

Explanation of variances 2025/26 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Atherstone Town Council

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2026 £	2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required? Is > 15% Is > £100,000		DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures) Note: If an explanation is required for the variance of Box 4 and the explanation refers to a change in hours or a change in pay rates, please could you note the previous hours/rates and the updated hours/rates
1 Balances Brought Forward	245,673	218,048						
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	220,940	193,707	27,233	14.06%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	146,036	150,687	-4,651	3.09%	NO	NO		
4 Staff Costs	110,501	94,354	16,147	17.11%	YES	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	202,817	222,415	-19,598	8.81%	NO	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	299,331	245,673	53,658	21.84%	YES	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	311,389	314,350	-2,961	0.94%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	626,980	626,980	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		