

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Corscombe Halstock and district parish council

Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

AGAR	2024/2025	2025/2026	Variance (+/-)£	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance with amounts £
Section 2					
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	20000	21000	1000	5	Not required
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	6541	2165	-4376	67	The amount of Vat claimed in 24/25 (£3299) was higher as it included VAT refund from purchase of outdoor gym £2000 and for new computer £88.50, replacement swing £113.8 gates £432 and £78.33. Other expenditure with Vat claimed as per expected. There were also less donations received in 25-26 (£441) as opposed to 24-25 (£3009) In 24-25 we received £2059 donation from Halstock village Trust towards purchase of SID, £750 from Friends of first responders for purchase of defibrillator and £200 from Halstock Village Trust toward purchase of gate
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	6885	8126	1241	18	Change in way the Clerk is now paid. Move from Pay as you go to set monthly salary. The PC is now also paying employer NI

					Plus reflects awarding of addition point on pay scale.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0		0	Not required
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	14879	10267	-4612	30	In 2025-2026 higher office expenses £1686 as opposed to £841 in 24-25 Due to move to a gov.uk website for the Clerk. Subscriptions also increased by £365 in 25-26 to include SLCC and DAPTC Grants which increased by £290 in 25-26 due to donations to Diana stains memorial and Stickland's school. While asset purchases fell by £3244 and devolved services by £966 in 25-26. VAT input tax also decreased by £580 to reflect reduction of devolved services and assets this year
Box 7	34308	39080	4772	14	Not required
Box 8	34308	39080	4772	14	Not required
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long</i>	46844	47653	809	1.7	Not required

<i>term investments & assets</i>					
Box 10					
<i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	Not required