

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Barton Seagrave parish Council**  
County area (local councils and): **North Northamptonshire Council**

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 (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	132,225	186,838				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	70,000	70,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	88,890	30,054	-58,836	66.19%	YES	The difference is down to Covid 19 and the Village hall being closed for a lot of the time. In 2019/20 other receipts included Village Hall income £63399, £9800 in 2020/21; Nursery rent 2019/20 £25000, £19712 in 2020/21; Clothes bank 2019/20 £436, £267 in 2020/21. In 2019/02 a donation of £55 towards the maintenance of the defibrillator was received while in 2020/21 the sale of a reception desk brought in £275.	
4 Staff Costs	6,075	9,929	3,854	63.44%	YES	National payward back dated to 01.04.20 and increase in hours from 9.6/week to 15/week, also backdated, to reflect the extra work being undertaken by the Clerk.	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	98,202	78,940	-19,262	19.61%	YES	Again, the effect of Covid reduced activities. Significant differences are for 2020/21 and (2019/20). New bus shelter £7815, (4834); Speed indicator device £2267, (£1194); energy costs £7247, (£14421); Management services £26766, (£45386) NB This will become a staff post in 2021/22; Village Hall maintenance £1939, (£6284); Consumables £956, (£2124); Cleaning £3278 (£2080); Carpark signs £0, (£1198); War Memorial £1953, (£0); Winter maintenance £183, (£0); CCTV Maint. £848, (£86); Insurance £3664, (£3420); Pocket Park £2695, (£61), Notice board £2313, (£0).	
7 Balances Carried Forward	186,838	198,023				<b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>	
					YES	The Village Hall was given to the Parish Council three years ago as part of a Section 106 agreement with developers. The intention is for it to be self financing allowing the precept to be reduced. Noting the auditor's comments for 2019/20, the Parish Council has reduced the precept for 201/22 to £50000 and had placed an order for the installation of air conditioning in 2020/21 at a cost of £28000 to benefit users during the summer months. Unfortunately the suppliers could not programme this work until after 31 March 2021 so it did not appear in last year's accounts. The Parish Council is conscious of the auditor's concerns and is working to reduce the balance carried forward while ensuring that funds are available to meet future unknown expenditure.	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	186,838	198,023				<b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	83,140	92,303	9,163	11.02%	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