

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Kettlewell with Starbotten Parish Council**
County area (local councils and **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);
- 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	7,803	8,453				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,030	6,030	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,430	635	-795	55.58%	YES		The variance of £794.94 is explained by a reduction in the amount of bank interest received of £3.19 and a reduction in the amount of VAT reclaimed on the previous year of £791.75
4 Staff Costs	2,048	1,865	-183	8.95%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,763	7,070	2,308	48.45%	YES		The variance of £2307.62 is made up of positive and negative variances as follows: Electricity costs for street lighting increased by £24.84 and maintenance costs for street lighting increased by £1360.23, this work had been carried out by a councillor in previous years but in 2021-22 the council engaged a contractor. Insurance costs increased by £95.08, and the clock inspection increased by £9.60 on the previous year. Expenditure on Christmas trees and lighting increased by £242.46 as the Council provided these where it had not previously. Expenditure on solicitors' fees increased by £516. Playground related expenditure increased by £294 on the previous year and the council paid election expenses of £685.34 in 2021-22 where none were paid in 2020-2021. Administration costs decreased by £193.36 in 2021-22 due to no longer paying subscriptions for remote meeting platforms. Expenditure on subscriptions decreased by £42. Grass cutting expenditure reduced by £130 in 2021-22 and expenditure on repairs decreased by £190. In 2021-2022 the Council paid £28.02 less for Remembrance wreaths and £87.72 less on defibrillator equipment. Miscellaneous costs reduced by £248.83 on the previous year as a dog waste bin and a memorial tree were purchased in 2020-21.
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,452	6,183			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,453	6,183				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	32,042	32,042	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