

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Bathampton Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and par): **BANES**

Insert figures from Section 1 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).

|  | 2020/21<br>£ | 2021/22<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>   | Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)   |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward                                   | 61,607       | 60,166       |               |               |                          |   |  |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                                | 23,000       | 23,000       | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |  |
| 3 Total Other Receipts                                       | 6,236        | 9,492        | 3,256         | 52.21%        | YES                      |   | The primary cause of this increase is the receipt of increased donations towards the playground (£2,704 in (2021/22) vs £1,000 in 2020/21). There was an increase in the VAT recovered (up £1,175) and rents received (up £118). Some of this increase was offset by the receipt of less CIL (down £286) and less Parish Agency grant (down £45).  |
| 4 Staff Costs  | 11,426       | 12,908       | 1,482         | 12.97%        | NO                       |   |  |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |  |
| 6 All Other Payments   | 19,251       | 14,751       | -4,500        | 23.38%        | YES                      |   | The Primary decrease in costs YOY is due to upgrading the Village Street Lights to LED, a one off payment of (£6,157.43 in 2020/21). S137 payments were also down by (£946 in 2021/22) due to groups not running in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Lights were additionally down by (£160 in 2021/22) due to the lights being converted to LED and incurring less electricity costs. Materials and Machinery were also down by (£179) due to the leaf blower requiring repair in (2020/21). Helping to offset some of this decrease was an increase in maintenance and repair at the playground and playing field during 2021/22 with the costs up £2,661 due to the repair of a piece of equipment and the purchase of a new item of equipment. New playground signage at a cost of (£267) was also purchased. New fencing at the allotments was also required at a cost of (£575). |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward                                   | 60,166       | 64,999       |               |               |                          | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED<br>EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES |  |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                      | 60,166       | 65,000       |               |               |                          | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED   |  |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and AS | 101,619      | 113,386      | 11,767        | 11.58%        | 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