

## 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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	64,484	65,171				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,448	26,400	952	3.74%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	31,426	13,578	-17,848	56.79%	YES		<b>In addition to budgeted anticipated annual receipts - in 2024/25</b> we recovered vat of £1,832.1 Received grants of £500.00, £2,628.00, £5,163.63, £14,897.00 and benefited from insurance claims of £4,166.00+£605.00 <b>In 2025/26</b> we recovered vat of £7,145.05. Received grants of £250.00, £3350.40, £1,379.64 and received a one off wayleave payment of £180.00
4 Staff Costs	7,657	8,330	673	8.79%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	48,530	22,357	-26,173	53.93%	YES		<b>In addition to antisippated expenditure - in 2024/25</b> we spent £638.92 providing a new planter , £14,483.00 on new play equipment, £5256.00 providing a new bus schelter, £4,416.00 replacin in insured damaged assets, £2,757.11 on required electrical re routing including the purchase of a new electricity kiosk, £408.00 on a new kissing gate, with £213.33 on repairs to the PROW and incurred £7,145.05 in vat, which was not reimbursed until the next financial year. <b>In 2025/26</b> we spent supported the mens shed with £500.00 towards their ecological planning commitment, provided £500.00 towards the replacement of speakers for commuity events, £295.00 towards replacing pads on the community defibulator, £669.50 towards supporting 3 seperate community events held in the village, £1,999.88 towards funding training for volunteers and helping with room hire for the year for the youth club , £855.00 to replace a damaged bench (that was claimed on insurance in 2024/25) and we incurred £1,850.00 in unbudgeted maintenance to trees, following a routine inspection. We also incurred vat of £2,454.12 (to be claimed back in 26/27)
7 Balances Carried Forward	65,171	74,462				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	67,171	74,462				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	138,246	139,329	1,083	0.78%	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