

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

County area/local council/s and postal code(s) (e.g.):

SHROPSHIRE

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	44,427	82,485			NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	28,237	36,175	1,938	6.86%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	18,917	59,953	41,036	216.93%	YES	Unexpected higher amount of neighbourhood fund received of £50,984.64, whereas year before it was only £13,217.75	
4 Staff Costs	12,017	13,038	1,022	8.50%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	37,099	39,716	2,617	7.05%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	82,485	119,838			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	82,485	119,838			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	134,413	150,894	16,441	12.23%	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