

## 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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	13,875	2,030				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,374	10,890	516	4.97%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,074	7,462	3,388	83.16%	YES		In 2025-26 two grants were received for £1476 and £1000. The Council also signed up for the lengthsman scheme and received £960 from the County Council for this.
4 Staff Costs	1,381	4,916	3,535	255.97%	YES		The clerk was on maternity leave so no clerk's fees from June to December 2024. The clerk returned in January 2025 and has continued working since then.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	3,301	3,301	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,611	5,729	-15,882	73.49%	YES		In 2024-25 there were shed rebuild costs of £15,917
7 Balances Carried Forward	2,030	6,436				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments						VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and			0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable