

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

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	10,670	6,431					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,500	3,000	500	20.00%	1	1	YES	Rising costs and diminishing reserves.
3 Total Other Receipts	803	83	-720	89.66%	0	1	YES	No VAT claim in 2022/23
4 Staff Costs	1,827	2,093	266	14.56%	1	0	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	NO	
6 All Other Payments	5,805	2,596	-3,209	55.28%	0	1	YES	No capital items purchased in 2022/23
7 Balances Carried Forward	6,341	4,825					NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	6,431	4,825						VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	1,300	2,483	1,183	91.00%	1	1	YES	Purchase of litter bin and defibrillator in 2021/22
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable