## **ATCHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## Variances explanation (for variances over 15% and greater than £200)

## Year ending 31.03.2023

Section 2	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 Precept or Rates and Levies	£ 13,996	£13,906	- £90	No explanation required.
<b>Box 3</b> Total other receipts	£ 17,855	£3,251	-£14,604	The Parish Council did not receive any CIL Neighbourhood Fund (-£17,103) but did receive an insurance settlement of £2,500 for key person cover.
Box 4 Staff costs	RESTATED £ 4311	£8630	£	2021/22 figure restated to remove £215 Working from home allowance (moved to Box 6) 2022/23 costs increased by £4,319 due to employment of a locum clerk for 11 months and national pay award payable from 1 April 22 (partly offset by insurance claim)
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital repayments			£O	N/A
Box 6 All other payments	RESTATED £41,531	£5,546	-£35,985	2021/22 figure restated to include £215 Working from Home allowance previously included with staff costs. 2021/22 expenditure was significantly increased due to payment of grants totalling £34,500 to the village hall and bowling club using CIL Neighbourhood Funds which were not available in

Box 9 Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	RESTATED £23,469	£24,599	£0	<ul> <li>2022/23. There was also expenditure of £2,349 on solar lighting which was not repeated in 2022/23.</li> <li>The reduced spend above was offset by the purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1,130 plus installation costs of £225. The remaining variance of £491 is explained by the following;</li> <li>Administration up by £85</li> <li>Insurance is up by £60.</li> <li>Village Maintenance is up by £50</li> <li>Elections fees up by £100</li> <li>Subscriptions are down £106 .</li> <li>VAT is down by £220 due to reduced spend on vatable goods Travel is down by £62 as locum lives nearer to the parish Community benefit is down by £220</li> <li>S137 spend down by £110</li> <li>2021/22 restated in Sept 22 following an audit that identified the asset register had not been updated to include the purchase of 1 solar light in 2021 – value £2,349</li> <li>A physical check in March 2023 identified two additional solar lights purchased in 2020 were missing from the register (Value £4,350) whilst a bench valued at £360 had been scrapped. A new defibrillator and cabinet were purchased at a total cost of £1,130</li> </ul>
<b>Box 10</b> Total borrowings	0	0	£O	N/A
Explanation for 'high' reserves		1	1	

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