

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **South Killingholme Parish Council**

County area (local councils and): **North Lincolnshire**

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	17,558	21,577				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	21,306	23,502	2,196	10.31%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	15,062	31,179	16,117	107.00%	YES		A grant of £11,492 was received from North Lincolnshire Council for Grass Cutting for the year - previously this was delegated to another Parish Council who paid the grass cutting bills and got the funding. The council previously was VAT Registered but had not submitted a VAT Return. In discussions with HMRC, the Clerk registered the council so they would claim back the VAT and with penalties and fees deducted, successfully claimed £13,043.06. £6,000 was taken in hall hire
4 Staff Costs	11,828	13,684	1,856	15.69%	YES		cleaning hours were increased from 3 hours per week to 6 hours per week at minium wage, increasing the cleaner salary by £2130 per year
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	20,521	37,336	16,815	81.94%	YES		The Parish Council paid its own grass cutting contractor for the year at a cost of £11050 - previously this was delegated to another Parish Council who paid the grass cutting bills and got the funding. £4540 was paid in legal fees for the playground transfer of ownership
7 Balances Carried Forward	21,577	25,238				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21,577	25,238				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	732,118	734,118	2,000	0.27%	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