

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: GRINDLETON PARISH COUNCIL  
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	26,693	24,951				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,800	9,460	660	7.50%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,005	2,795	-210	6.99%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	5,500	2,759	-2,741	49.84%	YES		The budget in 23/24 was inflated to allow the Clerk to modernise and establish new policies and procedures, and to revisit allotment tenancy agreements. In 24/25, the modernisation work having been completed, the Clerk's salary reverted to normal levels.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	8,047	6,449	-1,598	19.86%	YES		In 24/25 Lengthsman costs are down when compared to 23/24. One off costs for grant allocations for the purchase of picnic table and tree guards were made totalling £780.
7 Balances Carried Forward	24,951	27,998				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	24,951	27,998				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	24,951	27,998	3,047	12.21%	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