

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Whittington Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **Shropshire**

Insert figures from Section 1 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).

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	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	119,933	115,569					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	39,808	41,798	1,990	5.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	11,009	6,138	-4,871	44.24%	YES		In 2017/18 The Parish Council received £6321.15 in Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) from Shropshire Council. In 2018/19 the Parish Council did not receive any Neighbourhood Fund. In April 2017/18 the Parish Council received a VAT refund of £4534 for the 2016/17 Financial Year, in April 2018/19 a refund of £5876 was received for the 2017/18 Financial Year. The VAT Refund for 2018/19 will be received in the next Financial Year (2019/20)
4 Staff Costs	12,427	12,877	450	3.62%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	42,754	66,090	23,336	54.58%	YES		The following figures are not including VAT - In 2017/18 the Parish Council spent £9036 on Streetlight Improvements and in 2018/19 the total spend was £25,814.30. In 2018/19 there were also 5 payments for streetlight electricity rather than four quarterly payments because the 4th payment for 2017/18 was received late and therefore paid in April 2018. The total payments for streetlight electricity in 2018/19 was 8614.55 and in 2017/18 it was £7254.27. In 2018/19 £840 was spent on the Play Equipment Maintenance compared to £80 in 2017/18. In 2018/19 £8614.55 was spent on streetlight repairs compared to £6163.22 in 2017/18. In 2018/19 £9566.76 was paid in VAT compared to £5876.00 in 2017/18
7 Balances Carried Forward	115,569	84,539			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	115,569	84,538				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	57,613	57,699	86	0.15%	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