

## 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).

|   | 2018/19<br>£ | 2019/20<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>                       | Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)  |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward                                | 115,569      | 84,539       |               |               |                          | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this |   |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                             | 41,798       | 43,880       | 2,082         | 4.98%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 3 Total Other Receipts                                    | 6,138        | 20,458       | 14,320        | 233.30%       | YES                      |   | In 2019/20 The Parish Council received £5526.03 in Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) from Shropshire Council. In 2018/19 the Parish Council did not receive any Neighbourhood Fund. In April 2019/20 the Parish Council received a VAT refund of £9566.76 for the 2018/19 Financial Year, in April 2018/19 a refund of £5876 was received for the 2017/18 Financial Year. The VAT Refund for 2019/20 will be received in the next Financial Year (2020/21). The parish council received a number of grants in 2019/20 including: The Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council (£245.00), Grant from West Mercia Police for Vehicle Activated Signs (£4152.00), Grant towards Christmas Lights from a Community Group (£285.00). In 2019/20 the council received £582.07 in bank interest. In 2018/19 the amount of interest received was £241.22. |
| 4 Staff Costs   | 12,877       | 11,937       | -940          | 7.30%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                         | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 6 All Other Payments                                      | 66,090       | 58,145       | -7,945        | 12.02%        | NO                       |   |   |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward                                | 84,538       | 78,795       |               |               | NO                       | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED   |   |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                   | 84,538       | 78,795       |               |               |                          | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED   |   |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 79,218       | 105,759      | 26,541        | 33.50%        | YES                      |   | The 2018/19 figure has been restated from 57,699 to 79,218 to account for Streetlight improvements that took place in 2018/19 but were not logged on the asset register. Some of the streetlights (assets), previously included in the asset register at £1 were enhanced with LED lanterns and steel columns so they have now been included at a value that reflects these enhancements and has been applied consistently. Total cost of work completed to enhance the lights in previous years was £21,519 so this has been added to the 2018/19 asset figure and the figure restated. Further work on the streetlights was completed in 2019/20 at a cost of £21351 and 2 x Vehicle Activated Signs were also purchased at a cost of £5190. Minute 60.i.20 in the council records refers to when the asset register was discussed and agreed.        |
| 10 Total Borrowings                                       | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |   |

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable