

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Child Okeford Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **Dorset**

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	22,358	23,895				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	21,410	21,625	215	1.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	559	731	172	30.77%	YES	Explanation not required, difference less than £200	
4 Staff Costs	4,656	5,852	1,196	25.69%	YES	Unexpected PAYE (Clerk below threshold in prior year) due for 2 months at £95.20. totalling £190.40. Clerk pay increase to meet NALC pay scale increase, with back pay to August 2020 required, £231.66 in total. Staff costs in 2020/21 were lower than expected due to resignation of previous Clerk, expected and budgeted costs: £6280, actual costs: £4656.	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	15,776	19,655	3,879	24.59%	YES	This was mainly due to spending being significantly low in 2020/21 due to the pandemic. A total of £0.00 from Grants or Projects were granted/utilised in 2020/21, whereas £1,140 was granted from budget in 2021/22. A total of £0.00 from DC SLA was spent in 2020/21, whereas £428.40 was spent in 2021/22 for maintenance of footpaths. In 2020/21 spend from reserves was £4,067.90, whereas in 2021/22 it was £6,900, an increase of £2832.10 (73% of variance total) these spends were resolved due to health and safety concerns on a playground that required resurfacing and village hall roof repair. There were annual price increases of audit (+£59.61), insurance (+£36.57), association fees (+£16.04), room hire (+£90), website costs (+£86.40).	
7 Balances Carried Forward	23,895	20,744			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	23,895	20,744				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	7,251	7,251	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