

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Widcombe-in-the-Moor Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Devon**

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	12,749	13,723				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,798	7,113	315	4.63%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,969	2,153	-1,816	45.75%	YES		Grant+N1s received (DCC Road Warden Scheme/FIPL): 2024/25 £1632; 2025/26 £452; VAT reclaimed: 2024/25 £782, 2025/26 £74
4 Staff Costs	4,052	4,052	0	0.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,741	3,508	-2,233	38.90%	YES		Grants to community organisations: 2024/25 £2200; 2025/26 £1500; Community Road Warden Scheme: 2024/25 £704; 2025/26 £165; Defibrillator (cabinet and pads): 2024/25 £518; 2025/25 £0; Repairs & maintenance of assets: 2024/25 £954; 2025/26 £325; Hall hire: 2024/25 £96; 2025/26 £171
7 Balances Carried Forward	13,723	15,429				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	13,723	15,429				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	5,952	6,718	766	12.87%	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