

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: [REDACTED]

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): [REDACTED]

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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	491,447	541,303				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	421,625	447,392	25,767	6.11%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	205,990	138,900	-67,090	32.57%	YES		Leigh Community Centre closed due to Covid pandemic. Expected income reduced by £147,000. Income from events reduced by £12000. Interest and other income reduced by £8000. CIL receipts increased by £11000. Allotment income increased by £6000. Council grants increased by £9000. Covid grants of £71511 received. Insurance claim received £2265.
4 Staff Costs	277,362	301,211	23,849	8.60%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	300,397	388,775	88,378	29.42%	YES		Expenditure on Capital Projects increased by £175000 due to works at Leigh Community Centre and Leigh Skate Park. Expenditure on events and Community services reduced by £39124 due to Covid restrictions. Council expenditure was reduced by £42401. Premises costs were down due to closure and no Premises Use Grant was due to Leigh Community Centre as no in person meetings were held. Expenditure on the Allotments reduced by £2646. As no purchases were made in the year LCC Friends expenditure was down £2451.
7 Balances Carried Forward	541,303	437,609			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	539,909	466,183				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	603,722	602,866	-856	0.14%	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