

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

WINSFORD TOWN COUNCIL
CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER

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	372,583	398,576				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	536,393	568,324	31,931	5.95%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	34,170	148,338	114,168	334.11%	YES		Overall increase of £114,168 due to the following: - - Income from greens (increase of £1,118.93) - Reimbursements (increase of £16,026.62 including £13,200 received for council vehicle at end of lease) - Miscellaneous Receipts (increase of £19,007.00 including Awards for All grant of £9,860.00; donation from Friends of Winsford Town Park of £2,000; CIL monies of £5,845.00; Arts Council grant of £11,209.00 and grants from Cheshire West Council of £10,645.81 in total) - Income from land transaction (£75,891.20) - Grants for Christmas Lights (increase of £3,229.25)
4 Staff Costs	256,306	257,365	1,059	0.41%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	288,264	382,405	94,141	32.66%	YES		Overall increase of £94,141 due to the following: - - Increase of £2,343.11 in Service Charges (Open Spaces) - Increase of £9,893.78 in Council Vehicle (mainly due to the end of lease) - Increase of £11,528.08 in school milk payments - Increase of £21,776.87 in town promotions (increased number of events held) - Increase of £25,000 in participatory budgeting due to holding Winsford Decides for the first time - Increase of £17,764.45 in Miscellaneous Purchases (including purchases of play equipment) The year also included decreases in some areas of expenditure including: - - Decrease of £15,414.50 on public buildings (due to fewer costs on renovation project)
7 Balances Carried Forward	398,576	475,467			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	448,639	504,196				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	2,207,891	2,247,321	39,430	1.79%	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