

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **North Dalton 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	10,424	12,008				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,150	7,600	450	6.29%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,988	1,891	-97	4.88%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	4,247	2,932	-1,315	30.96%	YES		Additional hours submitted by previous clerk / Payscale, including cross over period.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,307	7,202	3,895	117.78%	YES		Village Gateway project £3382.80, New clerk laptop £493.99
7 Balances Carried Forward	12,008	11,365				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	12,008	11,365				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	17,027	17,206	179	1.05%	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