

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **SCARISBRICK 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	28,500	25,493				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	20,170	23,320	3,150	15.62%	YES		For 20/21 there was an increase in the number of rateable properties. Also included in the 20/21 budget was an increase in provision for the Clerk's salary (£650). There was also an increase for projects (£2,500), as, during the course of the previous year the Council had identified speeding and flooding as our two biggest issues and wanted to raise funds to tackle both problems. This would involve the purchase of speed indicating devices and flood resilience equipment which necessitated an increase in funding under this budget heading.
3 Total Other Receipts	14,636	7,273	-7,363	50.31%	YES		In 2019/20 the Council received an additional grant from West Lancashire Borough Council of £7,500. This followed a successful bid for capital grant funding which allowed us to accelerate and complete the Council's bus shelter replacement programme. The Council also received £1408.50 in CIL monies compared to zero CIL receipts in the 2020/21 financial year.
4 Staff Costs	10,920	8,497	-2,423	22.19%	YES		The Parish Clerk left in July 2020, and a temporary locum clerk was appointed on a temporary contract. The new Parish Clerk was appointed in November 2020 and commenced employment at the bottom of the salary scale so there has been a saving on salary costs in 2020/21.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	26,893	7,348	-19,545	72.68%	YES		In 2019/20 the sum spent on replacement bus shelters was £18,012. No bus shelters were replaced during 2020/21
7 Balances Carried Forward	25,493	40,241			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	25,493	40,241				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	62,330	62,438	108	0.17%	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