

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Wentworth Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **East Cheshire**

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 £	2019/2020 £	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	9,669	8,860					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,000	5,000	1,000	20.00%	YES		Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
3 Total Other Receipts	1,043	833	-210	20.13%	YES		Increase in precept to cover the rising costs of wages and village maintenance
4 Staff Costs	987	1,314	327	33.06%	YES		reclaim was received for 2019-20 within the financial
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		Locum Clerk services £310.75
6 All Other Payments	5,865	4,518	-1,367	23.22%	YES		£2400 spent in 2018/19 year is offset by an increase in expenditure in 2019/20 in other areas. £925 (made up of £200 elections costs, £256 Balfour Beatty, £469 more spent on CC Street Light Energy (£819 compared to £350 2018/19), £2400 less £925 if £1475 a difference of £108 of the variance £1387
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,860	9,861			NO		VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,860	9,861					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	120,057	120,057	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

£2400 spent last year is then offset by an increase in expenditure in this year in other areas - from a quick look I can see there is £925 made up of £200 election costs, £256 k