

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	21,867	21,313				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,401	17,221	820	5.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,006	2,435	429	21.39%	YES		In 2023/24 the County Council's grass cutting contribution was £1,005, whereas in 2024/25 it was £2,155. The Council also received £273 in interest - nothing in 2023/24. In 2023/24 the Council received £808 from the Community Infrastructure Levy and nothing in 2024/25.
4 Staff Costs	6,583	6,655	72	1.09%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,400	11,921	-479	3.86%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	21,291 Reinstated	22,393				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21,313	22,392				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	59,254	67,847	8,593	14.50%	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