

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils are): **WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL**

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	79,811	93,616				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	45,570	45,495	-75	0.16%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	6,195	41,727	35,533	573.62%	YES		Please see Blisworth PC Receipts Variance Explanation 2025-2026 file attached
4 Staff Costs	13,054	14,133	1,079	8.27%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	24,905	37,754	12,849	51.59%	YES		Please see Blisworth PC Payments Variance Explanation 2025-2026 file attached
7 Balances Carried Forward	93,616	128,951				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	93,616	128,951				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments at	124,618	132,202	7,584	6.09%	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