

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: [REDACTED]
County area (local councils and parish/voluntary wards): [REDACTED]

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- New from 2020/21 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
1 Balances Brought Forward	13,651	16,034	2,383			
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,700	7,700	0	0.00%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	1,401	330	-881	73.36%	YES	No grants or commuted sums claimed in this financial year, only VAT reclaim of £320
4 Staff Costs	4,037	5,110	1,073	26.58%	YES	Staff costs increased due to a pay rise to the Clerk & RFO (£3,644) and the appointment of a new caretaker with an increased hourly rate and additional maintenance works across the Parish (£1,296). The remainder are Travel Expenses for the Clerk to Council meetings and noticeboards (£171)
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	2,384	5,057	2,676	112.39%	YES	Increase in Council payments in this financial year, largely due to community activities associated with the Jubilee and the Council undertaking an Asset re-valuation. Payments have included: Jubilee (£1,500), Insurance (£755), Parish Verge Cuts (£540), Asset Valuations (£480), Subscriptions (£415), Audit (£315), Working from Home allowance (£312), Defibrillator Battery & Pads (£253), Website & IT (£191), Room Hire (£138), Payroll (£85), Bank Account Fees and Cheque Charges (£73)
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,034	13,987	-2,047		NO	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	16,034	13,987	-2,047			
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	185,000	185,000	0	0.00%	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable