

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Bucklebury Parish Council
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): West Berkshire

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	92,106	75,425				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	38,000	40,000	2,000	5.26%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	5,035	10,678	5,643	112.08%	YES		In FY25/26 a grant of £6,400 was received from for speed intervention work. In FY24/25, the Cemetery received income of £2050 verses £1810 in FY25/26. In FY24/25, a payment of £592 was received from WBC in error.
4 Staff Costs	13,550	14,658	1,108	8.18%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	46,166	22,999	-23,167	50.18%	YES		In FY24/25, £5,173 was spent on tree work, £2500 on a beacon and £11,395 on opposing the draft Local Plan. £2,978 was spent on the maintaining the play area which reduced to £552 in FY25/26.
7 Balances Carried Forward	75,425	88,446				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	75,425	88,446				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	15,250	15,251	1	0.01%	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