

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Grimley 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);
- 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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority ( <u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u> )
1 Balances Brought Forward	30,050	30,445				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	19,112	19,590	478	2.50%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	9,521	4,604	-4,917	51.64%	YES		In the previous financial year (21/22) the parish council was in receipt of a number of one off grants not to be repeated, including: £2484.44 raised by the community to pay for consultant fees with regard to a solar farm application; £197.82 additional community donation towards consultancy fees for planning matters; £2030 grant from Grimley Smaller Charities towards a defibrillator; £500 grant from County Councillor towards Jubilee celebrations at the Peace Hall. = £5,212.26
4 Staff Costs	7,466	7,169	-297	3.97%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	20,772	17,341	-3,431	16.52%	YES		In the previous financial year (21/22) the parish council, on a mandate from residents, forwarded £2484.44 and £197.82 raised by the residents towards planning consultancy fees. The parish council also contributed £2000. This was a one off project not repeated in 22/23. The parish also contributed £950 towards a defibrillator (including installation and maintenance packages) in that financial year and did not make a similar purchase in 22/23. In 21/22 the parish council purchased two additional litter bins for £665 - a project that was not repeated in 22/23/
7 Balances Carried Forward	30,445	30,128			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	Completed overleaf
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	30,445	30,128				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	22,972	23,024	52	0.23%	NO		Figure for 2021/22 restated as requested by external auditor
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable