

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, <span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;">DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</span>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">38,989</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">31,942</span>				<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;">Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this</span>	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">12,262</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">13,488</span>	1,226	10.00%	NO	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	
3 Total Other Receipts	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">6,983</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">4,213</span>	-2,770	39.67%	YES	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	In 2023/24 we received £5,031 in come for the allotments, whereas we received only £3,550 in 2024/25. In addition, in 2023/24, we received £600 in grant funding, £250 in rent for a field, and £361 in interest and £741 in a VAT refund. In 2024/25 in addition to the allotments rent we received £250 for rent for a field and a petty cash deposit of £20 and £393 in interest.
4 Staff Costs	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">8,569</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">8,817</span>	248	2.89%	NO	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">0</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">0</span>	0	0.00%	NO	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	
6 All Other Payments	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">17,721</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">6,051</span>	-11,670	65.85%	YES	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	In 2923/24 we repaid a VAT overpayment of £5,204, added new equipment in the play area for £2575, paid for improvements in the village hall for £2171 and we had to pay for election fees for £1587.
7 Balances Carried Forward	<span style="background-color: #ffc107; color: black;">31,944</span>	<span style="background-color: #ffc107; color: black;">34,775</span>				<span style="background-color: #dc3545; color: black;">VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</span>	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">31,942</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">34,755</span>				<span style="background-color: #dc3545; color: black;">VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</span>	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">359,134</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">359,134</span>	0	0.00%	NO	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	
10 Total Borrowings	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">0</span>	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: black;">0</span>	0	0.00%	NO	<span style="background-color: #28a745; color: black;"></span>	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable