

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Rushton Parish Council
North Northants Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	38,989	66,732					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,000	8,400	400	5.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	42,573	16,711	-25,862	60.75%	YES		In 2021/22, we received a grant of £15k for a Platinum Jubilee Party. We also received a number of grants from North Northants Council that had not been claimed for our minibus for many years. These totalled £10,062. Additionally, in the previous year we received a grant for £892 for signage in our Recreation Ground.
4 Staff Costs	3,178	4,990	1,812	57.02%	YES		Clerk agreed to work additional hours as a result of the large grant (double the precept) for the Platinum Jubilee Party. £996 employee costs, £412.50 HMRC costs resulted. The Clerk also received a nationally negotiated NJC pay rise and this was included in the wages payment of £751.90.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	19,652	43,512	23,860	121.41%	YES		Platinum Jubilee Party grant created total additional income of £13,123. Neighbourhood Plan expenditure (funded by grants) of £10,000.
7 Balances Carried Forward	66,732	43,341				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	66,732	43,342				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	145,588	145,588	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

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:			
Minibus reserves	36,678.34		
Reserve 2			
Reserve 3			
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
Reserve 6			
Reserve 7			
		36678.34	
General reserve			0
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			<u><u>36678.34</u></u>

Note high reserves as the service is not for profit and has been preparing for a new minibus for a number of years. Reserves for this come from the income the minibus generates, not the precept.