

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

LITTLE PONTON & STROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

2024-25

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Lincolnshire

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).

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	959	432				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	1,750	4,750	3,000	171.43%	YES		Increased precept to start to accommodate appropriate spending, clerk with initial set up hours etc
3 Total Other Receipts	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	0	4,970	4,970	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	Additional new locum staffing costs this year to rectify historic problems. No clerk previously.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,277	149	-2,128	93.45%	YES		Previous year £2200 paid to donation churches. This will not happen going forward.
7 Balances Carried Forward	432	63			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	432	63				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	0	0	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)