

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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	66,415	72,020				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	29,459	26,122	-3,337	11.33%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	36,911	22,992	-13,919	37.71%	YES		In 2023 the Council managed a grant for the playground which meant that fundraising carried out by the Playground Committee to fund a new playground unit was paid into the Council bank account and the Council purchased the equipment for the playground that is leased by the Parish Council. The total amount that was paid in to the Council account in 22/23 was £23475, the total misc receipts in 22/23 was £24,127, made up of the playground committee and a grant of £590 from The War Memorials Trust, a reimbursement of £61.32 from the Boules Club and £1.24 interest. In 23/24 we received £5886.8 of CIL, in 22/23 we received £3943, a difference of £1943. In 2022/23 the misc receipts totalled £24127, in 23/24 they totalled £9263 - a difference of £14,854. The £9263 is made up of a grant of £1750 towards the swings in the playground, £1806 & £1067 from the playground committee, £2935 from Zurich insurance to fund the cost of replacing a stolen VAS, £166 reimbursement from the Village Hall for the installation cost of Gigaclear wifi, £250 reimbursement from a resident for tree works in the burial ground and £127 from the Village hall from a grant overpayment and the remainder is interest from Lloyds & Barclays Bank (£1160.44). We received less in burials income (23/24 £325 and 22/23 £625) and less in marquee hire (23/24 £70 and 22/23 £570.)
4 Staff Costs	7,229	7,773	544	7.53%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	53,536	47,891	-5,645	10.54%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	72,020	65,470				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	174,905	173,647	-1,258	0.72%	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