

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **GREAT BARTON 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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	83,826	80,577				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	32,578	32,928	350	1.07%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	14,732	19,293	4,561	30.96%	YES		Additional VAT Reclaim Claim £3866.29, £500 Contribution from church in relation to grass cutting fees. Grant from West Suffolk Council.
4 Staff Costs	7,822	12,887	5,065	64.75%	YES		2 Clerks salary paid for month handover. Following SCP at year Review it was agreed for Salary to be increased to SCP20 from 01/02/2026 also agreed offer back pay from 24/08/2025 6m probation. In addition 48.6 hours of holiday were paid. Please see MARCH PAYSLIP Clerk also does 15 hours overtime 3 times a year to produce newsletter.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	31,109	50,961	19,852	63.81%	YES		Village Gates Purchase 11887 and instalation costs 3474 TD, additional Defib for village 2214. Outdoor gym remaining balance 5582
7 Balances Carried Forward	92,205	68,950				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	92,205	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	143,148	151,974	8,826	6.17%	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