

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);
- 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 £	2019/20 £	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	32,786	23,443					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,000	6,234	234	3.90%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	14,122	15,952	1,830	12.96%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	2,700	2,123	-577	21.37%	YES		Clerk in 2019/20 was put onto wrong pay scale (£8.40 per hour instead of £9.02 per hour), hence the reduction in costs under this entry.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	26,766	16,699	-10,067	37.61%	YES		Payments were lower in the 2019-20 financial year due to the impact of the pandemic and The fact that the Council was unable to meet to agree payments from January 2020 onwards. In addition, the Village Hall was also closed which meant reduced payments on that building.
7 Balances Carried Forward	23,443	26,808			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	23,443	26,808				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	4,493	4,487	-6	0.13%	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