

### Financial Assessment Process of Participants

Following expression of interest by an organisation, a financial assessment is undertaken to establish the organisation's financial position and determine the level of risk that it would represent, based on the capital outlay involved in installing the council-owned solar photovoltaics.

This financial assessment consists of a review of relevant and available financial information and this will generally consist of:

- most recent set of annual accounts
- credit rating report from a reputable credit rating agency
- internet searches to check there is no other publicly available information that we may wish to take into account when performing the financial assessment

Review of the accounts and the credit rating report will include consideration of relevant financial ratios as appropriate to conclude on the likely financial strength and financial structure of the organisation. The credit rating report will also give its view of the risk of business failure of the organisation in terms of whether it has an average, or more or less than average, risk.

Using professional judgement, the above information will all be considered and a recommendation of 'pass' or 'fail' given regarding the financial assessment.