

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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);
- 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).

	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £	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	139,753	141,904					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	18,217	18,920	703	3.86%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	12,207	37,620	25,413	208.18%	YES		Increase is due to a CIL receipt of £25751.45
4 Staff Costs	6,333	7,147	814	12.85%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,940	40,629	18,689	85.18%	YES		The Parish Council paid out £8706 in grants in 2020/2021 vs £500 in 2019/2020. A lot of repair works were required to playground equipment costing £4888 in 2020/2021 vs £2k in 2019/2020. Repairs were also made in 2020/2021 to the church wall costing £5814.
7 Balances Carried Forward	141,904	150,668			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	141,904	150,668				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	97,400	97,400	0	0.00%	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