

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish/parish-level only)

**Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGCR 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);
- \* New from 2020/21: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- \* 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).

|  | 2022/23<br>£  | 2023/24<br>£  | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures<br>input. DO NOT OVERRWRITE THESE BOXES  | Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures) |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward   | <b>13,176</b> | <b>6,397</b>  |               |               |                          | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees   |  |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                                      | <b>10,205</b> | <b>10,513</b> | 308           | 3.02%         | NO                       |   |  |
| 3 Total Other Receipts   | <b>24,833</b> | <b>20,464</b> | -4,369        | 17.59%        | YES                      | Last year we put play equipment up and this year we put adult play equipment up and the difference in costs was £4369 this was due to the lack of grants received that we did in 2022-2023 and the parish council used their reserves due to this |  |
| 4 Staff Costs  | <b>4,199</b>  | <b>5,476</b>  | 1,277         | 30.41%        | YES                      | Clerks hours increased by 1 hour meaning an increase in salary of £865.84 plus increase from government of £411 meaning a salary increase of £1277  |  |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                                  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |  |
| 6 All Other Payments   | <b>37,618</b> | <b>24,422</b> | -13,196       | 35.08%        | YES                      | We installed play equipment in 2022-2023 and adult play equipment in 2023-2024 but received over £13,000 in grants in 2022-2023 for the play area and used our reserves to put the adult play equipment up  |  |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward   | <b>6,397</b>  | <b>7,676</b>  |               |               | NO                       | <b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>  |  |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                            | <b>6,397</b>  | <b>7,676</b>  |               |               |                          | <b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>  |  |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Reserves | <b>69,612</b> | <b>71,925</b> | 2,913         | 4.22%         | NO                       |   |  |
| 10 Total Borrowings  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |  |

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable