

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

St Johns Castlerigg & Wythburn Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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).

	2018/19 £	2019/2020 £	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	5,425	8,768				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,087	8,087	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	589	5,094	4,505	764.86%	YES		A grant of £4290 was received from United Utilities as a recognition of disruption in the Parish as part of the United Utilities West Cumbria Pipeline . A Donation of £223 was received from a community Carol Service towards the ongoing running costs of the defibs that are being purchased with the United Utilities Grant
4 Staff Costs	3,180	3,539	359	11.29%	NO		Approved pay rise for the Clerk as approved by full council. A total cost of £330.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,153	1,186	-967	44.91%	YES		Parish Magazine costs have reduced by £318 due to reduced production fees and reduced frequency. S137 Grants reduced by £240 due to reduced requests from external organisations. Website fees reduced by £90. Council expenses reduced by £104 due to reduced council running costs (significant costs were incurred in 18/19 when dealing with a controversial planning application). The remaining reductions were just minor alterations in cost changes/reduced consumption e.g Training costs, Subscription fees
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,768	17,224				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,768	17,224				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	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