

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Pontesbury Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and 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;
- 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	131,595	201,207				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	100,000	142,210	42,210	42.21%	YES		Budgetted £17,600 for new position of Deputy Clerk 18.5 hours/week ; estimated additional legal bills relating to two community buildings = £5000; estimated increase in insurance bills for 2 buildings and general insurance= £1000; estimated increase in running costs/equipment for community building as now open =£13,000; estimated increase of £1000 in general repairs/maintenance; £4,000 budgetted for additional community awards, Climate change community projects and increased communication/promotion costs.
3 Total Other Receipts	118,851	102,219	-16,632	13.99%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	55,700	78,053	22,353	40.13%	YES		Additional member of staff - Deputy Clerk hours increased to 22.5 hours/week and Staffing evaluation led to Clerk being re-graded from February 2022 = £22119, £234 community building staffing additional costs
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	93,539	139,164	45,625	48.78%	YES		Solar lighting project £20600 lighting; £9,200 on ANPR camera project; £4600 spent on new benches/tables etc for community building and play area, £6000 increase in community building running costs/legal fees; £5000 on consultancy and consultation/promotion of Neighbourhood Plan
7 Balances Carried Forward	201,207	228,419			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	201,207	228,419				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	259,858	297,337	37,479	14.42%	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