

## 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	20,302	18,334				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,844	8,845	1	0.01%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,922	2,945	1,023	53.23%	YES		The LCC Amenity Grant had increased by £33.14 A VAT refund was made of £760.29 A savings account as opened resulting in bank interest of £229.98 Total £1023.41
4 Staff Costs	3,938	3,029	-909	23.08%	YES		The new clerk employed April 2025 had worked the contracted hours, only as some tasks e.g. newsletter design had been outourced.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	8,795	7,389	-1,406	15.99%	YES		There had been a savings on the admin budget line -£38.14 Bank Charges had increased by £55.00 following moving to UNITY Trust Bank. Bus Shelter Cleaning increased by £20.00 which was a one-off payment for extra cleaning. Christmas Tree saving -£30.00. A defibrillator had been purchased in 24-25 -£939.90 Email Hosting increased by £60.00. Green Structures increased by £1,066.03 (fencing purchased in 25.26) Hall Hire increased by 99.00 ICO annual membership increased by £12.00. Insurance increased by £5.27 LALC Membership reduced by -£87.44 Office Equipment -£371.78 due to laptop and phone having been purchased in 24-25. Staff Expenses (including mileage) increased by £49.55. Stationery & Postage increased by £16.20 Street Furniture decreased by -£1,853.40 replacement of kissing gates and fencing in 24.25. Utterby Voice costs increased by £214.15 Grass Cutting and Village Green Cutting increased by £286.00. Village Project was started at a cost of £48.96. Total £1,406.50
7 Balances Carried Forward	18,334	19,707				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	18,334	19,707				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	12,929	14,015	1,086	8.40%	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