

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **EAST SUSSEX**  
 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).

	2021/22	2022/23	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)
	£	£	£	%			
	<b>RESTATED</b>						
1 Balances Brought Forward	0	222,951				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	371,765	390,920	19,155	5.15%	NO		N/A
3 Total Other Receipts	8,778	87,183	78,405	893.20%	YES		Increased income for 2022/23 CIL £85,715, bank interest £1,352. Reduced income for 2022/23 Other income -£8,662 (legacy from council set up in 2021/22). <b>Net difference £78,405</b>
4 Staff Costs	66,942	125,727	58,785	87.81%	YES		Council set up in 2021/22 and staff team increased during year from two employees to five. Increased total includes salary costs and associated HMRC and pension payments.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		N/A
6 All Other Payments	90,650	180,217	89,567	98.81%	YES		2022/23 was the council's first full operational year, with many costs taken on for first time. Increased costs for 2022/23 rent & rates £18,660, utilities £9,116, IT set up costs £3,279, Mayoralty costs £10,806, legals fees £6,316, repairs and renewals £8,728, noticeboard purchases £9,530, grants to community groups £50,401, printing costs £5,938, event costs £7,779, allotment management fees £3,331, verge cutting £17,775. Reduced costs in 2022/23 elections -£58,648, recruitment -£1,124. <b>Net difference £91,887.</b> Other amounts small variations across various cost codes.
7 Balances Carried Forward	222,951	395,110			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	209,801	367,429				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,227		-1,227	100.00%	YES		n/a
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		n/a

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable