

## 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**: 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).

	2019/20	2020/21	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	Explanation
	£	£	£	%		Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
1 Balances Brought Forward	82,842	163,923			NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	69,887	70,000	113	0.16%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	99,796	19,257	-80,539	80.70%	YES	See next sheet for explanation...
4 Staff Costs	17,649	20,264	2,615	14.82%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	70,953	45,795	-25,158	35.46%	YES	See next sheet for explanation...
7 Balances Carried Forward	163,923	187,121			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	163,923	187,121			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	124,604	128,330	3,726	2.99%	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

19/4/2021  
 Versions  
 2 pm issue

	A	B	C	
	Explanation of variances between Box 3			
	2019/20		2020/21	
	£		£	
1	99796.00	More	19257.00	Less
2		80539.00		Difference between amounts
3				
4	83789.00			additional CIL money received 2019/20
5				
6	16007.00			A1 minus A4 amount
7		3250.00	More	C1 minus A6 difference between amounts
8				
9			5029.00	Covid 19 Funding received 2020-21
10		1779.00	More	C9 minus B7 difference between amounts
11			1846.00	Higher amount of VAT claimed 2019-20
12		67		difference less than £200

92339.50

CIL received 2019/20

8550.17

CIL received 2020/21

83789.33

Difference as at A4

A	B	C				
Explanation of variances between Box 6						
2019/20		2020/21				
£		£				
70953.00		45795.00				
	25158.00		difference between amounts			
	24040.00		amount spent to refurbish toilets in Village Hall 2019-20			
	1118.00		difference between amounts			
	1197.00		amount spent on CCTV 2019-20			
	-79.00		difference less than £200			

**EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES**

**2019-20 Precept was set in January 2019 @ £69,887 (+ support grant from Borough Council of £113 = £70,000) for 2019/20**

CIL money was paid in on **20/05/2019 £58,566.92** (just over 3 years out of 5 years left to spend this)

CIL money was paid in on **04/11/2019 £33,772.58** (3 and a half years left to spend this)

**Total CIL £92339.50**

The Parish Council was unaware it was going to receive this, when the Precept was set both amounts came in after the Precept had been set.

CIL amount exceeds Precept amount however, the Borough Council can request any unspent CIL funds are returned if not spent within 5 years.

2020-21 Precept remained at £70,000 however due to additional houses being built this actually resulted in a reduction of 6.6% based on a Band D charge from 2019-20.

	2019/20	2020/21
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	69,887	70,000
7 Balances Carried Forward	163,923	187,121

c/f £187,121 - £92,339.50 (CIL) = £94781.50 difference - £70,000 = £24,781.50

As a result of this the Precept 2021-22 has been reduced to £52,000.00 (£18,000 reduction)

£24,781.50 - £18,000.00 = £6,781.50 difference

Members are cautious due to unexpected issues with the Village Hall roof in 2016/17 costing £46,588.20

The Parish Council currently has committed expenditure of £6,040.00 payment for Borough Council to rotate speed activated sign every 4 weeks in the village until March 2023.

As well as £2,500.00 payment for a BT Red ex-telephone kiosk being purchased to house a book swap facility.

There are plans to refurbish the Recreation Ground this will cost a considerable amount of money. However, this has been substantially delayed due to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - WWT (working with the Environmental Agency and Natural England) to implement enhancements along the river Blythe SSSI, which is at the boundary of the Recreation Ground. Contacting the Parish Council initially in 2019, an application needed to be made by WWT involving Solihull MBC for European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) which has taken a lot of time due to the need to send out tenders and other issues, including the impact of Covid-19. This funding has now been secured however WWT will not commence work until September 2021 due to birds nesting and other reasons. The impact is that the Parish Council cannot progress with many/all its plans for the refurbishment of the Recreation Ground until this work has taken place.

The only quote received by the Parish Council for some of the work it wants undertaken was obtained in 2019 for £12,000.

The Parish Council also intends to purchase some static exercise equipment once the Recreation Ground has been refurbished it is estimated this will cost in the region of £10,000.

The Parish Council owns part of the large car park outside the Village Hall. Shared ownership of the car park is with the brewery and the family who own the shops in Cheswick Green. The car park is in a terrible state and the last time a quote was obtained to completely repair it some years ago the cost was £60,000.00