

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER**

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;

	2024/25	2025/26	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	Explanation	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%		Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	
1 Balances Brought Forward	18,452	14,015				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,250	11,000	750	7.32%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,750	5,501	1,751	46.69%	YES		Grants recieved increase £950 for 2025/26
4 Staff Costs	4,610	5,561	951	20.63%	YES		Clerks salary increased, and overtime mainly on planning applications.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,827	6,668	-7,159	51.78%	YES		2024-25 had project expenses of £8K. Project now complete.
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,015	18,287				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	26,140	26,140	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						
	BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)						