

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Godstone Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Surrey

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	102,275	101,815				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	77,720	83,500	5,780	7.44%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	35,536	27,003	-8,533	24.01%	YES		Grant of £2,100 received in 2024/25 no grants received in 2025/26, £6184 less income received from our Burial Grounds as there were fewer burials which explains 97% of the variance.
4 Staff Costs	29,733	32,910	3,177	10.69%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	4,565	4,565	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	79,417	68,406	-11,011	13.86%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	101,816	106,437				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	102,006	109,152				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	307,832	271,732	-36,100	11.73%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	61,802	60,539	-1,263	2.04%	NO		