

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Creton Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Northamptonshire**

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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	41,030	44,274					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	21,000	21,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,080	9,024	6,944	333.85%	YES		There was an increase in burials in 2020/21 resulting in burials fees of £2460 compared to £534 the previous year. The income from grants also increased in 2020/21 due to £4,000 being awarded by the police commissioner's office for the purchase of speed signs in 2020/21 compared to a grant of just £1000 the year before from Tesco for litter picking equipment. The mowing grant of £450.27 remained the same in 2019/20 and 2020/21. There was also extra income in 2020/21 due to a VAT reclaim of £1374.59 which hadn't been received in 2019/20 due to it being paid after year end.
4 Staff Costs	4,914	5,815	901	18.34%	YES		The clerk received a payrise in accordance with the national pay rise awarded to clerks and had an increase in hours compared to the previous year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	14,922	39,471	24,549	164.52%	YES		Additional costs for 2020/21 were as follows: The parish council's speed sign project which involved the purchase of the equipment and licence fee cost £5139. Urgent tree works were required on trees which the parish council is responsible for totalling £3786. A laptop was purchased for the clerk to use for parish council work at a cost of £576. A VE day bench was purchased at a cost of £472. The amount of £14,600 was paid to the Northamptonshire Pension Fund in settlement of the money owed by the parish council in respect of a former employee's pension.
7 Balances Carried Forward	44,274	29,012			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	44,274	29,012				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	37,692	42,299	4,607	12.22%	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