

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Denton Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **South Northants**

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).

	20xx/xx £	20xx/xx £	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	48,062	48,669				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,438	3,999	1,561	64.03%	YES		During this year the Council received a payment of £1,561 from an insurance company following an accident by a car driver who ran into and destroyed a gate in early 2020. In addition to this the
4 Staff Costs	5,036	5,104	68	1.35%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,795	21,005	-790	3.62%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	48,669	51,559				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	The Parish Council has a number of big repair projects that they are planning to carry out over the next year. As an example there are several stone walls within a Conservation Area that need substantial repairs. The cost of these projects will be considerable. The quote for one wall which has been accepted is £8,000. The Council decided that this year they would keep the precept at the previous level to ensure that they are able to carry out the repairs as and when the craftspeople become available to do the work.
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	48,669	51,559				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	71,500	71,500	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