

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Harmston 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).

	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	15,117	15,877					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,778	16,582	804	5.10%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,088	1,024	-1,064	50.96%	YES		repairs to pump house) compared to £882.79 TY + Litter picking grant £141.33
4 Staff Costs	5,174	5,597	423	8.18%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,732	10,995	-737	6.28%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,077	16,891			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	16,077	16,891				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	80,552	80,552	0	0.00%	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

Explanation for ‘high’ reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Reserve 1			
Reserve 2			
Reserve 3			
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
Reserve 6			
Reserve 7			
			0
General reserve			
			0
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			0