Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Grimley 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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	30,445	30,128				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	19,590	20,080	490	2.50%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	4,604	4,401	-203	4.41%	NO	
4 Staff Costs	7,169	7,792	623	8.69%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	17,341	24,481	7,140	41.17%	YES	Installation of park benches across the parish as a brand new facility - one in each hamlet (totalling £1242). Expert advice and representative of the parishioners (voted public mandate obtained) on matters of Biodiversity in relation to a planning application appeal at a formal district council hearing (Nb £3176.16, Dr Christopher Betts Environmental Biology Limited) Expert advice and representative of the parishioners (voted public mandate obtained) in matters of landscape, heritage and visual amenity, in relation to a planning application appeal at a formal district council hearing (Nb £4950 Carly Tinkler BA CMLI FRSA MIALE Landscape Environmental Consultancy).
7 Balances Carried Forward	30,128	22,336				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	30,128	22,336				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments a	and 23,024	23,640	616	2.68%	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable