

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Brean Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **Somerset**

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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	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	37,057	41,623				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	52,820	71,100	18,280	34.61%	YES		Additional income received this year from: Red Planet for filming of Sanditon +£4.5k; Wessex Water undertaking due to pollution of water three years ago. Made to pay +£10k to parish council as a result. Legacy from former councillor Joan Jackman to encourage sporting activities on beach for young people of Brean +£5k (earmarked reserve set up). Small donations for photography received +£0.6k. No bouncy castle concession -£0.5k. No pony ride concession due to retirement -£1.320k
4 Staff Costs	34,968	39,429	4,461	12.76%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,286	20,298	7,012	52.78%	YES		Higher costs for beach cleaning due to winter storms +£3.0k; removal of abandoned car flooded by tide as owner could not be traced +£3.6k; Additional postage after village mailshot for new councillors after May 2019 election +£0.2k; Repairs to bus shelter - painting and seat repair +£0.2k
7 Balances Carried Forward	41,623	52,996			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	41,623	52,996				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	271,597	271,597	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