

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Hirst Courtney 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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	17,125	21,304				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,443	9,452	9	0.10%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,164	61,020	58,856	2719.88%	YES		Hirst Courtney village flooded in Feb/March 2020 when the River Aire flooded (The Snaith floods). The village playground was ruined so the PC received an insurance payout of £46,115 to replace damaged equipment. £10,156.30 was reclaimed VAT for the playground equipment and installation. £2,205.84 was received by the PC following the folding of the village's Millenium Garden Committee. A £2,120 donation was given to the PC to distribute to victims of the flooding.
4 Staff Costs	2,094	2,130	36	1.72%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,334	69,360	64,025	1200.29%	YES		New playground equipment and installation £59,184. £2,184 for grants to flood victims. £2,165 streetlamp replacement, £176 new battery for defibrillator, £192.92 increase in cost of insurance as LTA ended in 2019/20. £84.96 increase in cost of playground maintenance from 2019/20.
7 Balances Carried Forward	21,304	20,287			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	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21,304	20,287				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	54,836	72,156	17,320	31.59%	YES		Value of play equipment increased by £11,000. New surfacing for playground £6,320
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable