

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);
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	20xx/xx £	20xx/xx £	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	19,411	21,400				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,919	10,118	199	2.01%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,790	3,303	1,513	84.53%	YES		A grant of £2500 from Wiltshire Council Area Board towards a mower for Victoria Park
4 Staff Costs	5,060	5,507	447	8.83%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,660	5,877	1,217	26.12%	YES		A general increase in costs in line with inflation. Additionally, items of benefit to the community were bought such as an autospeedwatch camera to support the activities of the local traffic calming group; a camera to assist with the reduction of dog fouling in the community; a number of grants to local groups providing support for specific groups with need in the community and area: additional training costs for the new Clerk and 'compliance' training for
7 Balances Carried Forward	21,400	23,437				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21,400	23,437				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments at	403,960	406,396	2,436	0.60%	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