

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: [REDACTED]

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): [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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	24,811	87,326				Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	50,000	58,000	8,000	16.00%	YES	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees The Parish Council carefully reviewed their budget and determined that they required this level of precept taking into account rising costs for service provision, increased staffing costs mainly associated with the impact of employer national insurance contributions, and anticipated legal costs related to negotiations for the renewal of a lease.
3 Total Other Receipts	168,999	85,356	-83,643	49.49%	YES	In the previous year the VAT repayment was received of £4380.80 and in miscellaneous receipts - £77975 relating to an outstanding S106 payment from a contractor who had not undertaken the required works, as well as £1300 received towards a project and a refund of £854 from a gas supplier
4 Staff Costs	27,789	29,979	2,190	7.88%	NO	4,380.80 80,329.94 84,000.00 287.95
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	168,998.69
6 All Other Payments	128,695	129,123	428	0.33%	NO	
7 Balances Carried Forward	87,326	71,580				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	87,326	71,580				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,496,502	1,485,959	-10,543	0.70%	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