

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Stourpaine Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and): **North Dorset - Hillforts and Upper Tarrant Ward**  
 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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	35,250	37,240				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	17,150	17,150	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	450	1,024	574	127.56%	YES		The Previous Clerk put the VAT claim in Dec 2019, so the 2019/20 figure of £450. does not reflect vat reclaim. 2020/2021 includes VAT reclaim of £885.
4 Staff Costs	4,113	4,829	716	17.41%	YES		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,497	23,006	11,509	100.10%	YES		Purchases: New picnic tables & Benches £2K/ New Play Equipment £8,5K/ Eco Loo £1K
7 Balances Carried Forward	37,240	27,579			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	37,240	27,579				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	73,945	74,345	400	0.54%	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