# Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority:  **Pointon & Sempringham Parish Council**

County area (local councils):  Lincolnshire

**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 | 14,404 | 14,899 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees | |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 14,000 | 14,700 | 700 | 5.00% | NO | | |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 3,044 | 47,741 | 44,698 | 1468.57% | YES | Grants from National Lottery £19,962.00, UKPF £23,676.17 and SKDC £1,500 | |
| 4 Staff Costs | 3,506 | 5,685 | 2,179 | 62.13% | YES | The ckerk is being paid an extra 8hrs a month to cover trainingand hasreceived the National pay rise of.63p an hr. The Council have employed a litter picker in Sept | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 6 All Other Payments | 13,042 | 52,881 | 39,838 | 305.45% | YES | The Council has purchased play equipmenr with the grants of £19,962.00, £23,676.17 and 1,500 | |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 14,899 | 18,775 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 14,899 | 18,775 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments an | 15,197 | 47,924 | 32,727 | 215.35% | YES | The Council have added 4 new pieces of playground equipment to the assett register, £3,950, £6,984.75, £7,472.00, £13,613 and matting £1,607.72 | |
| 10 Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |

**Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable**

**Variances of £200 or less are tolerable**