

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

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	15,828	19,307					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,390	20,979	18,589	777.78%	YES		Grants of £17,143.90 were received in 2023-2024 for refurbishment of the Multi Use Games Area and Playground. This is compared to £300 received in 2022-2023. In addition £2465 was received in 2023-2024 for cemetery plot reservation or interment. This is compared to £630 in 2022-2023 for cemetery plot reservation/interment. Bank interest rates rose and the parish council received £10.18 in interest in 2023-24 as compared to £1.88 in 2022-2023. The parish council received less income in land rents in 2023-24 (£60) as compared to £220 in 2022-2023. In 2023-24 there was one uncashed cheque of £20 payable to Donington on Bain village Hall. In 2022-2023 two cheques that had been written at the end of the 2021-22 financial year to the Lincolnshire Association of Local council were reported to have not been received. Two further cheques were issued and as they were written in a new financial year this resulted in uncashed cheque of £243.99 being added to the income.
4 Staff Costs	3,394	3,731	337	9.93%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,517	36,080	30,563	553.98%	YES		Additional expenditure to refurbish the Multi Use Games area (£11,043) and Playground (£17,340). Cost for walks leaflet (406.00). Election expenses (£48.50 compared to £0 in 2022-2023). Purchase of Speed Gun (£576.43). Increased mowing costs (£2,400 in 2022-23 compared to £3168 in 2023-2024)
7 Balances Carried Forward	19,307	10,475				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	19,307	10,475				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	79,919	79,919	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