

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Barton Parish Council** 2025/2026

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;

	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	6,000	7,757				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,828	14,519	691	5.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,000	29,495	26,495	883.17%	YES		Received a grant from the National Lottery for £19330 towards playpark improvements, a Grant from NYC for £800 towards a new noticeboard and a VAT refund of £8139
4 Staff Costs	3,227	3,235	8	0.25%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,845	33,610	21,765	183.75%	YES		Variance due to Playpark equipment payment of £22866.
7 Balances Carried Forward	7,756	14,926				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	36,078	58,844	22,766	63.10%	YES		Assets have increased due to the installation of the playpark equipment £22866
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable