

Explanation of variances 2020/21 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

| | 2020 £ | 2021 £ | Variance £ | Variance % | Explanation Required? | DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN | Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures) |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward | 32,877 | 38,409 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees | |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 15,000 | 14,972 | -28 | 0.19% | NO | | |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 12,218 | 112,706 | 100,488 | 822.46% | YES | | In 2020 the council received grants of £12,150 towards the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO). In 2021 it received a further grant of £97,833 towards the NDO. The council also received a donation of £11,608 from the Village Hall Management towards the cost of improvements, and £3185 from the Sports & Social Club/Events committee. |
| 4 Staff Costs | 2,098 | 2,124 | 26 | 1.22% | NO | | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 6 All Other Payments | 19,588 | 101,139 | 81,552 | 416.34% | YES | | In 2020 the council spent £6442 on planning, and £3,435 on improvements to the village hall. It also made S.137 grants of £1,517 to Clifton Hampden Surgery. In 2021 the council spent £80,064 on the NDO and £12,315 on improvements to the village hall toilets, floor and car park. This accounts for a difference of £80,988. |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 38,409 | 62,824 | 24,415 | 63.57% | YES | | £17,769 of the NDO grant has yet to be spent. The council received £3,185 as a return of operating funds from the Sports & Social Club as it has suspended activities due to Covid. The council had budgeted to spend £2000 on the village playground, but this was put on hold due to Covid and is being carried forward. The council's expenditure on the village hall was £925 less than budget. |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 36,862 | 42,777 | 5,915 | 16.05% | YES | | On 31/3/20 there was unclaimed VAT of £1,457. £36862+£1457=£38409 On 31/3./21 a claim for £19,907 VAT had been lodged with HMRC, but not yet paid, and a further amount of £139 of VAT had accrued since the claim was made. £42777+£19907+£139=£62684 |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets | 93,292 | 93,292 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 10 Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |

Excessive Reserves Ratio 2.56059 4.19609

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LEVEL OF RESERVES ON THE FOLLOWING TAB

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

| | £ | £ | £ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Earmarked reserves: | | | |
| Neighbourhood plan | 10000 | | |
| Balance of NDO grant(see note) | 17769 | | |
| Village hall | 5000 | | |
| Resilience (balance of grant) | 6000 | | |
| Sports & Social Club | 3185 | | |
| | | | <u>41954</u> |
| General reserve | <u>20869.81</u> | | |
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| Total reserves (must agree to Box 7) | | | <u><u>62823.81</u></u> |
| Box 7 per Annual Return | | | 62,824 |
| Difference | | | <u><u>0</u></u> |

Note: Any money not spent on the project by the end of the grant period must be returned to the source.