

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Askham & Helton 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**: 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	6,888	4,911				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,000	6,054	54	0.90%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	693	326	-367	52.96%	YES		In 2020/21 £250 was received as compensation from Natwest due to bad customer service no issue in 2021/22 and the VAT refund was higher in 2020/21 than in 2021/22 due to lower VAT rated purchases this year
4 Staff Costs	2,382	2,976	594	24.94%	YES		The new clerk settled into clerk role and responsibilities and hours were increased to reflect workload, hence increasing hours and therefore wage. Increased to 20 hours per month.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,288	2,739	-3,549	56.44%	YES		Expenses less in 2021/22 due to grass cutting being omitted from 21/22 (late invoice for yr end) £1884, maintenance of parish assets not required this year and no donations given out
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,911	5,576			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,911	5,576				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and A	9,050	9,050	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