

## 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;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	36,448	40,485				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,806	14,806	-1,000	6.33%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	20,103	19,822	-281	1.40%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	4,519	4,767	248	5.49%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	27,353	15,836	-11,517	42.11%	YES		The Council spent more on the following budget areas in 2020/21 compared to 2021/22 Streetlighting Maintenance £84; Streetlighting electricity £11; Grounds Maintenance £357; Bin Emptying £796; Subscriptions £250; Office supplies £78; NP Parish Council fund £10; NP Grant Round 1 £1857; NP Grant Round 2 £1823; Volunteer Covid Fund £500 March 2022; Covid Volunteer Fund £66; Small Business Rate Fund £10,000; Legal Fees £1450; all totalling £17,282 (A). However in 2021/22 they spent more on the following budget areas compared to 2020/21 Community Projects £302; Remembrance service items £18; Village Hall Hire £64; Cemetery Water £10; Dog waste bins £282; Parish Partnership NCC Funding £1205; Audit fees £3142; Training £50; Computer/website £62; Payroll £67; Contingency £575 totalling £5777. If you calculate £17,282 minus £5777 equals the variance £11,505. This is not exacting due to the rounding of figures.
7 Balances Carried Forward	40,485	54,510			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	40,485	54,510				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments a	85,270	86,531	1,261	1.48%	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