

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Wootton Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **North Lincolnshire**

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);

• variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

• **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	21,019	23,268				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,000	9,250	250	2.78%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	5,871	6,084	213	3.63%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	3,239	4,006	767	23.68%	YES		The Clerk has enrolled in a pension this year with employer contributions totalling £265.67. Salary has increased due to living wage which equates to £120.84. There have been 24 hours of overtime approved at £362.16. This totals £748.67
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	9,391	12,980	3,589	38.22%	YES		£1428.56 has been spent on sustainable planting. £1448.09 has been spent on SID installation and we are purchasing the SID in April 2026
7 Balances Carried Forward	23,262	21,616				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	23,262	21,616				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	8,500	8,700	200	2.35%	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