

Explanation of variances 2022/23 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2023 £	2022 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required? Is > 15%	Is > £100,000	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	40,397	48,602					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,052	13,306	254	1.95%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	15,492	22,202	6,710	43.31%	YES	NO		Prior year the Council received a grant of £5500 from SSE to improve the resilience of the village, and a VAT refund of £5114. There was also a refund of a cheque for £1313 which was thought to have been lost but wasn't and therefore paid twice. The Council also received £428 from the winding-up of the 3 Parishes Community Interest Company in which it had been a participant. Current year the Council received a s106 payment of £18942. Difference=18942-5500-5114-1313-428=6587
4 Staff Costs	2,107	2,277	170	8.05%	NO	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	18,232	32,237	14,005	76.81%	YES	NO		Current year: Replacing the playground surface cost £17122, funded by the s106 payment. Replacement doors for the village hall cost £5709. Additionally there was a reduction in normal expenditure on grass cutting, due to the dry summer, of £519 (£2505 vs £3024), and no expenditure on tree maintenance (£934 in 2022) as the annual routine work was paid for at the end of the previous year. Difference=17122+5709-6456-519-934=14922
7 Balances Carried Forward	48,602	49,596	994	2.05%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	48,602	49,596	995	2.05%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	13,398	13,398	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 3.72372 3.72734

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LEVEL OF RESERVES ON THE FOLLOWING TAB

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete or update the highlighted boxes when the total in Box 7 is greater than 2 times the value of Box 2)

Box 7 is more than twice the value of Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves*:			
Tree maintenance (Ardley Wood)	9000		
Resilience	5500		
Village hall upgrade	5000		
Playground maintenance	5000		
Footpath	5000		
		29500	
General reserve	20096		
		20096	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			49596
Box 7 per Annual Return			49,596
Difference			0

Column B - Reserves should be renamed to show the specific purpose / name given by this authority.

Column D - Earmarked items - a value for the amount earmarked for each specific reserve should be entered. There may be fewer than 5 reserves or more and the number can be reduced or extended as appropriate.

Column D - General reserves - this should relate to normal operating funds and should be the difference between the total of all Earmarked reserves and the value of Box 7 on Section 2 of the AGAR.