

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **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 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	4,819	3,427				required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,750	5,950	1,200	25.26%	YES		To cover the additional salary costs (£1256) incurred in 2024/25
3 Total Other Receipts	1,808	876	-932	51.55%	YES		Grants had been received in 2024/25. There were no grants in 2025/26. Receipts were: HMRC VAT refund £453.37, Northern Powergrid Wayleave £60.00. Reimbursement for fixing a bench damaged by a member of the public £320; Bank interest £42.94
4 Staff Costs	4,439	3,285	-1,154	26.00%	YES		No additional hours were worked in 2025/26. In 2024/25 additional salary payments totalling £1256.69 were paid for extra hours worked in 2023/24
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,510	3,264	-246	7.01%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	3,428	3,704				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	3,428	3,703				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	7,044	7,044	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