

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Wrightington Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **West Lancashire**

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);
- 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	14,316	16,655				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,187	18,687	2,500	15.44%	YES		costs of a contested election by West Lancs. BC were approximately £2500 with an uncontested election costing approximately £355. The Parish Council resolved to increase the precept to
3 Total Other Receipts	15,977	15,638	-339	2.12%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	9,100	9,845	745	8.19%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	20,725	20,172	-553	2.67%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,655	20,963			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	16,655	20,963				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	23,410	26,418	3,008	12.85%	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