

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Middleton Cum Fordley Parish Council

County area (local councils and): Suffolk

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	5,983	5,601				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,505	8,146	1,641	25.23%	YES		Precept increased by 25%. The increase was necessary to meet expected expenditure over the next financial year and to rebuild the Council's reserves to allow for any necessary, unexpected expenditure.
3 Total Other Receipts	5,289	3,658	-1,631	30.84%	YES		Grants received last financial year totalled £2,519 as the Council received £1,068 from the Recreation Ground Trust towards the purchase of play equipment, £1,266 from the County, District and Community Councils towards a disabled car parking space at the village hall and £185 from the Recreation Ground Trust towards a seat in the Recreation Ground car park. This financial year a wayleave of £163 was received. This accounts for a difference of £2,356. Bank interest received was £1 more last financial year. Community Infrastructure Levy receipts were £973 higher this financial year. Reclaimed VAT was £247 higher last financial year. (2356+1+247-973=1631)
4 Staff Costs	2,805	3,058	253	9.02%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	9,372	5,345	-4,027	42.97%	YES		Last financial year, Clerk's Expenses were £270 higher, £1,588 more was spent on play equipment, £210 more was spent maintaining the Recreation Ground, £735 more was donated due to COVID initiatives, £1,503 more was spent on Parish Maintenance due to installing a village hall disabled car parking space and £281 more of VAT was paid. This financial year, the audit fee was £3 more, Pavilion cleaning was £100 more, Pavilion electricity was £86 more, subscriptions were £4 higher, village hall rent was £45 more, Drop-In Centre expenses of £292 were incurred and £30 was charged by the bank. (270+1588+210+735+1503+281-3-100-86-4-45-292-30=4027)
7 Balances Carried Forward	5,601	9,002			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	5,601	9,002				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	58,234	58,373	139	0.24%	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