

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **LITTLE SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and): **WILTSHIRE**

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
1 Balances Brought Forward	16,580	19,247				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,000	10,500	500	5.00%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	3,126	3,780	654	20.92%	YES	Increase mainly due to grants £417 and cemetery revenue increase £255 plus allotments £60, VAT £46 bank interest £15, PAYE refund £31
4 Staff Costs	2,055	2,145	90	4.38%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment		0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	8,404	11,552	3,148	37.46%	YES	new gates and fences and tree works - allotments, paddock, cemetery £1394; donation to Jubilee tea party £750; increase in VAT paid £455; increase in grounds maintenance £455; new laptop plus office consumables £118; Website increase costs £40; Chair of PC expenses £39; subs/training (£32); audit cost £10; hall hire (£20); play area costs (£222); Capital project WFFV £388; Insurance (£127); Repairs £13;
7 Balances Carried Forward	19,247	19,830			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	19,247	19,830				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	41,016	40,755	-261	0.64%	NO	disposal of laptop, replaced with cheaper laptop
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

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