

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Whixall Parish Council**

County area: **Shropshire Council**

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	12,761	16,400				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,801	12,880	1,079	9.14%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,262	744	-1,518	67.09%	YES		VAT - none claimed in 23-24, £129 in 24-25 Bank Interest increased from £483 to £614 due to increased reserves CIL Payment - £1778 in 23-24, £0 in 24-25
4 Staff Costs	5,585	5,947	362	6.49%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,838	5,921	1,083	22.38%	YES		Decreases Administration (from £1095 to £1035) Affiliation Fees (from 561 to 529) Training (£180 down to £0 as no training needs identified) Grounds maintenance (from £1102 to £1028) as less grass cuts in 24-25 due to wet weather Local Nature Reserve (£326 to £57) as equipment was purchased in 23-24 Increases Insurance premium increased after 3-year fixed price (from £359 to £658) VAT (from £110 to £318) mainly due to tree works. New Costs Emergency Tree Works 24-25 (£1200)
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,401	18,156				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	16,400	18,156				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	7,650	7,650	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