

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

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;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	10,167	8,002					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,000	8,620	620	7.75%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,715	4,678	2,963	172.77%	YES		VAT126 Claim @ £583.85 / PAYE Tax Refund @ £73.27 / Parish Plan Grant from Unitary Council to help with Playground repairs @ £1154.30 / Parish Plan Grant from Unitary Council to help modify the access path for less abled people to the Village Hall. Total 'other receipts' income from 22/23 = £4,677.69. In 21/22 we only received our VAT 126 Claim @ £288.86 and a Unitary Council Grant to help purchase a new Village Noticeboard @ £1,426.37 Total 'other receipts' income from 21/22 = £1,715.23 which explains the difference of £2,962.46
4 Staff Costs	3,627	4,315	688	18.97%	YES		Local Government Employee Pay Increase 2022 was implemented in November 2022 with the hourly rate increasing by £1.00. Back Pay was awarded for 1st April 2022 to 31st October 2022 to the value of £182.56. Clerk has worked additional hours (over contracted hours due to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and the completion of grant applications.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	1,263	1,246	-17	1.35%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,990	7,386	396	5.67%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,002	8,353			NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,002	8,353					
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments ar	36,030	37,482	1,452	4.03%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	21,750	21,250	-500	2.30%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable