

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **Mudford 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);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority <u>(must include narrative and supporting figures)</u>
1 Balances Brought Forward	52,287	64,775				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	36,000	42,000	6,000	16.67%	YES		Increase in budget in 2022/23 for a longstanding planning legal challenge (£6000 increase). Precept increased to cover budget.
3 Total Other Receipts	7,694	4,866	-2,828	36.76%	YES		VAT refund in 2021/22 of £4082 and in 202/23 of £1178. Difference being £2904 which brings the variance within limits.
4 Staff Costs	6,079	9,482	3,403	55.98%	YES		2022-23 had an additional 2 hours/week to cover CiLCA training course and Increase in payment rates due to National Salary Award and backdated pay in 2022-23
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	25,128	13,029	-12,099	48.15%	YES		Additional £8222 paid out on legal costs 2021/22. £3404 spent on Highways Gates in 2021/22. Remainder within 15%
7 Balances Carried Forward	64,775	89,130			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	64,775	89,130				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Invest	66,466	83,146	16,680	25.10%	YES		Highways 'Gates' costing £4000 and bought in 2021 were added to the Asset register in 2022 until Somerset County Highways confirms their 'adoption' of the street furniture, at which time they will be removed again. New Defibrillator with cabinet, noticeboard and bin purchased in 2022-23 adding an additional £3000 to the asset register brings the unexplained amount below 15%
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable