

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	68,909	76,182				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,703	17,078	375	2.25%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	9,106	4,160	-4,946	54.32%	YES		VAT reclaim was £7k 19/20 for purchase of play equipment, vat claim 20/21 £1K, other income 2021 £2,800. donations from CPRE&AONB towards legal advice re Planning Applications.
4 Staff Costs	4,568	5,158	590	12.92%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,968	20,023	6,055	43.35%	YES		Purchase New Defibrillator & Cabinet £1,600. New Laptop £600. Dorset Planning Consultancy £4K Re Blandford Neighbourhood Plan (Cost Shared with AONB/CPRE)
7 Balances Carried Forward	76,182	72,239			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED 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	76,182	72,239				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	70,858	72,239	1,381	1.95%	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