

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Elmley Castle, Brickhampton & Netherpton Parish Council**
County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Elmley Castle, Brickhampton & Netherpton**

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;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	29,216	25,566				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,200	16,720	1,520	10.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	5,764	7,783	2,019	35.03%	YES		4th May 2022 £250 was received from AONB as a contribution towards the AONB stone placed at the entrance of the Parish. On the 7th June 2022 Council received £500 from Cllr Adrian Hardman as contribution towards the Queens Jubilee. On 11th July 2022 £221 was paid into the account, this was cash taken during the Queens Jubilee event. On 29th November 2022 £1,099.10 was paid into the account, this was cash taken during the Christmas event.
4 Staff Costs	6,977	11,224	4,247	60.87%	YES		The 2022-23 National Salary Award agreement, agreed by the NJC settled on a pay increase of £1,925 per annum. It was also agreed this increment would be backdated to 1st April 2022. During the financial year of 2022-23 the Clerk joined the Local Government Pension Scheme as per the contract of employment. Council now make contributions to the scheme.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	17,637	11,408	-6,229	-35.32%	YES		During the previous financial year of 2021-2022 the Parish Council undertook a number of expensive projects, during the financial year of 2022-2023 there have been significantly less project undertaken therefore expenditure has been down on the previous year.
7 Balances Carried Forward	25,566	27,437			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	55,394	57,342				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable