

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Woolhampton Parish Council
County area (local councils and West Berkshire

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	95,337	106,310				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	40,000	26,000	-14,000	35.00%	YES		An extra £13000 was paid to Woolhampton parish council in 24/25 due to a missed precept payment from West Berks Council in 2022/23 as the council asked the District Council to pause payments whilst bank access was secured from the previous Clerk. The precept request was reduced to £26,000 for 2025-2026 from £27,000 in 2024-2025
3 Total Other Receipts	393	90	-303	77.10%	YES		Loss of earnings from allotments in 2025-2026 due to invoicing issues and vacant plots. The income from allotments should stabilise in 2026-2027.
4 Staff Costs	4,038	4,038	0	0.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	25,381	35,601	10,220	40.27%	YES		Gave £10,800 in donations in 2025-2026 using CIL money; two payments to Woolhampton CE School, one for £2,000 and second for £800 and a payment of £8,000 to Douai Park Tennis Club
7 Balances Carried Forward	106,311	92,761				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	106,311	92,761				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and			0	0.00%	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