

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Axmouth Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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);
- 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	23,632	24,620				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	12,582	12,582	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	261	8,151	7,890	3023.10%	YES		The Council received a larger CIL payment this year of £5101.25 rather than £52.17 in 19/20 as well as S106 monies of £1385.76 where none was received in 19/20. £1012.79 more VAT was claimed this year too (including £845.00 that should have been claimed in 2017 following the purchase of a large piece of playground equipment). Unexplained variance amount £438. Final % difference after explanation: 5.3%
4 Staff Costs	6,392	6,564	172	2.69%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,463	9,092	3,629	66.42%	YES		The Council has purchased a new website at the cost of £2610.00 and also gave the local playground association the S106 monies towards new play equipment £1385.76. Unexplained variance amount -£366.76. Final % difference after explanation: 10%
7 Balances Carried Forward	24,620	29,698			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	24,620	29,698				EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	22,566	22,550	-16	0.07%	NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Reserve 1	2000		Unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant
Reserve 2	7000		Savings towards a new burial ground as the churchyard is nearly full
Reserve 3	1500		Election fees - should the parish require a bi-election
Reserve 4	2000		The Council are hoping to extend the footpath at the north of the village to ensure safe passage for walkers instead of having to use a busy road which is currently the only option
Reserve 5	1096		Towards street furniture which is nearing the end of its life
Reserve 6	4170		Contingency Plan
Reserve 7	172		Interest from the no 2 bank account
		17938	
General reserve	11760		
		11760	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			<u>29698</u>