

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Rushton Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and parishes): **Northamptonshire**

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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	39,425	38,989				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,700	8,000	1,300	19.40%	YES		Northamptonshire Council estimate of costs associated with the election resulted in an increased precept request. The expected cost was £1,000. Additionally, the Clerk received an increase in salary due an
3 Total Other Receipts	26,386	42,572	16,186	61.34%	YES		Receipts increased due to the following Wind Farm Fund Grants: £2,145 (village sign), £3,000 (second village sign, not yet paid for), £3,735 for the Recreation Ground maintenance, a further grant for the same of £1,170, £15,000 for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party, £892 for the Recreation Ground. £2,000 was received as a grant (not from the Wind Farm Fund) for the start of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Community Minibus received grants and concessionary fares totalling £12,284.85 backdated. A Wind Farm Fund Grant was received for the minibus of £1,065.
4 Staff Costs	3,171	3,178	7	0.22%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	30,351	19,652	-10,699	35.25%	YES		Two large payments were made in 2020/21 that were <b>not</b> paid in this financial year. £7,291.95 was paid to Greenbarnes for noticeboards, £16,352 was paid for an outdoor gym.
7 Balances Carried Forward	38,989	66,732				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
					YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	38,989	66,732				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	143,366	145,588	2,222	1.55%	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)