

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority:

West Crewkerne Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Somerset

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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	8,819	8,645				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,470	6,571	101	1.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	326	124	-202	61.96%	YES		In 2022-23 we reclaimed VAT to the value of £292.00 but nothing in 2023-24. Some of this was off set by bank interest being higher in 2023-24 than in 2022-23
4 Staff Costs	2,251	2,655	404	17.95%	YES		Staff rate of pay increased and more hours were worked in 2023-24 than in 2022-23
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,719	2,728	-1,991	42.19%	YES		The payment to Crewkerne Town Council in respect of the Joint Burial Board for Townsend Cemetery reduced from £3,250 to £295 in 2023-24 due to a change in use of the Chapel
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,645	9,957				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,645	9,957				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	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable