

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

Please explain any variances of more than 15% or anything over £100k between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be 'compensating' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

| Section 2 | 2020/21 £ | 2021/22 £ | Variance (+/-) £ | Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10)) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Box 2 <i>Precept</i> | 22,000 | 24,056 | 2,056 | |
| Box 3 <i>Other income</i> | 5,258 | 3,644 | 1,614 | £4644 less in VAT refunds as had increased spending on asset replacement projects in 2020/21. CIL Funds totalling £3027.90 have been received due to new developments. |
| Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i> | 7,502 | 8,992 | 1,490 | Clerk contract increased from 8hrs to 12hrs per week on 07/01/2021. Due to rise in basic salary Clerk entitled to employer pension contribution so costs increased due to this (£665.09) Clerk awarded salary point increment for successfully completing CiLCA in November (£67.60) 1.75% Cost of Living Rise implemented on 07/03/2022 w.e.f. 01/04/21 (£159.59) |
| Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Box 6 <i>Other payments</i> | 34,015 | 12,696 | 21,319 | In 2020/21 £21,924 spent on double yellow lines (£3,522) replacement fencing (£17,387) replacement litter bin (£535) replacement signage (£480). For 2021/22 spending has reduced to usual levels. |
| Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i> | 20,956 | 26,967 | 6,011 | Community Infrastructure Levy £3,027.90 Asset Replacement £7,000 Elections £500 HPF Repairs £1,739 |
| Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i> | 85,261 | 85,261 | 0 | Box 9 Restated from £85,246 to £85,261 as play park signage of £15 was missed from the 2020/21 asset register in error |

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| Box 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Total borrowing</i> | | | | |

*Please also note boxes (1+2+3) – (4+5+6) balance to Box 7 to the penny however appear out by £1 due to cumulative rounding effect shown as follows:

Box 1. £20955.53 rounded to £20956

Box 2. £24056

Box 3. £3643.60 rounded to £3644

(Boxes 1+2+3) Actual figures £48655.13, however due to roundings above = £48,656

Box 4. £8991.80 rounded to £8992

Box 5. £0

Box 6. £12695.86 rounded to £12696

(Boxes 4+5+6) Actual figures £21687.66, figure due to roundings = £21,688

Box 7. £48655.13 – £21,687.66 = £26967.47 which rounds to £26,967

Rounding figures £48,656- £21,688 = £26,968 which would be incorrect as balance carried forward is £26967.47, which should be rounded to £26,967.

These figures have all been agreed by the internal auditor and full council to the primary accounting records.