

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Whittington Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Shropshire**

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);
- **New from 2020/21**: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority ( <u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u> )
1 Balances Brought Forward	84,539	78,795				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	43,880	49,129	5,249	11.96%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	20,458	47,487	27,029	132.12%	YES		In 2019/20 the Parish Council received £5526.03 in Neighbourhood Fund (CIL). In 2020/21 they received £35,861.92 in Neighbourhood Fund (a difference of £30k). In 2019/20 the Parish Council received a £4152 grant for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and a £285 grant towards Christmas Lighting. In 2020/21 the Parish Council received a smaller grant of £2200 towards two more VAS.
4 Staff Costs	11,937	12,821	884	7.41%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	58,145	37,927	-20,218	34.77%	YES		In 2019/20 the Parish Council spent £21351.81 + VAT on S/Light improvements. In 20/21 they spent £10166 + VAT. The improvements meant that s/light repairs and energy costs reduced significantly in 2020/21 - from £3881.36 (repairs) and £6319.68 (energy) in 19/20 to £922 (repairs) and £3452.97 (energy) in 20/21. In 19/20 the PC spent £2575 on play equipment but spent £0 in 20/21. All figures are plus VAT. In 19/20 the PC paid £8035.08 in VAT and in 20/21 the total amount of VAT paid was £4297.78
7 Balances Carried Forward	78,795	124,663			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	78,795	124,663				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	105,759	121,260	15,501	14.66%	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