

## Explanation of variances 2022/23 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

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);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual present value (Box 2)

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2023	2022	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?		BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%	Is > 15%	Is > £100,000		
1 Balances Brought Forward	10,071	10,582					PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,662	5,000	338	7.25%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,068	1,711	643	60.20%	YES	NO		OCC paid a grant of £518 twice in error. The duplicate payment was refunded.
4 Staff Costs	1,293	1,412	118	9.16%	NO	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,926	6,858	2,933	74.70%	YES	NO		Exceptional payments were: a replacement for a rotten bench £1040; a defibrillator £1241; and the refund of the grant paid in error £518 = £2799'
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,582	9,023	-1,559	14.73%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,582	9,023	-1,559	14.73%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	28,049	29,903	1,854	6.61%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
Reserve ratio	2.26982	1.80456						

## Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete or update the highlighted boxes when the total in Box 7 is greater than 2 times the value of Box 2)

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

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves*:</b>			
Playground	4365		
		4365	
<b>General reserve</b>	4,658		
		4658	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<b>9023</b>
<b>Box 7 per Annual Return</b>			9,023
<b>Difference</b>			<b>0</b>

Column B - Reserves should be renamed to show the specific purpose / name given by this authority.

Column D - Earmarked items - a value for the amount earmarked for each specific reserve should be entered. There may be fewer than 5 reserves or more and the number can be reduced or extended as appropriate.

Column D - General reserves - this should relate to normal operating funds and should be the difference between the total of all Earmarked reserves and the value of Box 7 on Section 2 of the AGAR.