

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: FARNHILL 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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- New from 2025/26 onwards: variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	37,818	39,339				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,750	17,325	1,575	10.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,293	1,869	576	44.55%	YES		Higher Vat rebate
4 Staff Costs	2,720	5,817	3,097	113.86%	YES		Backdated pay increase to bring in line with current recommended rates and increased hours.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,802	13,452	650	5.08%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	39,339	39,264				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	39,339	39,264				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	16,578	18,922	2,344	14.14%	YES		New Heritage Lighting Inserted
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable