

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Queen Thorne Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **Dorset**)

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;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

| | 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 | 25,028 | 24,347 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees | |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 23,000 | 25,000 | 2,000 | 8.70% | NO | | |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 2,811 | 7,147 | 4,336 | 154.25% | YES | | The council received £2123 in donations from a local charitable trust for 2 projects, £747 CIL money and £1876 grant for preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan, plus a £150 one off payment from Scottish & Southern Electricity. Allotment rent income increased by £136 on last year, however VAT refunded this year was £714 less than in 2020-21. |
| 4 Staff Costs | 4,600 | 4,636 | 36 | 0.78% | NO | | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 6 All Other Payments | 21,892 | 32,840 | 10,948 | 50.01% | YES | | The council spent £2351 more on the recreation ground mainly for new fencing and an electrical inspection. £3295 more environment expenditure than the previous year was due to a tree planting project. Grants totalling £2741 were made to 2 of the parish village halls. There was £1025 CIL money and £1511 Neighbourhood Grant expenditure made in this year, opposed to zero expenditure on both those categories in the previous year. |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 24,347 | 19,018 | | | NO | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 24,347 | 19,018 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 12,691 | 12,691 | 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