

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

EAST SUSSEX

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;

	2022/23	2023/24	Variance	Variance	Explanation	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%	Required?		
1 Balances Brought Forward	222,951	395,110				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	390,920	651,715	260,795	66.71%	YES		Increase in 2023-24 includes: £150,000 for public toilet transfer, £107,000 for new staffing requirements and £3795 for allotment maintenance.
3 Total Other Receipts	87,183	69,183	-18,000	20.65%	YES		Increased income in 2023/24: Bank interest £7,710, Allotment rent (new for 2023/24) £1,690, Grants £1,962. Reduced income in 2023/24: CIL Receipts -£29,362. Net difference: -£18,000
4 Staff Costs	125,727	198,385	72,658	57.79%	YES		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		n/a
6 All Other Payments	180,217	218,230	38,013	21.09%	YES		Increased expenditure in 2023/24: Event costs £8,241, Training £439, Rent & Rates £4,844, Cleaning £2,818, IT costs £2,612, Election costs £7,774, Insurance £1,735, Repairs & Renewals £16,300, Christmas lights £30,561, Utilities £1,819, Maintenance £10,832, Projects £8,973 Total £95,308. Reduced expenditure in 2023/24: Meeting Room hire -£737, Mayoral Costs -£11,842, Legal & Professional Fees -£2,459, Noticeboards -£9,530, Grants -£21,198, Printing & Publications -£6,908, Allotment management fees -£3,331 Total £39,303 Net difference £39,303 Remaining difference made up of multiple small difference across many budget lines
7 Balances Carried Forward	395,110	699,393				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	367,429	659,764				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets			0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		n/a

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable