Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:	WINSFORD TOWN COUNCIL
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):	CHESHIRE WEST

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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	299,768	372,583				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	502,374	536,393	34,019	6.77%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	30,461	34,170	3,709	12.18%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	227,461	256,306	28,845	12.68%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	232,559	288,264	55,705	23.95%	YES		Overall increase of £55,705 due to the following increases - Accommodation/Rates (£44,917.74) - Service Charges (£25,161.81) - Grants (£5,009.64) - Miscellaneous (£16,930.66) - Public Buildings (£33,260.22) - IT (£4,446.96) The figure also includes reductions in the following areas: - - Printing and Stationery (£1,615.27) - Tennis Courts and Bowling Greens (£1,300.00) - Allotment Expenditure (£14,100.00) - School Milk (£7,609.88) - Town Promotions (£14,342.88) - Elections (£14,025.00) - Town Security (£1,959.28) - Junior Youth Worker (£5,500.00)
7 Balances Carried Forward	372,583	398,576			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	383,263	448,639				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	2,202,152	2,207,891	5,739	0.26%	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