

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **STEEPLE ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **WILTSHIRE**

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	51,926	51,136					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	23,068	24,351	1,283	5.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	810	1,489	679	83.83%	YES		The Council's income for football fees and field hire increased this year post covid lockdowns and resulted in an additional income of £679.00
4 Staff Costs	8,072	9,498	1,426	17.67%	YES		In 2020/2021 eleven payments were made to the Clerk and in 2021/2022 thirteen payments were made - this is due to a salary payment relating to the previous year being paid in the current year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	16,596	23,960	7,364	44.37%	YES		During 2021/22 the Council undertook the following additional works/projects, resulting in additional expenditure of £7,454. Hedgecutting at a cost of £1,642; increased play area inspection costs at £605; hall hire costs post covid £308; Christmas event costs post covid £400; increased stationary costs £400 and purchase of a speed indicator device and associated works £4,099. The remaining variance is attributed to normal budget movements:
7 Balances Carried Forward	51,136	43,518			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	51,136	43,518				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	65,594	70,350	4,756	7.25%	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