

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Hepscott Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **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);
- 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?	
1 Balances Brought Forward	37,426	40,456				Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	12,500	12,850	350	2.80%	NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
3 Total Other Receipts	1,069	314	-755	70.63%	YES	No VAT reclaimed to date
4 Staff Costs	2,029	2,519	490	24.15%	YES	Includes salary increase and back pay for 3 years partly due to delays in national negotiations
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	8,510	8,808	298	3.50%	NO	
7 Balances Carried Forward	40,456	42,293				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	40,456	42,293				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	166,419	166,419	0	0.00%	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)