

Appendix 1 – List of exemptions for period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Table 1 – Approved Exemptions

No	Title of exemption	Directorate	Date Signed	Supplier	Value	Description of works/goods/ services and Rationale for exemption.	Reason for Supporting
1.	Schools Maintenance – Ledbury Drainage	CYP	09/04/2025	MetroRod	£66,000	Emergency sewer repair at Ledbury Primary School. Reason: Urgency (health and safety)	The exemption is supported on the basis that consultees acknowledged the rationale for urgency and agreed that the circumstances justified an exemption to the Contract Procedure Rules.
2.	Hereford Station Transport Hub	E&E	14/04/2025	National Grid	£55,000	Electrical gird connection for the Transport Hub. Reason: Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works can only be undertaken by the statutory undertaker and therefore there is no opportunity to undertake a competitive procurement process.
3	Electricity Connection Charge to HMAG redevelopment	E&E	13/05/25	National Grid	£42,130	Electricity connection for the HMAG redevelopment. Reason: Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works can only be undertaken by the statutory undertaker and there is therefore no alternative provider available to deliver the required works.
4.	Hereford Western Bypass Phase 1	E&E	11/07/2025	Sharpe Pritchard LLP	£114,000	Specialist legal support for completion of option agreements / transfers with landowners affected by the Southern Link Road. Reason: Specialist advisor	The exemption is supported on the basis that the specialist adviser has detailed prior knowledge of the scheme and previous acquisitions, providing continuity of support and representing the most cost-effective approach for the council.

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5.	Weobley High Electric Upgrade	CYP	24/07/2025	Melcon And National Grid Plc –	£61,517 £13,226	Urgent electrical upgrade required at Weobley High School. Reason: Urgency & Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works are required urgently and within a constrained timescale. The proposed approach provides continuity through the use of contractors with existing knowledge of the project, including the statutory undertaker where required.
6	Autism Education Training	CYP	11/08/2025	Autism Education Trust (AET) (through The National Autistic Society)	£27,354	Purchase of AET licence and training package for delivering training to staff in early years, primary and secondary schools and post 16 settings. Reason: Single Supplier	The exemption is supported on the basis that the provider is the only organisation identified as being able to deliver the council's full training requirements from early years through to post-16 provision.
7	Ross Enterprise Park Gas at Ross Enterprise Park (Model Farm)	E&E	27/08/2025	Wales & West Utilities	£38,981	Gas utility connection works cost at Ross Enterprise Park (Model Farm). Reason: Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works can only be undertaken by the statutory undertaker and there is therefore no alternative supplier available to deliver the required works.
8.	Ross Enterprise Park Water Utility Connection	E&E	E&E	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	£45,860	Water utility connection at Ross Enterprise Park (Model Farm). Reason: Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works can only be undertaken by the statutory undertaker and there is therefore no alternative supplier available to deliver the required works.
9.	Ross Enterprise Park Electrical utility connection	E&E	27/08/2025	National Grid	£491,822	Electrical utility connection works cost. Reason: Statutory provider	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works can only be undertaken by the statutory

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10.	Land Charges Software Extension	Corporate	13/11/25	NEC Software Solutions Uk Ltd.	£36,720	Interim extension required to Land Charges Software. Reason: System compatibility	The exemption is supported on the basis that there is no viable alternative provider due to system compatibility requirements and that an extension is necessary to avoid a gap in service and the associated risk to the council.
11.	Cremator Hearth Replacement	E&E	14/11/25	Facultatieve Technologies Ltd	£80,231	Internal reline of both cremators at Hereford Crematorium. Reason: Specialist supplier	The exemption is supported on the basis that the original equipment manufacturer is best placed to undertake the works, reducing operational risk and ensuring continuity of service. Consultees noted that future maintenance requirements should be addressed through an appropriate maintenance arrangement.
12	SOCITM	Corporate	27/03/26	SOCITM	£40,121	Payment for work completed. Reason: Legal/ Specialist advisor	The exemption is supported on the basis that the additional services have already been delivered and the council has received the associated benefit, making a retrospective exemption appropriate.
13	Additional capacity to address the existing backlog of financial assessments.	Community Wellbeing	16/12/25	Civica Uk Limited	Up to £50,000	Additional capacity to address the existing backlog of financial assessments. Reason: Specialist advisor	The exemption is supported on the basis that there are limited suppliers capable of delivering the required specialist financial assessment services and that

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							the proposed provider represents the most suitable option available. The council should continue to progress a compliant long-term solution to meet future requirements.
14.	Waste removal from the A49 green land site Leominster	E&E	17/03/26	S.C Joseph Ltd	Up to £200,000	Hazardous and non-hazardous waste removal. Reason: Urgency	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works are required urgently to address risks associated with increased public access to the site. Appropriate controls should be maintained to monitor expenditure and ensure value for money.
15	Unit 6 Maylords Hereford – Heating and Ventilation system	E&E	30/03/26	CF Roberts	£70,000	Design, supply, installation and commissioning of mechanical ventilation and air conditioning systems at retail unit at Maylord Shopping Centre in Hereford to meet terms of the lease agreement. Reason: Urgency	The exemption is supported on the basis that the works are required within a fixed contractual timescale and the proposed contractor's existing involvement provides the most practical and cost-effective route to delivery.

Table 2 – Not supported but progressed

No	Title of exemption	Directorate	Date Signed	Supplier	Value	Description of works/goods/ services and Rationale for Exemption	Reason NOT Supported	Outcome
16.	Quiet Routes Active Travel Measures (ATM)	E&E	17/10/25	Project Centre Ltd (PCL)	£50,950	Appoint PCL as Principal Designer for the Quiet Routes ATM construction phase because they developed the scheme to detailed design and are best placed to continue. Running a tender would duplicate work, cause delays to the planned September 2025 start, increase costs, and risk funding, while offering little added value given their competitive pricing and compliant prior appointment.	Competition (seek 4 quotes) was feasible. Procurement should have been considered earlier within project plan. In future, designers should be appointed for the entire project.	Proceeded at risk
17.	Holme Lacy Road Active Travel Measures (ATM)	E&E	17/10/25	Price & Myers LLP	£69,420	Appoint Price & Myers as Principal Designer for the Holme Lacy Rd ATM construction phase because they completed the scheme to detailed design and are best placed to continue. Running a tender would duplicate work, cause delays to the planned September 2025 start, increase costs, and risk funding, while offering limited added value given their competitive pricing and prior compliant appointment.	Competition (seek 4 quotes) was feasible. Procurement should have been considered earlier within project plan. In future, designers should be appointed for the entire project.	Proceeded at risk