

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**
County area (local councils and): **TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**
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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	33,372	39,524				Salary increase for clerk, 13,500 to 15,000 = £1,500. Increased running costs £3,000 to £3,500 = £500. Increased donation to Recreation Association from £2,000 to £4,000 = £2,000. Increased cost of village maintenance contract from £4,000 to £5,280 = £1,280. Total 1,500 + 500 + 2,000 + 1,280 = £5,280.	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	29,591	34,680	5,089	17.20%	YES	Salary increase for clerk, 13,500 to 15,000 = £1,500. Increased running costs £3,000 to £3,500 = £500. Increased donation to Recreation Association from £2,000 to £4,000 = £2,000. Increased cost of village maintenance contract from £4,000 to £5,280 = £1,280. Total 1,500 + 500 + 2,000 + 1,280 = £5,280.	
3 Total Other Receipts	10,074	13,976	3,902	38.73%	YES	We received 2 Community Infrastructure Levy money from development which were not received in previous financial year = 2 x £2,701 = £5,402	
4 Staff Costs	14,694	14,351	-343	2.33%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	19,250	28,154	8,904	46.25%	YES	One off purchases in the year that did not happen in the previous year as follows: £1,488 for a covered seating area. £190 for a flip chart. £297 for a grit bin. £126 on hall hire as in previous year we were not charged. £115 play area signage. £167 for cemetery plot display diagram for wall. £474 for commissioning a traffic survey. £1,000 donation to community garden. £1,089 for new bus shelter windows. £72 bank service charges (we changed banks and there were previously no charges). £315 for bespoke one-off planning training for full council. £94 for cleaning equipment for village maintenance. Differences in costs from previous year as follows:- £1,211 increase for technology costs (2023-2024 £319 2024-2025 £1,530 = £1,211. Due to changing to .gov.uk as requested by Government and the creation and management of new emails addresses for council reflecting the change. £2,163 increase for the Recreation Assocotion donation. 2023-2024 ££2,732 2024-2025 £4,895 = £2,163. TOTAL £8,801.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	39,093	45,675				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and			0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable