

Explanation of variances 2019/20 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Stoke Lyne Parish Council

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

	2019 £	2020 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	8,422	9,582				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,400	4,479	79	1.80%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,005	855	-150	14.93%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	1,226	1,263	36	2.94%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,019	3,554	534	17.70%	YES		The Parish Council made an exceptional £500 donation to the Stoke Lyne PCC to support the major refurbishment of the church which also serves as the parish meeting room.
7 Balances Carried Forward	9,582	10,099	518	5.40%	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	9,582	10,099	518	5.40%	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	28,049	28,049	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 2.17762 2.2548

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LEVEL OF RESERVES ON THE FOLLOWING TAB

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Reserve 1			
Reserve 2			
Reserve 3			
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
			0
General reserve	10,099		
		10099	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			10099
Box 7 per Annual Return			10,099
Difference			0

Explanation:

The normal contingencies that the general reserve has to cover (insurance excesses, election costs, unplanned repairs etc.) are relatively large in comparison with the precept. In this case a reserve ratio of just over 2 is considered to be not inappropriate