

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Bradwell-on-Sea Parish Council
County area (local councils and parish meetings): 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	18,055	27,995				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	28,840	27,900	-940	3.26%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,672	90	-1,582	94.62%	YES		Decrease of No VAT claimed within the financial year 2025/2026
4 Staff Costs	9,757	8,734	-1,023	10.48%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	10,815	14,548	3,733	34.52%	YES		£1559 Increase on maintenance, £1404 increase in purchasing of assests, £770 increase on tree survey.
7 Balances Carried Forward	27,995	32,703				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	27,995	32,703				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	674,924	677,600	2,676	0.40%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable