

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot**

County area (local councils and **Worcestershire**)

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	13,729	14,973				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,900	9,000	100	1.12%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,715	2,718	1,003	58.49%	YES		In a normal financial year a max of £2445.5 can be claimed by this parish council from Worcestershire County Council (WCC) towards Lengthsman expenses. In 2020/2021 covid restrictions meant that there were some months where the Lengthsman was not permitted by law to work (or unable to work due to covid illness) and so in those months (April, May, part June) the parish council made no claim from WCC, hence the reduced claim of £1715. In the 2021/2022 financial year in April this parish council received a late payment of £286 was received from WCC as a late payment being their own fault.
4 Staff Costs	3,544	3,574	30	0.84%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,827	6,344	517	8.87%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,973	16,773			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	14,973	16,773				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	38,193	41,097	2,904	7.60%	NO		Notes: 2021/22 saw the receipt from WCC of a donated new Vehicle Activated Speed sign (replacement value £2900)
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable