

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);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	22,517	16,863				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,400	16,173	773	5.02%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	7,701	7,252	-449	5.83%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	7,084	9,103	2,019	28.50%	YES	Had to employ a Locum clerk from September 2024, due to the existing Clerk resigning. The hourly rate was £25 compared to £12.63	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,672	11,866	-9,806	45.25%	YES	During 23/24 £5645 was spent on compiling the Neighbour Plan, £2551 was spent on an information panel about the village pinfold, £563 to repair the lawnmower. Plus insurance was higher.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,863	19,319				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	16,863	19,319				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	623,643	624,243	600	0.10%	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