

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Chignal Parish Council
County area (local councils and Essex

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	50,144	45,823				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,551	3,870	-681	14.96%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	5,418	5,304	-114	2.10%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	10,454	16,247	5,793	55.41%	YES		The Parish Council purchased 2 defibs for a total value of £5,634, A new noticeboard for £900.
7 Balances Carried Forward	45,823	35,142				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	45,813	35,142				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	47,914	53,278	5,364	11.20%	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