

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Bitterley Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Shropshire

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	18,649	19,705				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,124	8,368	244	3.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,555	510	-2,045	80.04%	YES		No VAT Claim in 2024-25. EM Grant 50% reduced
4 Staff Costs	3,444	3,913	469	13.62%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,179	11,351	5,172	83.70%	YES		Streetlight repairs £2549 and notice board £2321
7 Balances Carried Forward	19,705	13,319				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	15,746	19,519	3,773	23.96%	YES		1 streetlight decommissioned (-£1,000) and notice boards added (2,320) and omissions from previous year included - bus shelter, laptop and printer
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable