

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

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?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	9,523	13,417				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,272	6,471	199	3.17%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,978	2,101	-877	29.45%	YES		Lower level of grants without New Homes Bonus
4 Staff Costs	2,548	3,985	1,437	56.40%	YES		Due to timing of Clerks salary for last quarter of previous financial year
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,808	4,383	1,575	56.09%	YES		SmartWater project and Millennium deposit
7 Balances Carried Forward	13,417	13,621			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	13,417	13,621				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	6,067	6,067	0	0.00%	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