

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Patrington 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	35,172	36,681				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	45,558	48,637	3,079	6.76%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	11,847	11,551	-296	2.50%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	19,780	21,490	1,710	8.65%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	36,116	47,176	11,060	30.62%	YES		Christmas Tree and decorations £3743 Lawn Mower £3400 Invoice from contractor submitted after 31st March 2024 so 2 amount paid 2025 £4370
7 Balances Carried Forward	36,681	28,203				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments						VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	856,042	861,899	5,857	0.68%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable