

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Aymestrey Parish Council**
County area (local councils and): **Herefordshire**

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	14,579	14,688				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,750	11,075	325	3.02%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,076	6,091	5,015	466.11%	YES		Contributions received towards printing of Aymestrey Matters were £24.98 higher than last year due to rise in printing costs incurred; £641.85 more VAT was reclaimed, and £4348 more grants for drainage work were received from Herefordshire Council.
4 Staff Costs	3,597	4,034	437	12.15%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	8,120	11,700	3,580	44.08%	YES		Increased charges this year - higher mileage claim £50.49; printing costs £80.93; subscriptions £72.76; internal audit £4.35; public right of way costs £2.29; Lengthsman £141; room hire £38.01; payroll services £12 and £4312 for drainage works (reimbursed via grants from Herefordshire Council). £618.38 more VAT has been paid this year than last, part of which is still to be reclaimed. Lower costs this year - office supplies £47.50; Insurance (lower premium from alternative provider) £86.39; IT costs £58.01; broadband (no longer provided by the Parish Council) £138.67; parish projects £1310.47 (benches bought last year) less training undertaken £32.44; no running costs incurred for the speed indicator device £79.16.
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,688	16,121			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	14,688	16,121				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	7,943	7,943	0	0.01%	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