

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Dalston Parish 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	49,283	74,795				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	76,032	77,933	1,901	2.50%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	47,330	49,759	2,429	5.13%	NO		2021 included Coronavirus grant of £10,000 no equivalent this year but cemetery income has increased by £12,550 over the same period last year
4 Staff Costs	26,473	28,060	1,587	5.99%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	8,660	8,660	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	62,717	81,606	18,889	30.12%	YES		Increases in costs are £5,850 to retarmac Cemetery paths, £1,770 Bat survey before tender to replace roof, £415 new laser printer, £788 2 additional litter bins, £3,793 replace kitchen units in rented property, £5,966 backdated rate demand for car park, £605 laser printer ink more expensive, £288 for hall hire for social distance PC meetings, £230 extra for heat & light with return to working in the office, £2,645 benches and picnic table, £970 to investigate water problem under play ground equipment. Against this £1,239 was in 2020/21 figures for parish noticeboards, tree work was £2,650 less than in 2020/21 and legal fees are lower as £350 was incurred 2020/21 regarding a common land issue.
7 Balances Carried Forward	74,795	84,161			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	102,503	113,677				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	500,995	503,230	2,235	0.45%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	88,668	82,227	-6,441	7.26%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable