

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **CHIDDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL**
 County area (local councils and): **EAST SUSSEX**

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	62,929	87,928				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	Explanation not required
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	38,138	39,130	992	2.60%	NO		Explanation not required
3 Total Other Receipts	19,168	2,309	-16,859	87.95%	YES		The parish council received £17,599.78 in October 2018 as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). No CIL funds have been received during 20190-2020 period.
4 Staff Costs	16,209	18,133	1,924	11.87%	NO		Explanation not required
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		Explanation not required
6 All Other Payments	16,098	31,564	15,466	96.07%	YES		The following items of expenditure occurred in 2019-2020 but these did not occur in 2018-2019: £4000 grant for the refurbishment works at Chiddingly Village Hall. £1397 for election costs. The parish council has to employ the services of a HR company which came to £2548. £580 was spent on new fencing at the childrens play area. £575 on Locum clerk cover whilst the parish Clerk was medically signed off of work. £1710 has to be spent on a tree surgery work for ash die back removal. £370 was spent on a new bench to go in the community orchard. A previous Cllr has provided IT support free of charge, but following his resignation the parish council then had to pay for IT services which cost £480 per annum. £656 on astroturf materials. £857 was spent on improving the verge at Jubilee field. An additional £200 was spent on repairing potholes at the village car park. Following the elections various courses and briefings were attended by the new Councillors which cost: £510 The parish council purchased a new noticeboard £627
7 Balances Carried Forward	87,928	79,670			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	On reserves tab
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	87,928	79,670				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	62,697	57,921	-4,776	7.62%	NO		Explanation not required
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		Explanation not required

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable