

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Harden Village Council**
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Yorkshire**

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	14,035	19,389				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	20,475	28,700	8,225	40.17%	YES		In setting its budget for the year additional amounts were allocated to Christmas Lights (£5,850), Traffic and Transport Study (£3,500), Neighbourhood Planning (£3,000), playground cleaning and maintenance (£3,000), local service provision (£2,500), village benches (£1,000), allotments (£1,500) and telephone kiosk repairs (£500). The Council increased the precept in 2019/20 from £25 at Band D to £35.
3 Total Other Receipts	6,774	10,195	3,421	50.50%	YES		Additional income in the year included a grant from Locality towards the commission of a Design Code to support the Neighbourhood Plan (£7,975). In addition, VAT reclaimed in year was higher than the previous year (£1,754).
4 Staff Costs	8,415	8,547	132	1.57%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,480	30,639	17,159	127.29%	YES		The Council progressed additional projects in the year including commissioning a Transport & Traffic Study (£8,840), ongoing Neighbourhood Planning costs (£3,540), commissioning a Design Code (£7,975) and purchase of additional assets including benches and noticeboards (£1,885).
7 Balances Carried Forward	19,389	19,098			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	18,406	14,697				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	5,285	7,271	1,986	37.58%	YES		Additional assets purchased in the year included a laptop (£779), village benches (£824) and replacement noticeboards (£846). Disposals included a laptop.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable