

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: [REDACTED] MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): [REDACTED] SOMERSET EAST

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);
- 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).

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	14,045	11,030				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,000	13,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,496	3,283	-1,213	26.98%	YES		£1263 - Receipt of grant from local quarry towards the purchase of dog waste bins
4 Staff Costs	4,459	4,720	261	5.85%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	15,985	8,800	-7,185	44.95%	YES		£2351 - solicitor fees, £1515 - Purchase of 3 x dog waste bins. £1371 - purchase of 1 x defibrillator and case, £816 - contribution to village Platinum Jubilee celebration, £942 - refurbishment of bus shelter.
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,030	13,793			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,030	13,793				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	40,500	40,500	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)