

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Little Birch Parish Council**

	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	3,057	4,183				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,500	8,000	500	6.67%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,465	6,643	4,178	169.49%	YES		Parish Council received £4200 in 2025/26 from Local Authority for Highways funding. This enabled the authority to spend less budget on Highways than 24/25 FY and utilise funding. £1368 claimed from Highway Authority for grant 24/25 grant funding.
4 Staff Costs	4,539	4,994	455	10.02%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	4,300	7,911	3,611	83.98%	YES		Increase in delivery of Lengthsman Services. £660 paid for Clerk training.
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,183	5,920				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,183	5,920				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	850	850	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