

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Little Cheverell Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **Wiltshire County**)

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 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	4,009	4,531					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,550	4,500	1,950	76.47%	YES		Increased precept due to increased staff costs and Employers Liability Insurance. Increase in precept of £1250 for wages and insurance, full cost of grounds maintenance taken over from Village Hall Committee £1100 and £1000 budget for road safety measures (Village gates). It should be noted that no precept increase had been requested for many years which left the council unable to deliver services requested by members of the public, this situation had to be rectified.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,329	678	-651	48.98%	YES		Other receipts from Village Hall Committee no longer received.
4 Staff Costs	225	932	707	314.22%	YES		Increased staff costs as freelancer brought into to do clerks role.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,132	4,171	1,039	33.17%	YES		Grounds maintenance charges were not previously incurred due to a volunteer undertaking the work, but this had to be taken on as a commercial contract due to the volunteer being unable to continue to provide this service.
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,531	4,606					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,531	4,606					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	0	0	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