

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

County area local councils and the **BASINGSTOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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
1 Balances Brought Forward	25,893	26,045				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,000	15,500	500	3.33%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	36,736	45,818	9,082	24.72%	YES	Donations £26,456.86 re Solar Farm Appeal
4 Staff Costs	7,346	7,914	568	7.73%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	44,238	50,975	6,737	15.23%	YES	Payments £26,856.85 re Solar Farm Appeal
7 Balances Carried Forward	26,045	28,474				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	26,045	28,474				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	70,667	72,461	1,794	2.54%	NO	
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable