

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Beeston with Bittering Parish Council
County area (local councils and): Norfolk

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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	10,586	11,383				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,600	8,100	500	6.58%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,541	243	-1,298	84.23%	YES	3 grants were received in the previous year. The only income this year was the VAT reclaim.	
4 Staff Costs	2,660	2,951	291	10.94%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,684	6,745	1,061	18.67%	YES	Expenditure increased this year with the need to purchase a parish council owned laptop and training for a new clerk.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,383	10,030				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,383	10,030				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	13,181	14,077	896	6.80%	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