

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Winsford 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;
- 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).

| | 2021/22 £ | 2022/23 £ | 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 | 3,417 | 9,756 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this | Contains ringfenced fund for Ann Le Bas paintings sale to pay for solicitor for field bequest and memorial bench (£3,004) also remaining Reconnecting Communities grant (£678.58) |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 6,500 | 7,500 | 1,000 | 15.38% | YES | | The Parish Council were advised to include £1,500 to cover the cost of an election to be held in May 2022. Some of the cost was met from carry forward. |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 4,780 | 7,290 | 2,510 | 52.51% | YES | | £7,290 was a donation towards the cost of replacing the swings on the Village Green |
| 4 Staff Costs | 1,918 | 1,973 | 55 | 2.87% | NO | | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 6 All Other Payments | 3,051 | 14,588 | 11,537 | 378.14% | YES | | Swings purchased at total cost of £10,910.90 (inc VAT), Memorial Bench, Jubilee costs and additional dog bin emptying charge. |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 9,728 | 7,985 | | | NO | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 9,677 | 6,884 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 23,685 | 35,646 | 11,961 | 50.50% | YES | | Memorial Bench and New Swings purchased and installed |
| 10 Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable