

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Bicknoller Parish Council**

County area (local councils are): **Somerset West and Taunton**

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	7,883	11,189				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,000	5,400	400	8.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,867	499	-1,368	73.27%	YES	20/21 - received from District Council (CIL) £799 and Somerset Prepared (defibrillator) £900 . 21/22 only £402 of grants received - £160 donations & £242 from SALC	
4 Staff Costs	1,986	2,071	85	4.28%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,575	5,209	3,634	230.73%	YES	21/22 - £799 repayment of CIL to SWT (paid to BPC in error), £2160 on defibrillator provision, £268 on advertisements for Clerk, £246 materials for 'opening up safely', £165 meeting costs as return to physical meetings. 20/21 - none of these payments were made	
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,189	9,808			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,189	9,808				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	7,325	10,964	3,639	49.68%	YES	Assets purchased in 21/22 - Defibrillator (£1800 ex VAT), oak bench (£228 ex VAT),	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
	<b>Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable</b>						
	<b>Variances of £200 or less are tolerable</b>						
	<b>BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)</b>						