

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	14,115	32,120					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26,650	28,509	1,859	6.98%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	31,382	22,093	-9,289	29.60%	YES		In 25-26 we had £15.69 less bank interest, £805 less cemetery fees. We received £901.50 less in grants, £2057 less in donations, £365.76 less as the community hub payments have finished and our VAT refund was £12282.25 less. In 25-26 we did receive £7083 CIL money which we didn't last year and £55.09 more from the grass cutting payment.
4 Staff Costs	13,446	14,837	1,391	10.35%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	26,581	24,680	-1,901	7.15%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	32,120	43,205				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	32,120	43,205				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	956,174	956,212	38	0.00%	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

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