

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Rochester with Byrness Parish Council (Northumberland)

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be 'compensating' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance (+ / -) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100))
Box 2 Precept	7000	7000	0	
Box 3 Other income	12752	7609	-5143	In 2021/22 garage rent income was £2230 & allotment rent income £102. Grants received totalled £9042. Also VAT reclaim from HMRC totalled £1078 In 2022/23 garage rent was £1830 & allotment £36. Grants received totalled £2500 however VAT reclaim was higher at £2945. These differences explain the variance.
Box 4 Staff costs	1828	1828	0	
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital	0	0	0	
Box 6 Other payments	19529	14113	-5416	In 2021/22 there was spend of £6840 for speed indicator cameras, Roundhouse development spend of £4618, repairs to a grass verge £1980 In 2022/23 much of the 'business as usual' spend was similar however the variance was due to spend of £2500 to NNPA for road signage, £878 extra spend on tree maintenance. £3427 for purchase of new play area slide, £561 for purchase of new seat. £500 additional donations made and £140 spent on increased insurance premium
Box 7 Balances carried forward	23783	22451	-1332	
Box 9 Fixed assets & long-term assets	14655	18169	3514	The increase is due to the purchase of a new seat, grit bin and play area slide whilst removing old seating that was beyond repair.
Box 10 Total borrowing	0	0	0	