

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Barton Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and Cumbria)

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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	7,804	22,891				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,013	5,210	197	3.93%	NO	Inflationary increase on prior year	
3 Total Other Receipts	32,411	34,380	1,969	6.08%	NO	Parish Council has taken on a community project (Ullswater Way permitted footpath) in 2022/23 receiving grants of £26144 and Public Toilets generated £8236 income. Variance due to difference in grants received from 2021/22 to 2022/23 and toilet income	
4 Staff Costs	2,975	3,767	792	26.62%	YES	Parish clerk National pay increase and also increase in weekly hours of 1hr per week	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	19,362	50,201	30,839	159.28%	YES	Parish Council undertook a community project (Ullswater Way permitted footpath) costing £24523 which is offset in the receipts by grant funding. A new bin bay and bins were also purchased costing £13000 which was offset by a grant received in 2021/22. Public Toilets generated £7710 expenses in 2022/23.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	22,891	8,513			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	22,891	8,513				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	4,112	11,096	6,984	169.84%	YES	£7961 purchase of waste bins and recycling area offset by Laptop and Parish website reduced to £1 (Reduction of £1113) due to depreciation of assets	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable