

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Earswick 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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	209,644	202,147					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	18,002	21,731	3,729	20.71%	YES		At a meeting on 25.11.19, Earswick Parish Council resolved to increase the precept to £21,952 (Item 6 in Minutes) to cover its increase in costs - but predominantly the additional £2,808 pa of the two new 3 year public open space maintenance contracts, which commenced 1.4.20.
3 Total Other Receipts	7,811	14,494	6,683	85.56%	YES		A ward grant of £2,232 was received from City of York Council. Earswick Parish Council took over the Earswick Village Hall finances from 1.4.20 following the winding up of the Village Hall Sole Charity Trustee (March 2020 Minutes Item 12). The Village Hall Fund Balance at 1.4.20 of £1,977.85, and Village Hall hire income for 2020-21 of £1,845, included in Earswick PC receipts.
4 Staff Costs	5,386	5,398	12	0.22%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	27,924	34,312	6,388	22.88%	YES		As explained above, the PC took over the running of the Village Hall (VH) income and expenditure from 1.4.20. The VH expenditure for 2020-21 was £4,173 (paid from RBS a/c) plus £1,971 (paid from the NatWest VH Fund a/c). A new noticeboard was purchased at £2,100. £2,172 expenditure on Lock House Lane car park and goal post repairs. £980 spent on painting Garden Village railings.
7 Balances Carried Forward	202,147	198,662				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	Earswick PC has £170,000 Section 106 ring-fenced money which can't be spent - only the interest. Tennis Court provision £4,070
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	202,147	198,662				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	224,081	233,326	9,245	4.13%	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