

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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	231,766	216,794				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	77,036	86,000	8,964	11.64%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	39,941	86,451	46,510	116.45%	YES		UKGRASSroot funding for a project to improve the play area was received £48,372
4 Staff Costs	55,295	64,483	9,188	16.62%	YES		in 2023/24 there was a period without a clerk and the salary and associated pension and HMRC costs were £3,459. 24/25 increase also include staff increment increases and agreed salary increases in line with nationally agreed salary scales, increase in the National Minimum wage.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	76,654	160,751	84,097	109.71%	YES		Project costs for the play area improvements were £53,797. There is a project to install a new Playzone working with the Football Foundation, the project required the removal of a trees and replacement fence in the memorial park and demolition of an old pavilion that was no longer fit for use, costs £24920. The annual general tree report also showed work that needed to be done for the health of the trees and safety of the public in open spaces costs £5800
7 Balances Carried Forward	216,794	164,011				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	216,794	164,010				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	190,259	202,810	12,551	6.60%	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