

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council**

County area (local councils and): **Lincolnshire**

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	43,909	54,911				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,700	2,700	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	16,823	16,765	-58	0.34%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	1,520	2,048	528	34.73%	YES	New clerk appointed 1/1/25. Salary as per contract.	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,999	20,068	13,068	186.70%	YES	Last year the council only paid £4200 as a major payment from the Copley solar fund. This year the council made several major grant payments from the fund: 15,450 for work to the WVH and 941.72 and 324.58 for DDVH equipment. Taking these major variations into account, the difference is a mere 7.89%	
7 Balances Carried Forward	54,911	52,260				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	54,911	52,260				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	19,274	19,274	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