

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Ashampstead Parish Council

County area (local councils and

West Berkshire District Council

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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	18,785	18,318				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,910	7,048	138	2.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,468	963	-2,505	72.23%	YES		No CIL received 23/24 (CIL £2812 22/23) VAT Reclaim 23/24 £963 (22/23 £656) Variance = -£2505
4 Staff Costs	1,758	1,806	48	2.73%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	9,087	20,464	11,377	125.20%	YES		See separate All Other Payments for details
7 Balances Carried Forward	18,318	4,059				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	33,759	42,401	8,642	25.60%	YES		Play Area & Equipment 23/24 £26076 (22/23 £18000) - disposals 23/24 -£3924 (no disposals 22/23) - additions new play equipment 23/24 £12000 (no additions 22/23) Dog Waste Bins 23/24 £442 (22/23 £255) - addition 23/24 £187 Clerk's Laptop 23/24 £379 (22/23 £0.00) Variance = £8642
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

6 - All Other Payments

	23/24	22/23	Variance	Explanation
Grass Cutting	2271	2066	205	Increase in contract costs 23/24
Other Maintenance	5	151	-146	Minimal costs in 2023/24
Waste Collection	498	147	351	Increase in contract costs 23/24
Website	366	256	110	Increase in hosting fee 23/24
Clerk Expenses	172	202	-30	Decrease in expenses 23/24
Laptop & Software	379		379	New laptop purchased 23/24
Insurance	217	159	58	Increase in annual premium 23/24
Subscriptions and Training	205	661	-456	Defibrillator training carried out in 2022/23
S137 Grants	985	970	15	Increase in S137 Grants 23/24
Platinum Jubilee		1191	-1191	No expenditure in 2023/24
Reserves Spend	5336		5336	New play equipment purchased 23/24 & election expenses recharge 23/24
CIL Expenditure	6926	2321	4605	New play equipment & dog bin purchased 23/24
Input VAT	3104	963	2141	Increase in VAT paid due to cost of new play equipment
Totals	20464	9087	11377	