

Kinmel Bay Library has applied for grant funding to install solar panels and heat pumps.

CCBC has advised that, as the current landlord:

- The roof and heating system are currently CCBC's responsibility
- A structural survey would be required before solar panels could be installed to confirm that the roof can support them;
- The installation would need to meet the requirements of the building insurer, including requirements for ongoing inspections and maintenance; and the proposed solar panels and heat pumps are outside the library's current lease arrangements.
- As the whole building is proposed to transfer to the Town Council, CCBC has suggested that the library engage directly with the Town Council regarding its proposals for the installation of solar panels and heat pumps.

Members should be mindful that the library's grant funding is currently available and that, if the project is delayed until after the asset transfer, there is a risk that this funding may no longer be available.

The installation of solar panels and heat pumps also aligns with the Town Council's longer-term plans for Kinmel Bay Community Centre, with the aim of reducing the building's environmental impact and making it more sustainable and energy efficient.

Decision Required

Would Members be happy to agree that:

- The Town Council, as the proposed future landlord of Kinmel Bay Community Centre, supports the library's grant application for the installation of solar panels and heat pumps.
- Under the current library lease arrangements, responsibility for the roof and heat pumps would rest with the Town Council as landlord, are members happy for this to remain as is.
- Support would be subject to the library being responsible for the ongoing servicing, inspection, maintenance and associated costs of the solar panels and heat pumps, with these responsibilities clearly included within the library's lease arrangements.