

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: BIRCHAM 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);

* 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	22,652	23,159				required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,970	19,258	2,288	13.48%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,681	14,146	12,465	741.32%	YES		25/26 - Grant received from replacement swing (£6.8k), CIL income received (£5.5k)
4 Staff Costs	6,676	8,491	1,815	27.19%	YES		Pension Contributions paid in 25.26 where none paid during 24.25
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,469	13,864	2,395	20.88%	YES		25/26 increases - Dog bin costs have increased by (£.4k), new laptop purchased (£.5k) streetlight repairs (£.4k), In Bloom costs (£.8k)
7 Balances Carried Forward	23,159	34,208				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	23,159	34,208				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	51,229	51,029	-200	0.39%	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