

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Blaxton Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and South Yorkshire

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	64,685	41,744					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	24,452	25,080	628	2.57%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,777	46,712	42,935	1136.75%	YES	Received two lots of external funding for £33035 and £9506 but see appendix tab 1 for additional information	
4 Staff Costs	12,288	11,466	-822	6.69%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	38,882	30,461	-8,421	21.66%	YES	Unused funding of £25083 was returned to the funder in 2024/25 but large additional spends in 25/26 include nature trail path (deposit), Cycle repair station, and remembrance parade see appendix tab 1 for additional information	
7 Balances Carried Forward	41,744	71,609				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	41,744	71,608				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	312,831	319,208	6,377	2.04%	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