

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Asheldham & Dengie Parish Council
County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Maldon, Essex

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	9,907	9,945				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,322	0	-7,322	100.00%	YES		Maldon District Council has yet to pay the precept of £7295 into the correct bank account. This is being investigated.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,616	1,724	108	6.68%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	3,788	3,408	-380	10.03%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,113	4,072	-1,041	20.36%	YES		Decrease in expenses of £800 for hedgecutting and decrease of £211 for maintenance. Decrease in bank charges of £30.
7 Balances Carried Forward	9,944	4,189				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	9,944	11,481				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	7,820	8,283	463	5.92%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable