

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

TATHWELL AND HAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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	1,529	780					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,043	4,831	788	19.49%	YES		At the budget meeting held in November 2024, the Council reviewed its financial position and projected expenditures for the forthcoming year, which were estimated at £4,831. Taking into account existing bank reserves of £780, it was determined that there was limited capacity to absorb the shortfall. Accordingly, the Council resolved that an increase in the precept to match the level of anticipated expenditure was necessary to ensure that all expected financial commitments could be met.
3 Total Other Receipts	250	401	151	60.40%	YES	Explanation not required, difference less than £200	
4 Staff Costs	3,258	3,517	259	7.95%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,784	1,864	80	4.48%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	780	631				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	780	630				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	32,620	32,603	-17	0.05%	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