

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Alnmouth Parish Council**
 County area: **Northumberland**

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);
- 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).

	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Explanation
1 Balances Brought Forward	8,994	5,098				Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	3,810	4,000	190	4.99%	NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
3 Total Other Receipts	9,166	4,364	-4,802	52.39%	YES	Each year the Parish Council's receipts and expenditure differ/vary in the main part because of the Middlemoor Windfarm grant money received for various projects to benefit the community. The parish council has not applied for any grants in the financial year 2021 in large part due to the Covid-19 restrictions. In 2019-20 The parish council received grants totalling £9,166 These comprised (£2,240) from the Community Fund for community projects, and (£6,925) from Groundworks towards the preparation
4 Staff Costs	1,585	1,656	71	4.48%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	15,287	2,549	-12,738	83.33%	YES	In 2019-20 the parish council made payments for grant funded activities totalling £5,575. It also returned an unused NP grant to Groundwork UK for the sum of £3,350. It made 5137 donations to various organisations benefiting the community totalling £685, paid £500 towards tennis court repairs and purchased a new battery for the defibrillator at £151.
7 Balances Carried Forward	5,098	9,257				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	5,098	9,257				EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	4,469	4,469	0	0.00%	NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	See explanation on next page

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable