

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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);
- 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
1 Balances Brought Forward	66,624	60,288				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,120	9,581	461	5.05%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	3,268	4,313	1,045	31.98%	YES	Received a much bigger VAT reclaim payment in 2025/26 of £2198.88 as opposed to the £953.74 payment in 2024.25, a difference of + £1245.14 . Lincs County Council's Grass cutting contribution increased in 2025/26 to £1310.33, up from £1288.12, a difference of + £22.21 . Bank interest received decreased from £875.76 in 2024/25 to £703.98 in 2025/26, a difference of - £171.78 . The bank made a compensation payment of £50.00 in 2024/25 which they did not make in 2025/26, a difference of - £50.00 . Totalling the differences (in bold) gives a final figure of £1045.57 (unrounded) which equates to the variance figure.
4 Staff Costs	3,722	3,842	120	3.22%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	15,002	11,487	-3,515	23.43%	YES	In 2024/25, there were two one-off payments of: £4432.42 towards groundworks at the Green (The Green Development Project), and £200.00 towards costs of defibrillator at village hall. Together these total £4632.42 . In 2025/25, there was atypical expenditure increasing the annual 2025/26 payments figure, as follows: litter bin at £213.00, two bus shelter repairs at £315.00 and another £315.00, and repairs to play area equipment at £465.00. Together these total £1308.00. If you deduct £1308.00 from £4632.42, the total is £3324.42 which is £190.58 less than the £3515.00 variance , and so within your acceptable £200.00 variance tolerance.
7 Balances Carried Forward	60,288	58,853				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	60,289	58,853				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	49,045	51,424	2,379	4.85%	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)