

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority:

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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

**CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CHESHIRE EAST**

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 (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	5,660	6,764				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	48	0	-48	100.00%	YES	Explanation not required, difference less than £200	
4 Staff Costs	2,462	2,287	-175	7.11%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,482	1,174	-308	20.78%	YES		Purchased boundary sign in 2020-21
7 Balances Carried Forward	6,764	8,303			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	6,764	8,303				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	2,357	2,429	72	3.05%	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