

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

CLIVE PARISH COUNCIL
SHROPSHIRE

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).

	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	17,065	17,519					Rounding error.
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	14,028	13,974	-54	0.38%	NO		Precept for 2021-22 reduced slightly from 2020-21 to minimise impact of Covid.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,480	5,662	4,182	282.57%	YES		Additional receipts in 2021-22: CIL Neighbourhood Fund: £2691; VAT refund: £178; West Mercia Police grant for traffic calming: £2793.
4 Staff Costs	5,731	7,651	1,920	33.50%	YES		Staff costs higher in 2021-22 due to significant overtime (100hrs) agreed Jan 2022 (min ref: 130/21a and 133/21).
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	4,175	4,175	0	0.00%	NO		Loan repayment for purchase of Renshaw's Field
6 All Other Payments	5,147	7,930	2,783	54.07%	YES		Line 6 figure in 2020-21 was lower than previous years due to impact of Covid on Council activities, room hire, mileage costs etc. For 2021-22 face-to-face meetings resumed from May 2021 so there was £194 of mileage costs, and £140 for meeting and event (defibrillator training) room hire. There were also one-off payments of £875 for a new defibrillator, £900 for consultant fees (Local Plan Review), and £3301 for a second Vehicle Activated Speed sign (mostly paid for with West Mercia Police grant). There was also a big difference in VAT spend between 2020-21 (£178) and 2021-22 (£1016) due to defibrillator and VAS sign purchases and consultant fees.
7 Balances Carried Forward	17,520	17,399			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	17,519	17,399				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	11,356	15,220	3,864	34.03%	YES		In 2021-22, old defibrillator decommissioned (asset value recorded as £1 as gifted FOC) and new one purchased for £875. Second VAS sign purchased (asset value £3126). Old noticeboard removed from asset register in 2021-22 (previous value £138) and donated to primary school.
10 Total Borrowings	46,354	43,710	-2,644	5.70%	NO		Loan repayment for purchase of Renshaw's Field,

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)