

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and par **WILTSHIRE**

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	6 017	22 426				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15 513	17 825	2 312	14 90%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	16 825	1 516	-15 309	90 99%	YES		During 25-25, BPC received a grant for maintaining woodland gifted to the village. This was a one off payment.
4 Staff Costs	4 500	4 633	133	2 96%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0 00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11 429	8 844	-2 585	22 62%	YES		During 25-26 a lot less playground maintenance was carried out and so the outgoings were considerably less.
7 Balances Carried Forward	22 426	28 290				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	22 426	28 290				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and A	16 778	16 778	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