Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **St Johns Castlerigg & Wythburn Parish Council**

County area (local councils and par Allerdale

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);
- 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).

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	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	2,122	5,425				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,352	8,087	735	10.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	339	589	250	73.89%	YES		A Grant of £250 was received from the LDNPA for the purchase of additional technology for the viewing of Planning documents
4 Staff Costs	2,968	3,180	212	7.15%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,420	2,153	733	51.65%	YES		£200 was spent on capital activities (replacement of a damaged Parish Council Noticeboard), £72 was spent on Parish Councillor Training. £300 was given under S.137 to three local causes (Great North Air Ambulance, Keswick & District First Responders, and St Johns in the Vale Church for Graveyard Maintenance. £208 was spent on a new printer for the Parish Magazine due to the old one having ceased to work.
7 Balances Carried Forward	5,425	8,768			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	5,425	8,768				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	5,090	5,090	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