

## 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).

|   | 2021/22<br>£ | 2022/23<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>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                                  | 4,911        | 5,576        |               |               |                          |  |  |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                               | 6,054        | 8,000        | 1,946         | 32.14%        | YES                      |  | Inflationary increase and to support rising costs  |
| 3 Total Other Receipts                                      | 326          | 199          | -127          | 38.96%        | YES                      | Explanation not required, difference less than £200                                    | The VAT refund was higher in 2021/22 than in 2022/23 due to lower VAT rated purchases this year  |
| 4 Staff Costs   | 2,976        | 3,274        | 298           | 10.01%        | NO                       |  | Reflects the Clerks new qualification (CILCA qualified) and the national pay increase  |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                           | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |  |  |
| 6 All Other Payments  | 2,739        | 7,821        | 5,082         | 185.54%       | 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 required this year donations given out for £1600, insurance costs increased £80, and repairs to village green |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward                                  | 5,576        | 2,680        |               |               | NO                       | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED  |  |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                     | 5,576        | 2,680        |               |               |                          | 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