

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Fressingfeild Parish Council**

County area (local councils and): **Suffolk**

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	66,637	79,157				required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	34,650	36,845	2,195	6.33%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	34,781	54,626	19,845	57.06%	YES		The neighbourhood community infrastructure levy (CIL) received by the council has increased by £9,267 on 2023-24. The council obtained a government grant for the Neighbourhood Development Plan review of £10,000. Only three quarterly cleansing grants were paid by the district council in 2023-24. Q4 (£610) was paid 30/04/24. This was in addition to the grant for 2024-25.
4 Staff Costs	15,752	10,381	-5,371	34.09%	YES		There have been two changes of clerk/RFO during the year. The combined difference caused by these changes is -£830. The council had no clerk for 5 months = -£4563.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	41,159	36,599	-4,560	11.08%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	79,157	123,648				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	79,157	123,648				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	90,252	93,322	3,070	3.40%	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