

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Guiting Power Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority ( <u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u> )
1 Balances Brought Forward	6,745	7,432				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	3,657	4,023	366	10.01%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	12,386	584	-11,802	95.28%	YES		Grants received for Playground Project in 2020
4 Staff Costs	2,071	1,541	-530	25.59%	YES		Less Hours worked during Covid
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,285	2,325	-10,960	82.50%	YES		Expenditure on playground project
7 Balances Carried Forward	7,432	8,173				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
					YES		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	7,432	8,173				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	34,776	34,776	0	0.00%	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

## Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

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

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves:</b>			
Playground	6500		
		6500	
<b>General reserve</b>	1673		
		1673	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<b>8173</b>