

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **North Yorkshire**

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	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	25,136	26,020				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,700	12,500	800	6.84%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,916	11,916	9,000	308.64%	YES		Significant increases in receipts down to: Locality Budget Grant from Ward Councillor = £4,000. Increased receipts from funeral and cemetery services total = £2,250. Reimbursement from Cricket Club = £1,566. Increase in VAT returns by £2,431.21 from previous year
4 Staff Costs	3,673	3,592	-81	2.21%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	10,059	29,088	19,029	189.17%	YES		Significant increases in payments down to: Payment for new play equipment = £13,440. Grass cutting contract increased by = £2,000. Increased cost of work to trees = £6,134
7 Balances Carried Forward	26,020	17,756				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	26,020	17,755				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Asse	64,520	64,520	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)