

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Carlton Town Parish Council
County area (local councils and parish meetings only): North Yorkshire

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	48,636	40,951				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	20,000	22,000	2,000	10.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,381	29,382	25,001	570.67%	YES		Water Contributions have increased from businesses by £8540 due to a rise in pricing structure. £2400 from households for water repairs the Parish Council incurred on their behalf. £1914.50 & £12146.59 received in vat refunds for 24/25 year & 25/26 year.
4 Staff Costs	4,540	7,107	2,567	56.54%	YES		Clerks salary was increased by £2808 due to forming a new sub committee which also incurred employers NI contributions
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	27,526	65,860	38,334	139.26%	YES		£40745 was spent on new water tanks for the community water supply. £365 for planning permission.
7 Balances Carried Forward	40,951	19,366				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	40,951	19,366				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	83,672	124,417	40,745	48.70%	YES		Fixed Assets increased by £40745 for the new tanks and water pump to the Community Water Supply
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable