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ESSENTIAL Subscriptions and Memberships

Subscription/Publication	Cost	Business Need
Corporate		
Local Government Association	£ 7,317.84	Access to national lobbying on behalf of local government. Access to Peer Review and other support mechanisms
East of England Local Government Association	£ 10,440.00	Access to Talentbank and recruitment support as well as regional political and officer support.
Local Government Information Unit	£ 2,505.00	Policy briefings, daily news update
District Council Network	£ 200.00	Lobbying and interest group for district/borough councils
Brentwood Gazette (2 copies)	£ 780.00	Review of local news items
Local Government Chronicle	£ 780.00	LGA published journal, access to local government news and announcements,
Municipal Journal	£ 140.00	Access to local government news, opinions and announcements
	£ 22,162.84	
Housing		
Housing Ombudsman	£ 3,083.85	Requirement : New legislation from April 2014
Arden & Partington Housing Law	£ 261.00	Housing Law updates
Housemark	£ 4,514.43	National Benchmarking Service
Housing Partners	£ 4,510.00	Requirement: National Mutual Exchange Scheme
Locata	£ 12,000.00	Requirement - Sub Regional Partnership - Choice based lettings IT software
Social Landlords Crime & Nuisance Group	£ 407.00	Recent subscription to National Group geared to deal with ASB. Providing advice & best practice. Relevant given the law changes coming in. Sum is pro rata for this year.
	£ 24,776.28	
Street Scene and Environment		
British Parking Association	£ 840.00	Best Practice provides legal information and case studies
East Anglian Parking Forum	£ 100.00	Best Practice provides legal information and case studies
Mallard	£ 1,140.00	Best Practice: Used by Street Scene and Environmental Health
	£ 2,080.00	
Borough Health, Safety and Localism		

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Croner	£	905.00	Legal resource and access to relevant case law
CIEH	£	480.00	Confidential exchange of information between Las
Lexis Nexis	£	1,015.00	Legal resource and access to relevant case law
Sweet & Maxwell	£	1,783.00	Legal resource and access to relevant case law
Thomson Reuters	£	474.00	Legal resource and access to relevant case law
Ferret Information	£	190.00	Electronic forms for disabled facilities grants
Ferret Information	£	99.00	Computer program to assess means test
Mallard Consultancy	£	950.00	Legal information for planning, licensing, env health and waste
The Institute of licensing	£	70.00	Legal resource access to relevant case law and course discounts
CCTV User Group	£	275.00	CCTV Managers group - information resource
Events Industry Forum	£	25.00	Purple guide which sets out best practice for the planning, managing and delivery of events.
Grant Finder / Grant Net	£	5,612.27	External funding search engine that the Council, organisations and individuals can search on
	£	11,878.27	
Finance			
KPMG - VAT helpline	£	2,000.00	Provides specialist advice on VAT that cannot be provided in house on a cost effective basis
LG Futures - financial intelligence tollkit	£	3,340.00	Provides specialist financial advice and forecasts as well as legislative updates to inform financial planning
CIPFA 0 Tis online	£	2,515.00	Provides access to CIPFA guidance and discussion forums with other members including email alerts
CIPFA - Housing Network	£	1,135.00	Specifically focused on housing it provides technical advisors access to publications and latest developments as well as national events
CIPFA - Publication	£	3,100.00	Statutory guidance
	£	12,090.00	
Planning			
Local Authority Building Control (LABC)	£	1,000.00	Best practice
East Anglia Local Authority Building Control	£	100.00	Best practice

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Essex Building Surveyor's Association	£ 50.00	Best practice
The Planning Jungle	£ 200.00	Appeal analysis website
DCP	£ 1,045.00	Planning resources website for development managers
Trevor Roberts	£ 600.00	Planning admin process manual
Essex Planning Officers Society	£ 2,000.00	Extensive training from Anglia Ruskin University
Planning Officers Society	£ 200.00	Council Membership Essential
	£ 5,195.00	
Customer Services (Revs and Bens, IT, HR)		
National Anti Fraud Network (NAFN)	£ 2,437.00	Essential as we do not have fully authorised officers. NAFN also used to undertake tracing of absconders
Housing benefit Info	£ 399.00	Nationally recognised provider of up to date information regarding HB legislation and is used by managers to cross reference with other Councils to determine best practice.
SOCITM	£ 1,085.00	Helps provide public service organisations and citizens maximum value from IT and digital services
	£ 3,921.00	
Strategic Asset Management		
Estates Gazette	£ 339.00	Weekly property newspaper in print and digital formats. Provides news and legal and property updates
ACES	£ 145.00	Association of Chief Estates Officers (Public sector senior officer body to share practices and knowledge.
	£ 484.00	
TOTAL Essential Subscriptions	£ 82,587.39	