Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2023 £	31/03/2024 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	143705.33	120581.77				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	20132.66	20163.30	30.64	0%	No	
3	Total other receipts	15863.45	40779.40	24915.95	157%	Yes	In 23-24 the Parish Council received ££30,979.40 in CIL payments whereas in 22-23 the Parish Council received £0 CIL funds. In 22-23 the PC Vat Refund was £3572.27 whereas in 23-24 it was £2321.68
4	Staff Costs	8581.07	9227.19	646.12	8%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	50538.60	55111.39	4572.79	9%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	120581.77	117185.89	-3395.88	3%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	120581.77	117185.89	-3395.88	3%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	91908.00	91908.00	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)