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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0125 - Solar Panels
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 19 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide information on how much energy the council gets via solar panels.

In 2015/16, the solar panels installed on various roofs of Council building through a third party "Rent-a-roof" scheme, generated 956,000 kWh.

How much does this equate financially?

Because it was a "Rent-a-roof" scheme the Council benefited from the cost difference between solar panel generated electricity and grid electricity of £4,000 in 2015/16.

Where does this energy get used?

The electricity generated from solar panels were used on the same buildings that they are installed on.

I know there are solar panels on litter bins in the city centre, but where else are there solar panels and is there plans to place more?

Yes, there are solar panels on Big Belly Bins in the City Centre and Beach Promenade. The panels power only the bins sending and receiving information via satellite on the status of the bins fullness which determines when they require emptying.

The council also has solar panels on 72 public buildings.

There are no plans at the current time to place any more solar panels.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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