

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:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	59,497.00	40,692.14				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	45,000.00	50,400.00	5,400	12.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	30,128.00	13,000.31	-17,128	56.85%	YES		The Council undertook a major project in 2019/20, securing funds of £10,000 from the Ibstock Enovert Trust, and £2,126 from the Batheaston Garden Group. This was not replicated in 2020/21. There was a substantial fall in Outside Services - the hall and public toilets - from £3,680 to £910 - which was due to Covid - either the facilities were closed or they were offered with no cost to host community support initiatives.
4 Staff Costs	21,368.00	£26,907	5,539	25.92%	YES		Pension contributions for the Clerk had not been paid in 2019/20, even though employee contributions were deducted from salary paid. There was therefore a payment of £1096 (£411 Er + £685 Ee) for 2019/20, and increased costs of £1,380 (£516+£864) for 2020/21. The remaining ca. 14% is increased overtime, and pay rises.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	72,565.00	£30,982	-41,583	57.30%	YES		The Council undertook a major project in 2019/20 to regenerate a "Secret Garden" on land in the centre of the Village, with a total cost in excess of £40,000 (including VAT). The only substantial investments in 2020/21 were in procuring and implement a new website and finance system (£3,785).
7 Balances Carried Forward	40,692	46,203			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	40,692	46,204				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	373,160.00	373,160.00	0	0.00%	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