

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **SHERBORNE ST JOHN 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);
- New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	83,463	106,911				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	N/A
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	39,781	41,303	1,522	3.83%	NO		NO
3 Total Other Receipts	120,093	88,523	-31,570	26.29%	YES		2020/21: Grants received:- £45,500 Basingstoke and Dean BC (draingage works for Rec Grd) £20,708 COVID Grants (closure of faciilty) £9,242 CIL/s106 £5,196 from Basingstoke and Dean BC (Grass Cutting and Litter Grant)  2021/22: Grants received:- £20,100 CIL £5,279.92 from Basingstoke and Dean BC (Grass Cutting and Litter Grant)
4 Staff Costs	19,351	18,947	-404	2.09%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		NO
6 All Other Payments	117,065	73,548	-43,517	37.17%	YES		2020/21: £59,650 spent on drainage works for Rec Grd
7 Balances Carried Forward	106,911	144,242			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	N/A
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	Completed
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	106,911	144,242				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	N/A
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	470,861	472,603	1,742	0.37%	NO		NO
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		NO

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

## Explanation for 'high' reserves

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

(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:

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves @31 March 2022</b>			
Chute Roof Maintenance Reserve	20,000		
Chute Maintenance Reserve	5,000		
Assets Capital Spend	3,000		
Play Park Capital Spend	20,000		
CIL	28,528		
S106	9,191		
Footpath Signs Reserve	4,000		
		89,719.33	
<b>General reserve</b>	54,523		
		54,523	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<b>144,242</b>