

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):
Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

**DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
CHESHIRE WEST**

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	23,443	26,808				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,234	6,500	266	4.27%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	15,952	5,549	-10,403	65.21%	YES		Income reduced by £10,403 - mainly due to impact of pandemic. No income from Darnhall Show (£6,913.95 in 2019/20) - no Show in 2020 or 2021. No other fundraising income in 2020/21 (£3,509.00 in 2019/20). Village Hall income largely remained stable, despite pandemic.
4 Staff Costs	2,123	3,016	893	42.06%	YES		Change of Clerk halfway through the year - new Clerk on higher pay grade.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	16,699	13,012	-3,687	22.08%	YES		Reduction of £3,687.00 compared to 2019/20 - mainly due to reductions in payments towards Darnhall Show.
7 Balances Carried Forward	26,807	22,829			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	26,808	22,829				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	4,487	4,487	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