

Appendix 4 - 4.1.3 Forms (Technical Exemption)

Function	Cluster	Description of Contract	Estimated Start date of Contract or Extension	Estimated End date of Contract	Total Estimated Contract Value £	Reason for seeking approval under 4.1.3 Technical Exemption:
Operations	Education	Charanga Music- Music lesson resources, live integrated video rehearsals, integrated resources hub, digital professional learning resources, digital teaching resources, scalable infrastructure to support platform for all ACC pupils and teaching staff in a single resource.	09/01/2023	08/01/2028	£90,662.90	<p>Charanga has an unrivalled 25-year track record of helping organisations improve access, inclusion, equity, and standards in music and expressive arts education. Over 2.5 million students in 64 countries use a Charanga-supported music lesson every week.</p> <p>No other learning platform offers the number of resources, a complete music technology offer provided every pupil in a Charanga school and an integrated professional learning programme to support inclusive music making in schools and across instrumental music services. These are requirements which the Council expects the supplier to be able to fulfil.</p> <p>Research into other offers was conducted by the music service, through dialogue with other local authorities and an online search of offers from other providers, and only Charanga provides the central resources hub, a bespoke Aberdeen City Learning hub, professional learning support and a technology platform that supports all aspects of delivery. These are requirements which the Council expects the supplier to be able to fulfil. Tests of change were carried out at Kirkill and Hazlehead Primary Schools with Charanga and other products. Charanga was found to provide the complete solution to support music education. Other providers offer only components of the solution offered by Charanga and a near equivalent service could only be created by mixing services from multiple providers and would result in a poorer quality offer without the range of services available within the Charanga platform.</p>
Digital & Technology	Customer	Microsoft Services to Support Transformation Programme- Design of digital services to enable Aberdeen City Council's objectives for transformation and customer experience. Design is based on re-use and development of core technologies that are Microsoft's intellectual property.	01/01/2023	01/01/2024	£948,000	<p>Design of digital services to enable Aberdeen City Council's objectives for transformation and customer experience. Design is based on re-use and development of core technologies that are Microsoft's intellectual property.</p>