

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

County area (local councils and): **Richmondshire/North Yorkshire**

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);
- 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 £	2021 £	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	15,615	25,380				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,765	11,200	2,435	27.78%	YES		Precept increased due to the need for match funding for grants applied for for the implementation of major projects of the Community Garden & allotment and Flood alleviation works in the village. Another large project involving working with the County Council to develop a footpath was also due to commence in 2021 but has been delayed due to the pandemic.
3 Total Other Receipts	16,786	24,290	7,504	44.70%	YES		Grant funding to the sum of £22,110.32 was received for the Community Garden and Flood Alleviation projects. Total Other Receipts. For full breakdown please see Tab Receipts
4 Staff Costs	3,417	4,892	1,475	43.17%	YES		Clerks hours doubled in 2020 due to the increased work load involved with the project works being progressed in the village. Clerk is paid in line with the National Salary Award spinal point 13
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,369	26,712	14,343	115.96%	YES		Major expenditure of grant funding on the Community Garden & allotment project and Flood repair work to the village. For full breakdown please see Tab Payments
7 Balances Carried Forward	25,380	29,266			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	Completed
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	25,380	29,226				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	20,000	20,000	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