPT Green Plan

- b) If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments

- a) Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?

Yes

- b) If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?

Published annual reports

5. Future Plans

- a) 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).

Yes - no details yet

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

Yes

This information is exempt under section 43 (commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests. KMPT has considered the public interest in disclosing this information and has determined that the prejudice arising from disclosure outweighs the benefit to the public; It has determined that disclosure could result in a competitive disadvantage to the supplier, could damage the supplier's and the Trust's commercial interests and could damage the Trust's financial interests.

6. Procurement & Partnerships

- a) Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones?

No

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

Planned but not confirmed

7. Battery Storage

- a) Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?

No

- b) Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

Not known

8. Funding

- a) Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?

Yes

9. Barriers

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

Funding

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department