

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 14th April 2016

Public Questions

Question by:

Mr Bolton

To be answered by:

Executive Member for
Property and Regeneration
(Councillor Mrs N.J. Bramhall)

Subject:

Solar Panels on the
Town Hall

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Mr. J. Bolton will ask the **Executive Member for Property and Regeneration, Councillor Mrs N.J. Bramhall** the following question:

Solar Panels on the Town Hall

With rapid reductions of Revenue Support Grant from central government, the Council is under pressure to seek other forms of income generation. Has the Executive Member for Property and Renewable Energy considered installing solar panels on the roof of the Town Hall to mitigate the effects of cuts in government grant?

Observations

In 2011 a wide-ranging appraisal of Council Building Stock was undertaken to identify opportunities for the siting of Photovoltaic (solar) panels.

The Town Hall site, including the Middle Block was part of this appraisal and it was deemed unsuitable due to the orientation of the roofs having only 19.44m² of available south facing area to place the panels.

The Town Hall building is listed and would therefore be subject to Conservation and Planning permissions as would the Middle Block as it falls within the same designation.

Concerns were also raised as the fixing of the frames through the roof finishes will be detrimental to the weather proofing of the buildings creating future maintenance and access problems.