

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

BRINDLEY & FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL
CHESHIRE EAST

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	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	4,663	5,723					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,200	3,000	800	36.36% 1	YES		The Parish Council approved a higher precept for 2019/20 to focus on more issues including road safety and planning in the parish and also to recruit a new Clerk on a higher salary.
3 Total Other Receipts	7	14	7	100.00% 1	YES		This represents increased bank interest payments.
4 Staff Costs	601	2,025	1,424	236.94% 1	YES		The Parish Council took the decision, in recruiting a new Clerk, to increase salary in order to attract better candidates.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00% 0	NO		
6 All Other Payments	545	682	137	25.14% 1	YES		The Parish Council employed a payroll company for the first time and this cost an additional £102.50. In addition, the Council purchased new pads (£38.40) and batteries (£15.98) for its own defibrillator.
7 Balances Carried Forward	5,724	6,030			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED 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	5,723	6,030				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	1	4,323	4,322	432200.00% 1	YES		The Parish Council collated an asset register for the first time, with the following entries - plaque (£125.70); Speed Indication Device (£2,697.60); and defibrillator (£1,498.80). This, therefore, does not mean an increase in assets as such, rather the assets have now been recorded correctly. The figure for 2018/19 should read £0.00, but the template will not allow this to be entered. The figure for 2019/20 should therefore read £4,322.10.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00% 0	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable