

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and): **GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority ( <u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u> )
1 Balances Brought Forward	17,119	17,468				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,717	8,979	262	3.01%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	26,875	2,803	-24,072	89.57%	YES		2019-20 income was not typical for the council and is much higher in that year because of receiving funding from MHCLG for two Pocket Parks projects (£18,391.70). In addition, some grants and donations received in 2019-20 were not sustained through 2020-21 due in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic, and such funding sources being diverted and disrupted by the pandemic.
4 Staff Costs	3,191	3,469	278	8.71%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	32,052	7,679	-24,373	76.04%	YES		2019-20 expenditure was not typical for the council and is much higher in that year because of spending funding from MHCLG for two Pocket Parks projects (£18,391.70) as well as spending funding awarded for the building of a pavilion. Grants and donations received in 2019-20 towards the pavilion building project were not sustained through 2020-21, due in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore the council spent less than anticipated.
7 Balances Carried Forward	17,468	18,102			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	17,468	18,103				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	72,585	104,705	32,120	44.25%	YES		Changes: +£14,000 for newly acquired ride-on mower for maintaining the sports field and two new benches on the sports field and a new chair and table set (+2,000). The remainder is due to existing assets being given more realistic insurance values. A line-by-line comparison available upon request.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable