

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Armthorpe Parish Council
County area (local councils and parish meetings only): South 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);
- 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	39,284	104,372				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	277,168	325,494	48,326	17.44%	YES		The increase in precept by 17.44% was due to the following factors: £20,000 to refurbish the kitchen within Armthorpe Community Centre, £10,000 for the provision of a bi-annual summer gala, the inclusion of £5,000 to account for elections, the extension of the Christmas lighting scheme amounted to £12,275, the provision of a Halloween party and Christmas party for children at a cost of £500 each.
3 Total Other Receipts	259,454	180,980	-78,474	30.25%	YES		The variance relatng to other receipts was due to a withdrawal of £100,000 from the investment fund in 2023-2024 and an increase in lettings to the sum of £21,135 and an increase in allotment rent of £287 in 2024-2025.
4 Staff Costs	239,833	242,382	2,549	1.06%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	231,701	277,359	45,658	19.71%	YES		The variance of £45,658 in all other payments relates to £10,000 towards a bi-annual Summer gale, an increase of £10,916 spent on Christmas lighting, £19,800 on a kitchen refurbishment project, an additional £2,519 being spent on repairs to Armthorpe Community Centre and an increase of £2,670 for business rates.
7 Balances Carried Forward	104,372	91,105				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	89,237	97,838				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	1,288,042	1,285,583	-2,459	0.19%	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