

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only) Barnsley MBC

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	13,953	11,304				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,933	6,500	567	9.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	6,117	3,338	-2,779	45.43%	YES		A grant of £5000 was obtained in 2022-2023 to put towards building a new accessible footpath on Council land. Non precept income in 2023-2024 was a smaller grant (£1250) for new signage plus a larger than usual VAT reclaim payment (£1736) from the previous years spending.
4 Staff Costs	2,500	2,025	-475	19.00%	YES		Clerk Q1 (Jan to Mar) salary payment of £675 was paid slightly late in April 2024.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,199	6,323	-5,876	48.17%	YES		In 2022 a new accessible path was built on Council land, this was £6500, plus two gazebos were purchased for outdoor events at a cost of £830. Spending was lower in 2023.
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,304	12,794				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,304	12,794				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	85,458	86,332	874	1.02%	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