

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Nettleton Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Lincolnshire

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).

	2022/23	2023/24	Variance	Variance	Explanation	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%	Required?	input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	
1 Balances Brought Forward	61,893	39,691				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,900	13,900	2,000	16.81%	YES		Precept increased following budget exercise in 2022/23, to cover predicted increase in staff costs. Clerk's hours increased from 3 to 5 per week.
3 Total Other Receipts	3,863	6,559	2,696	69.81%	YES		In 2022/23 the council spent £22,680 on Play Equipment. In 2023/24 it received £4,536 VAT back against this expenditure, which accounted for most of its Receipts.
4 Staff Costs	3,286	4,111	825	25.09%	YES		In 2022/23 the Clerk hours were increased part way through the year, from 3 to 5 per week. In 2023/24 the staff cost represented a full year of 5 hours per week.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	34,678	8,366	-26,312	75.88%	YES		In 2022-23 the council invested £22,680 in Play Park equipment and £4,639.87 on Noticeboards. In 2023/24 there was no equivalent high value items.
7 Balances Carried Forward	39,691	47,673			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED 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	39,691	47,673				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	80,139	80,139	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

Explanation for ‘high’ reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Play Park	20,000		
Cemetery Acquisition	15,000		
Reserve 3			
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
Reserve 6			
Reserve 7			
		35,000	
General reserve	12,673		
		12,673	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			47,673