

Explanation of variances 2022/23 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2022	2023	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?		DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%	Is > 15%	Is > £100,000		
1 Balances Brought Forward	24,941	28,771						Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,918	12,000	2,082	20.99%	YES	NO		The Parish Council approved a larger than usual increase in the Precept to cope with the extra expenditure on replacing noticeboards and anticipated rise in maintenance costs
3 Total Other Receipts	8,202	24,999	16,797	204.79%	YES	NO		The PC received various grants (£7800) towards the restoration of the road track that runs along the southern aspect of the village green (1500m). The PC also received CIL funds (£10684) from a development in the village.
4 Staff Costs	1,962	2,496	534	27.22%	YES	NO		Increased administration associated with the restoration of the track and planning applications. Salary costs were within budget.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,328	33,388	21,060	170.83%	YES	NO		The restoration of the southern track cost £18750 (ex VAT) and replacement of the two noticeboards cost £2546. These were one-off payments for the year. Budget for 23/24 has payments at £11415
7 Balances Carried Forward	28,771	29,886	1,115	3.88%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	7,771	10,200	2,429	31.26%	YES	NO		Two new noticeboards were purchased and installed in the two villages
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 2.9008873 2.4905

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LEVEL OF RESERVES ON THE FOLLOWING TAB

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete or update the highlighted boxes when the total in Box 7 is greater than 2 times the value of Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves)

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves*:			
Pollarding trees (due 2025)	3000		
Maintaining ditch along the green (due 2025)	2000		
Maintenance of the pond	500		
Tree planting project	216		
Track repair fund	5647		
CIL funds for infrastructure only	10684		
		22047	
General reserve	7839		
		7839	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			29886
Box 7 per Annual Return			29,886
Difference			0

Column B - Reserves should be renamed to show the specific purpose / name given by this authority.

Column D - Earmarked items - a value for the amount earmarked for each specific reserve should be entered and the number can be reduced or extended as appropriate.

Column D - General reserves - this should relate to normal operating funds and should be the difference between the value of Box 7 on Section 2 of the AGAR and the value of Box 7 on Section 2 of the AGAR.

3 of Box 2)
res at the year end:

terd. There maybe fewer than 5 reserves or

between the total of all Earmarked reserves