

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Ripple Parish Council

County area (local councils and

Worcestershire

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	19,671	22,241				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,683	26,776	1,093	4.26%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	6,639	6,468	-171	2.58%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	16,313	10,709	-5,604	34.35%	YES		2024/25 Clerk Salary Apr 24 - 862.92, May 24 - 862.92, June 862.72, July 862.92, August 862.72, September - 862.92, Oct - 862.92, Nov 24 - 1078.66, Dec 891.02, Jan 25 891.02, Feb 25 891.22, March 25 - 891.02 giving a total of £10709 2023/24 Council were paying for a interim clerk and statutory maternity leave so payments were- Apr 23 - 840.84, May 23 710.71, June 23 749.50 & 873.63, July 725.32 & 651.84, August 652.04 & 749.50, September 749.50 & 1360.24, October 725.33 & 814.84, November 814.84 & 749.50, December 725.35 & 814.84 January - 834.59 & 643.89, February 1208.00, March 918.32 giving a total of £16313
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,439	16,692	3,253	24.21%	YES		In 2023/24 Council spent 642.8 on insurance, 5460 on grass, 1901.4 on Lengthsman, 252 on audit, 996.23 on clerk expenses, 276.5 on hall hire, 192 on recreation ground, ,140.44 on website, 72 Training, 388.2 on the defib, 605 on Handyman, 349.95 on a bench, 569.61 on payroll, 1067.21 on subscriptions, 475.91 on software, 50 on election costs totalling 13439. In 2024/25 council spent 1184.48 on subscriptions, 69 on newsletter, 220 on donations, 661.66 on insurance, 5460 on grass cutting, 3143.91 on lengthsman, 252 on audit, 469.58 on expenses, 150 on annual parish meeting, 184.5 on Parish Hall hire, 3132.89 on recreation ground, 583.2 on website, 131.44 on admin and training, 29.99 on defib, 303.88 on bins, 186.75 on Payroll, 529.7 on software totalling £16692
7 Balances Carried Forward	22,241	28,084				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	22,241	28,084				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	53,128	53,128	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