

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Shropham 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<br>£ | 2025/26<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures<br>input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES       | Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward                                | 4,173        | 7,687        |               |               |                          | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees |                                                                                                                              |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                             | 4,800        | 4,900        | 100           | 2.08%         | NO                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| 3 Total Other Receipts                                    | 3,597        | 3,070        | -527          | 14.65%        | NO                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| 4 Staff Costs                                             | 3,868        | 3,946        | 78            | 2.02%         | NO                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                         | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| 6 All Other Payments                                      | 1,015        | 1,834        | 819           | 80.69%        | YES                      |                                                                                                 | £309.95 New Office computer/Insurance increase £154.44/Defibrillator replacement battery<br>£295.00/£59.61 General increases |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward                                | 7,687        | 9,877        |               |               |                          | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED                                                               |                                                                                                                              |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                   | 7,687        | 9,877        |               |               |                          | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED                                                               |                                                                                                                              |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 4,100        | 4,410        | 310           | 7.56%         | 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