

**Appendix 4 - 4.1.3 Forms (Technical Exemption)**

Function	Cluster	Description of Contract	Estimated Start date of Contract	Estimated End date of Contract	Total Estimated Contract Value £	Reason for seeking approval under 4.1.3 Technical Exemption:
City Regeneration & Environment	Strategic Place Planning	I Bike Schools Extension - I Bike Schools is a project run in both primary and secondary schools by Sustrans Scotland. The aim of the I Bike Schools project is to encourage children and young people to travel actively during their commute to school and in their free time. The I Bike Schools Officer is employed by Sustrans Scotland and works as an embedded officer within Aberdeen City Council (ACC).	01/07/2024	30/06/2025	£115,097.00	<p>The I Bike Schools Officer delivers activities such as scooter skills, led walks, led cycles, active travel breakfasts, bike maintenance, smoothie bike and many more. Recently I Bike Schools has brought its 'And She Cycles' project to Aberdeen City schools, to encourage girls, traditionally a hard to reach audience, to cycle more. The 'And She Cycles' project has been very well received. The I Bike Schools Officer works intensively with an Associated School Group (ASG) for up to two academic years and will still support that ASG for a further year once they move on to work intensively with the next one.</p> <p>It is envisaged that ACC's I Bike Schools project will be funded using 100% external funding. No internal Council budgets will be used to cover the cost of the I Bike Schools project. People and Place 2024/25 funding will be used to cover the costs of ACC's I Bike Schools project.</p> <p>For the 2025/26 portion of the I Bike Schools project, although it is intended to use People and Place funding, the availability of this will not be confirmed until later in 2024. However, Transport Scotland (the funder) has confirmed that the risk of the 2025/26 People and Place funding not being available is extremely low. As a backup, to minimise that risk, it is proposed to use Sustrans Active Travel Infrastructure (SATI) funding, which is held by the Council, to cover this 2025/26 portion. This is external funding made up of underspend from a grant award that Sustrans gave the Council for the Third Don Crossing project to enable active travel aspects which Sustrans have then allowed the Council to keep and spend on active travel measures.</p>
Corporate Services	Digital and Technology	Microsoft Unified Support - Microsoft Unified Support is a modern support solution designed to match the needs covering Microsoft Cloud platforms in a single comprehensive support contract.	31/05/2024	30/05/2025	£341,387.00	<p>Microsoft Unified Support is only available from Microsoft and can be sourced on the G-Cloud I3 Framework Service ID 8911 8800 6968 506.</p>
Corporate Services	Finance	Opentext Content Suite Platform - Extension of the contract with the current provider for one year	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£105,875.00	<p>The continuing support and maintenance service will ensure the council's core purchase to pay system remains fully functional and is updated timeously as required to fix any problems arising. This product continues to support financial efficiencies made in the AP team over the period 2010-2023, enabling the centralisation and automation of the invoicing function and enabling electronic record keeping to support Accounting, Budget Holders and Auditors. This is essential spend to ensure the Council receives vendor support when required to enable delivery of services as highlighted above. Community benefit: continued functionality of all critical systems that allow the running of core council services. As this is for support and maintenance only of systems provided by a specific supplier it is highly unlikely that any other supplier would have the intellectual property capability to provide this service. Therefore, it is considered that direct award under the existing contract is justifiable in this case.</p> <p>It is proposed that having to re-tender would be exempt under the national Procurement Regulations – as competition is absent for technical reasons (they are the only supplier with the intellectual property capable of continued maintenance of the system and the element of integration designed for ACC with the E Financials system).</p>