

**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	9,526	10,282				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	31,715	54,485	22,770	71.80%	YES		Due to purchase of village shop as a community asset (£5000), project spending provision (£5000), contingency planning (£6000), and investment into the play park (£9000) with other areas of spend planned to reduce (£2230)
3 Total Other Receipts	1,586	483	-1,103	69.55%	YES		Reduction in P3 grant (£490) and no additional grant money received. No VAT return completed in FY2025/26
4 Staff Costs	7,422	7,153	-269	3.62%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	13,273	13,273	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,840	14,321	2,481	20.95%	YES		Increase in approved local grants that improve and support the community (From £2335 to £6184), with other spending reducing (£1008).
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,292	30,513				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,292	30,514				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments a	58,018	58,018	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	191,417	184,141	-7,276	3.80%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable