## **Explanation of variances**

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2022 £	31/03/2023 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	26361.82	30492.39				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	17958.00	18317.00	359.00	2%	No	
3	Total other receipts	9521.43	4287.22	-5234.21	55%	Yes	NCC LIS grant received in 21/22 (March 2022) for Gypsy Lane and Orchard Close improvement project of £5,500 . No LIS Grant received in 22/23
4	Staff Costs	4185.71	4851.99	666.28	16%	Yes	Clerk Staff costs of £462 duplicated in April/May 2022 due to clerk (Anne Pallett) resignation and locum clerk paid concurrently. Also Clerk staff costs of £ 368 duplicated in March 23 due to recruitment of Denise Bryant as new clerk and handover from locum clerk.
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	2419.16	2419.16	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	16743.99	14614.34	-2129.65	13%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	30492.39	31211.12	718.73	2%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	30492.39	31211.12	718.73	2%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	67280.16	69703.43	2423.27	4%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	21526.00	20185.74	-1340.26	6%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)