

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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	58,770	60,754				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	39,183	39,183.00	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	9,842	19,586	9,744	99.01%	YES	The Parish Council was given a CIL allocation of £10995.13 to create allotments within the community. However, we have yet been able to spend this money due to being unable to secure a site. We were given an additional £4290 as a grant to have some xmas lights put up by the village hall which will be done for Xmas 2026. Lloyds gave us a £60 refund for the issues that they created with our bank. We were also given a £75 doantion.	
4 Staff Costs	13,655	16,393.38	2,738	20.05%	YES	From January 2026 - March 2026 there was a cross over from Jane Marlow as Clerk to Hayley Pullan. During that time Jane was training Hayley so the Council were paying two wages. In additon Hayley was also entitled to a pension of £68.02	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	33,386	36,008.35	2,622	7.85%	NO	In May we held a village fair in which we spent around £2364. We spent £7115 on new xmas lights on the village green. £7988 on new SIDs on Walton Park and Hill Top Road, which included an extra fee of £305.91 to get them fitted.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	60,754	67,121				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	60,754	67,121.0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	45,239	53206.00	7,967	17.61%	YES	The Council bought two SIDs, one for Walton Park and the other for Hill Top Lane. Them plus some 6 extra batteries were £7988 + VAT. There was also a new laminator purchased at £25.99	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable