

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and Gloucestershire)

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);

• **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	57,952	86,110					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26,760	29,050	2,290	8.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	55,642	362,495	306,853	551.48%	YES		In 2022/23 The council received an additional £19661.68 on bus admin due to the sale of the bus, they received their last bus contribution payment of £10,000 from Bloor homes, Speedwatch received a grant of £385.99 from the police and crime commissioner, an additional £12711.47 in VAT refund, and a contribution towards the village gates for £8335 which resulted in the council receiving a total of £51094.14 that they did not received in 2023/24. In 2023/24 the council received an additional £2063.93 in interest with £1593 of that coming from the new CCLA account, £21114 from the Enovert Grant, £73.37 from insurance, £39.43 from a pension contribution refund, £150 from Newsletter adverts, £330,000 from Bloor homes for the maintenance of public open space, £35.83 refund, £3471.02 S106 monies and £1000 from Wild Garden which resulted in the council receiving £357947.58 more than they did in 2022/23. The difference between £357947 and £51094 is £306853
4 Staff Costs	8,723	16,189	7,466	85.59%	YES		Current Clerk went on maternity leave May 2024 but had taken annual leave from 1st April. Covering Clerk began covering 1st April on a higher salary of £25 per hour.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	45,521	67,493	21,972	48.27%	YES		In 2022/23 the council spent £104.44 on councillor expenses, £11993.74 on maintenance, £790.80 on software, £720.22 on bus insurance, GAPTC Subs £472.66, Shop Extension £916.16, £4058.70 on bus admin, £54 on bus lift service, £1208.06 bus service, £120 machine hire, SOHL Startup £2019.83, Speed Radar Gun £338, Speedwatch £6, Swarco £309, Training £265, Village Gates £10235 giving a total of £33611.61 extra in 2022/23. In 2023/24 the council spent £5239.41 on the heating system, £459 on catering, £4950.78 on community centre admin, £24 on computer repair, £172 on the defib, £10365.44 on garden services, £647.4 on hall call out, £398.46 more on insurance, £500 on legal fees, £1529.90 on playground/muga, £39.43 on pension, £618.80 on newsletter, £71.55 on payroll, £82.03 on Pockitt, £2111.4 on solar battery storage, £5.97 on prepayment card, an extra £576 on public open space maintenance, £1824.45 on pump track, £420 on signs, £25336.8 on solar batteries, £187.2 on website host, £22.19 on wild garden. This gave a total of £55582.21 extra in 2023/24. The difference between these is 21970.6
7 Balances Carried Forward	86,110	393,973				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	86,110	393,973				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	2,123,392	2,229,562	106,170	5.00%	YES		All assets were increased in value by 5%. Asset register on sheet 2 to show 2023 and 2024 values
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable