

Appendix C – Exemption Requests

Supplier	Value	Description of work	Reason for exemption	Service Area	Date
WECAN	£45,000	Delivery of a local digital inclusion project that provides Uttlesford residents access to digital devices and data and supports them with functional digital skills	WECAN Digital Share project's existing funding will end in March 2024. An exemption is requested to provide a grant of £45,000 using UKSPF funding to support the continuation of the WECAN Digital Share project during 2024/25. (Joint funded with Harlow Council)	Economic Development	January 2024
MP Smarter Travel	£49,540	Consultancy support to expand the school's engagement project around air pollution and active travel	Continuity as UDC is currently already employing MP Smarter Travel for delivery of 2 workstreams within the Saffron Walden Clean Air Project. The school's engagement project and the town wide air pollution awareness project	Climate Change	August 2024
Altair	£11,500	To align service charges for leaseholders	Continuity as they also provided the support for the alignment of the rental income	Housing	December 2024
Dixon Searle	£20,000	Consultancy services to prepare viability evidence to inform the preparation of a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Charging Schedule for Uttlesford	The exemption is needed as a proposed contract extension to a similar commission completed by Dixon Searle in Summer 2024 and comprises a refresh and update to this work to support the next phase	Planning	January 2025
Accuity	£14,674	To collect up to date information on all housing tenants to enable contact details to be correct and ensure that appropriate service adjustments are made	Accuity has already been working with UDC on the statutory tenant surveys, they are a sector leader in conducting the social housing resident surveys	Housing	January 2025
Norse	£28,843 (cost is for a two-year contract)	Ensure a service for emergency housing repairs and other serious incidents taking place outside normal working hours	The current provider has provided an excellent service for the out of hours. There will be considerable disruption for tenants when the council moves to a new repairs contractor in April 2025 and changing out of hours provider at the same time adds even more risk	Customer Services	February 2025