

Explanation of variances – pro forma									
Name of smaller authority:		ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL							
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):		CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER							
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		2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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		16,991	21,468				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees		
2 Precept or Rates and Levies		8,770	5,620	-3,150	35.92%	YES		2023-24 included £3270 For a specific project, without project precept would have been £5500 therefore 24-25 increase is £120	
3 Total Other Receipts		2,891	4,477	1,586	54.86%	YES		£1600 grants received in 2024-25	
4 Staff Costs		4,378	3,832	-546	12.47%	NO			
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment		0	0	0	0.00%	NO			
6 All Other Payments		2,806	4,331	1,525	54.35%	YES		Noticeboard purchased £720. Internal Audit cost increased £120. Defib cabinet purchased £528. New website deposit £112 (VarianceTotal £1480) remaining variance to general uplift in costs.	
7 Balances Carried Forward		21,468	23,402				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments		21,468	23,402				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments		403,413	404,502	1,089	0.27%	NO			
10 Total Borrowings		0		0	0.00%	NO			
Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable									
Variances of £200 or less are tolerable									
BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)									

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