

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: WIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
County area (local councils and ESSEX

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	21,030	76,541				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	50,000	36,000	-14,000	28.00%	YES		2023/24 PC needed to increase precept to above the normal required level due to pursuing judicial review against UDC and needing the required funds to cover costs and potentially UDC costs if case lost - minute reference for precept - 01.23.10.2 - more information see last years return. For 2024_25 these extra one off funds did not need to be accounted for so could return to normal levels. See Box 3 worksheet
3 Total Other Receipts	66,721	9,306	-57,415	86.05%	YES		Income was significantly increased ref. in 23/24 vs 24/25 due to being awarded costs when we won judicial review case against UDC. Also increased donations due to resident support of the judicial review. There was also an increase in VAT rebate due to increased legal costs etc.. during the preceeding year. See Box 3 worksheet
4 Staff Costs	5,355	5,605	250	4.67%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	55,855	32,807	-23,048	41.26%	YES		23/24 Increased expenses due to legal cases mainly, see worksheet for box 6
7 Balances Carried Forward	76,541	83,435				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21,030	76,541				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	60,929	51,903	-9,026	14.81%	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