

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **Great Bedwyn Parish Council**  
 County area (local authority): **Wiltshire**

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	53,407	54,349				balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	31,000	31,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	5,805	7,077	1,272	21.91%	YES		£1.1k increased vat refund during 2025-26 vs. LY, of which £0.7k linked to a new SID purchase & £0.3k linked one off drone aerial flood area inspection and report
4 Staff Costs	8,489	9,543	1,054	12.42%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	27,374	37,617	10,243	37.42%	YES		£6.9k increased CIL funds spend vs. LY, of which £5.5k was linked to play park repairs and £1.2k linked to Browns Lane village gates and signs contribution. In addition, £3.5k increased Grants spend vs. LY, of which £2.5k linked to village hall new kitchen and £1k linked to Bedwyn Footpaths Group
7 Balances Carried Forward	54,349	45,266				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	54,349	45,266				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	69,488	73,195	3,707	5.33%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	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)**