

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ford Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and): **Northumberland**

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);
- 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority ( <u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u> )
1 Balances Brought Forward	2,696	2,948				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	1,750	1,500	-250	14.29%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	200	159	-41	20.50%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	650	650	0	0.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,048	1,327	279	26.62%	YES		The council incurred costs for signage for the playground during the Covid pandemic and a repair to the Council owned laptop totalling £238.
7 Balances Carried Forward	2,948	2,629			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	2,948	2,629				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	17,488	13,774	-3,714	21.24%	YES		Review of depreciation in July 2020 reduced value to £15811
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

**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)**