

Explanation of variances 2021/22 – 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);
- 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).

	2021 £	2022 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	25,571	28,226				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,683	11,683	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,642	690	-2,953	81.07%	YES		In 2021 the Council received a grant of £1800 towards the repair of the village clock. There was also a notional receipt of £1000 resulting from a donation recorded as expenditure the previous year but subsequently cancelled in 2021.
4 Staff Costs	2,490	2,495	5	0.21%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	10,180	6,683	-3,497	34.35%	YES		The repair to the village clock in 2021 cost £2640. The final external report for the grant on the pocket park project (completed in 2020) cost £500 which was paid in 2021. There was also an additional audit fee of £240 in 2021 for a Limited Assurance Review of the accounts for 2020, not required for 2021
7 Balances Carried Forward	28,226	31,421	3,195	11.32%	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	28,226	31,421	3,194	11.32%	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	86,574	86,574	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 2.41601 2.68946

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

Explanation for ‘high’ reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Playground	2000		
Resilience grant not yet spent	3645		
Village improvement fund (funded by events)	5000		
		10645	
General reserve	20776	20776	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			31421
Box 7 per Annual Return			31,421
Difference			0