

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Homersfield 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 (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	5,088	5,371				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,030	11,266	10,236	993.83%	YES		Grants/CIL Payments fewer applied for - 320.00 VAT reclaim - more expenditure 398.38 Business Saver Interest - increased capital and better interest rate 168.13 Play Area Sale 10,000.00 Marquee Hire - no hirers - 10.00 10,236.51
4 Staff Costs	2,782	2,801	19	0.69%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,965	2,328	-2,637	53.11%	YES		Description Amount (£) Bank Service Charge slight increase 1.60 General Expenses - spent more on printing, purchased a noticeboard in 2024-25 -103.85 ICO Data Protection - annual increase 12.00 Insurance - cheaper insurer -92.17 Internal Audit Fee - cheaper auditor -52.00 Clerk's mailbox, website domain, hosting - cost reduction -14.50 Maintenance - extra required 18.61 Miscellaneous - purchased a Commemoration Sign 54.12 S137 Grants/Donations - extra donation made 52.51 Subscriptions - slightly cheaper 1.98 VAT to reclaim - spent less -338.10 Wood - less tree surgery work this year -1221.50 Bridge Information Board Repair - no repairs this year -655.00 Play Area Valuation - now sold -300.00 Total -2636.30
7 Balances Carried Forward	5,371	18,508				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	5,371	18,508				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	8,239	8,784	545	6.61%	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)