

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**
 County area (local councils and 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 onwards:** 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	78,795	124,664					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	49,129	48,950	-179	0.36%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	47,487	44,303	-3,184	6.70%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	12,821	13,260	439	3.42%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	37,927	60,295	22,368	58.98%	YES		In 2021/22 the Parish Council spent £23977.42 + VAT on streetlight improvements and repairs. In 2020/21, they spent £11,088 + VAT on improvements and repairs. In 2020/21 the Parish Council spent £0 on Play Equipment, in 21/22 they spent £1985+VAT. In 21/22 the Parish Council made donations of £7100 compared to £3660 in 20/21. In 21/22 they spent £4184 on 3 new defibrillators but in 20/21 they spent £2155 more on Traffic Calming compared to 21/22. In 20/21 the Parish Council paid £4297.78 in VAT. In 21/22 they paid £7588.85.
7 Balances Carried Forward	124,663	144,362			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	124,663	144,362				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	121,260	138,196	16,936	13.97%	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