

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Starston 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);
- 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	11,126	10,885				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,278	7,772	494	6.79%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	400	1,539	1,139	284.75%	YES	£67 VAT refund and £722 CIL received in 2025/26 + £450 and £300 Warm Welcome grants	
4 Staff Costs	4,049	3,992	-57	1.41%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,870	4,388	518	13.39%	NO		New laptop purchased Feb 2026
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,885	11,816				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,885	12,218				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	9,208	9,607	399	4.33%	NO		New Laptop purchased Feb 2026
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable