

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	309,171	400,410					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	135,051	139,800	4,749	3.52%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	172,704	230,244	57,540	33.32%	YES		£10,357 insurance claim £42,374 S106 monies received £ 1,758 increased hire fees £ 3,127 increase on contracted income £ 1,609 increase in land rent £ 8,294 grant for new bins £ 5,000 option money for commercial land Total Additional receipts: £72,519 £ 243 reduction in car charging £ 600 reduction in fees received for elections £ 856 reduction in allotment fees £1,454 reimbursement by leisure centre in prior year (arrangement ceased in Mar24) £4,955 additional contract monies received in 23/24 (two payments in one year) £6,000 received in 23/24 for pond (one off) Total Reductions: £14,108
4 Staff Costs	93,876	122,156	28,280	30.12%	YES		Compared to the previous year the increases in staffing costs were as a result of the following: £ 5,632 All staff received a pay increase of 6% £ 3,700 New appointment of third general part time worker 6 hours per week from Sept £12,250 New appointment of senior clerk 60 hours per month from Sept £ 6,698 OT hours paid in excess of contracted hours Total Increases: £28,280
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	275	275	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	122,365	170,864	48,499	39.64%	YES		This negative variance is mainly due to the following expenditure which was incurred in 2023-2024 and which has not been repeated: £3,195 resurfacing of the car park £1,718 new hanging baskets £1,186 investment of 106 funding into playground equipment £5,004 purchase of Corvus £5,791 repairs to existing machinery £3000 saving on utilities (water leak and estimated electricity costs) This reduction in expenditure totals £19,894 These savings have been offset by the following areas of increased spend: £8874 replacement windows in the Parish Rooms & decoration £4746 replacement bus shelter £1875 new Christmas lights for the town £391 new strimmer £11800 investment of grant money into new bins £15,799 purchase of Gator £6559 repairs following break ins at allotments & implement shed £3318 costs linked to removal of youth building & subsequent costs to update Pavilion £740 increase in land agent fees (possible rent review) £1163 repairs to playground equipment £12,154 costs linked to development of industrial land £6553 costs to develop new cemetery This increase in expenditure totals £70,985 The remaining difference of £1500 is a result of general expenditure costs being less than the previous year but not listed separately as amounts are so small
7 Balances Carried Forward	400,410	477,158				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	352,238	423,072				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	2,725,443	2,737,684	12,241	0.45%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	1,887	1,661	-206	10.94%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable