

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Weston Beggard 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).

Section 2	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	4000	4600	600	15%	N/A
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	338	544	206	61%	The council received a larger VAT rebate (£227 more) in 2025-26 than 2024-25
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	1717	1907	190	11%	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	3420	2298	1122	33%	In 2024-25 payments were made on the following: Training: £1450 Smart Water Project £473 Total: £1923 In 2025-26 two payments were made to cover the 2024-25 and 2025-26 HALC subs £900 £900 - £1923 = £1023
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	1356	1356	0	0%	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Explanation for 'high' reserves	N/A				