

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils an **DEVON**

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;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	4,226	1,508				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,107	6,220	1,113	21.79%	YES		The Parish Council increased the amount of the precept after considered the level of reserves and the increasing costs and responsibilities in order to cover expected operational costs and earmark reserves for foreseeable future expenses.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,057	12,241	11,184	#####	YES		More grants were received in 2022/23. In 2022/23 the Parish Council received a CIL Fund of £8,655. Further grants of £630 and of £400 were received from the Locality Budget. The amount of reclaimed VAT increased by £350. The public donations of £1,130 for telephone box repair was received in 2022/23.
4 Staff Costs	3,401	3,664	263	7.73%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,481	6,156	675	12.32%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	1,508	10,149			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	1,508	10,149				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	16,757	44,557	27,800	165.90%	YES		Assets are shown at replacement value. The main reason for the increase is the revaluation of the bus shelter. The rebuilding cost increased by £21,900. The telephone kiosk, which original cost was £0, was valued at £4,000 after refurbishment. The Council bought a new office laptop for £567 and the replacement value of the notice board at the Triangle increased by over £500.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)