

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	13,719	14,265				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,900	9,000	100	1.12%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,957	3,502	1,545	78.95%	YES		£1k one-off donation towards defibrillator costs in 24/25, £0.7k higher VAT reclaim in 24/25 as claim to December 24 made in year.
4 Staff Costs	3,302	2,471	-831	25.17%	YES		Clerk position vacant from January to March 2025 (£0.8k)
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	7,009	8,222	1,213	17.31%	YES		Defibrillator one-off cost in 24/25 £2.4k, and tree works one-off cost in 24/25 £1k. Hedge laying one-off expenditure in
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,265	16,074				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	14,265	16,074				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	19,502	21,854	2,352	12.06%	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