

## 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?	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	83,690	94,806				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	24,687	19,100	-5,587	22.63%	YES		The reduction in precept is due to the reserves targets being met
3 Total Other Receipts	6,338	24,981	18,643	294.15%	YES		In 2025 the council received a grant of 17000. They also started a newsletter with paid advertising totalling £894. Solar payments was also £1082 higher compared to 2024-25. When the 2025/26 figure is adjusted by reducing it by £18976 it gives an adjusted variance of -£333 5.25% which is within tolerance
4 Staff Costs	8,666	8,231	-435	5.02%	NO		In 2024/25 the PC was without a clerk/RFO for 3 months and overtime was worked at the start of 2025 to catch up. When the 2024/25 figure is adjusted by increasing it by £2166 (3months salary) = £8666 and the 2025/26 figure is reduced by £2166 = £8231 it gives an adjusted variance of -£435 5.02% which is within tolerance
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	2,053	2,053	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,356	22,627	11,271	99.25%	YES		In 2025-26 the PC contributed £6000 towards the car park resuracing at the village hall and spent £2370 in play park maintenance. The PC also returned a donation of £1590 to the original donator as requested. Without this additional expenses compared to last year our payments would have been £12667, an adjusted variance of £1311 11.54% which is within the tolerance
7 Balances Carried Forward	92,640	105,976				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	94,806	103,810				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	22,728	23,239	511	2.25%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	6,553	4,788	-1,765	26.93%	YES		Explained by box 5

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable