

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Feckenham Parish Council
County area (local councils and counties): Worcestershire

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes
Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the

	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	55,923	55,771				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	30,000	60,000	30,000	100.00%	YES		The precept for 2024-2025 request was for £60,000. The Borough Council paid the first half, £30,000 on the 27th March 25. Therefore the only precept payment received in 24/25 was £30,000. The PC increased the precept to cover paying for experts to help with a parish plan and a consultant to help with BESS applications. Due to flooding issues the parish has also agreed to fund some of the drainage (culverst)works due to the reduction in funding from the Environment Agency .
3 Total Other Receipts	11,028	8,824	-2,204	19.98%	YES		VAT Refund was £1010.53 less than 24/25.No divisisonal funds awarded(24/25 £500).
4 Staff Costs	9,381	11,290	1,908	20.34%	YES		WCC lengthsman repayment reduced by £426.13. Reduction of £3029 in overall grants to FPC. Clerks role re-evaluated by the County association (Worcs calc) and suggested the spine point should be changed from 20 to 28. This was approved at a July 24 meeting by the PC, the increase was not back dated. The pay award along with local Gov annual pay increase made the PC liable for Employers National additional contributions of £832.62.The wage increased in total inc annual pay rise and employer national insurance by £1181.70.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	31,799	24,308	7,491	23.56%	YES		During the 24/25 year new VAS machines were purchased at a cost of £5160. There were no significant purchases during the 25/26 year and a reduction in grant awards to the council. During 24/25 the PC paid out £8800 in grants. During 25/26 the PC awarded £3207 in grants.
7 Balances Carried Forward	55,771	88,998				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	55,771	88,998				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	23,049	23,049	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