

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Aylesbeare**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation 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	9,552	10,559				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,622	10,258	2,636	34.58%	YES		The PC has increased the Precept for 4 main reasons - Inflationary increases in cost of insurance, training, expenses and wages (£200). Increased reserves and to meet a budget that is workable, ie covers costs and prepares for future liabilities (£600). To Make Improvements – The new Grounds Maintenance contractor making the Parish a nicer place to be (£500). To Meet Legal Obligations - Particularly for this year are GDPR, Accessibility Regulations (which requires a new website- £600) and Workplace Pensions (£700). January 2021 Minute 18.2 p7
3 Total Other Receipts	4,088	1,264	-2,824	69.08%	YES		In 2020/21 the leftover funds from a now- defunct Youth Club of £2794.32 were transferred to the Parish Council making that year's income particularly high. CIL income in 2020/21 was £1291.64 which reduced to £86.10 in 2021/22. No VAT reclaim was made from 2018 to 2021 and this £1122.44 was received in 2021/22. Aylesbeare's income is usually under £300 per annum.
4 Staff Costs	4,492	4,164	-328	7.30%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,171	3,760	-2,411	39.07%	YES		In 2021/22, due to Covid, Aylesbeare was not able to appoint a contractor for the additional Grounds Maintenance planned. In addition no invoice was received from the District Council for the reduced Grounds Maintenance they completed as existing contractors (although this is expected to be issued shortly). This means that none of the £2000 budgeted for GM was used. An invoice is expected shortly. The new website took longer to get started than expected and approx £600 that was expected to be paid in 2021/22 will be paid in 2022/23 on completion of the Accessibility Regulations compatible site.
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,599	14,157			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,599	14,196				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	30,964	30,964	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

## Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves:</b>			
Play Area Refurbishment	3489		
Neighbourhood Plan	945		
CIL	1916		
Defibrillator	187		
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			6537
<b>General reserve</b>	7620		
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<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<hr/> <hr/>
			<b>14157</b>