

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 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	438,940	474,122				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	683,772	820,526	136,754	20.00%	YES		Winsford Town Council took the decision to increase the precept for 2024/25 by 20% - January 2025
3 Total Other Receipts	60,071	64,498	4,427	7.37%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	408,860	437,068	28,208	6.90%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	299,802	370,372	70,570	23.54%	YES		Increase of £70,570.00. Additional payments include the following: - Public Buildings - increase of £5,683.06 - Open Spaces - increase of £29,101.87 - includes allotment project - Community/Events - increase of £44,819.89 - includes additional events and grants - Salaries/Establishment - increase of £4,712.99 - School Milk - increase of £3,378.06
7 Balances Carried Forward	474,121	551,706				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	475,502	540,282				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	2,329,888	6,037,058	3,707,170	159.11%	YES		Due to re-valuation of buildings during 2024/25
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable
Variances of £200 or less are tolerable