

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Grainthorpe Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	7,516	6,833					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,045	5,000	955	23.61%	YES		The Parish Council had previously reduced the Precept but it was found that the budget for 24-25 had missed several budget lines. Following the budget review for 25-26 it was necessary to increase the precept by £683.00.
3 Total Other Receipts	2,014	1,641	-373	18.52%	YES		A savings account was opened and interest increased by £100.12. A VAT reclaim was made of £554.42. £2000 grant in 24-25 and £972 in 25-26. Total £=-£373.46
4 Staff Costs	2,070	3,201	1,131	54.64%	YES		No clerk in post April and May 2024 and NJC scale increment and annual pay rise 25-26
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,673	2,483	-2,190	46.86%	YES		Admin increased by £114.53. Staff expenses increased by £27.44. The internal audit cost £76.58 more than the previous year. Room hire increased by £15. Insurance costs decreased by £65.20. LALC membership for 2 years was paid in 25-26 increasing cost by £266.90. No paid training had taken place -£165. Website costs increased by £43.83. No IT costs -£108.50. No mower costs - £202.45. A speed sign was purchased in 24-25 cost £2947.99 but only £200 spent in 25-26 - saving -£2747.99. No war Memorial Costs. The Council started cutting grass verges £480. A grass cutting grant was given and a poppy wreath purchased £175.00. Total £2189.86
7 Balances Carried Forward	6,833	7,790					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	6,833	7,790					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	10,646	10,646	0	0.00%	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