

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Stalmine-With-Staynall Parish Council  
Lancashire

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	36,855	33,114					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	32,740	37,769	5,029	15.36%	YES		In the 2022/23 Precept Calculation £5000 was added to the budget for a Woodland Project.
3 Total Other Receipts	2,263	0	-2,263	100.00%	YES		In 2021/22 VAT claim was £1,750, LCC Public Right of Way Scheme £500 and £13 recharges from another Council due to shared services recharge. None of these were claimed or due in 2022/23.
4 Staff Costs	14,572	9,801	-4,771	32.74%	YES		During 2022/23 the Parish Council had no permanent Clerk and relied on support from the retired Clerk and a Locum. The Clerks total pay in 2021/22, when a permanent Clerk was in post, was £8,677.55 during 2022/23 the equivalent pay was £3,747.89. During 2022/23 a pay increase was awarded and backdated to 1/4/22 for Lengthsman and Clerk, the Lengthsmans pay increased from £5,439.03 to £6372.02 which was due to the pay increase.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	24,172	10,396	-13,776	56.99%	YES		The Bulk of this variance relates to Community Facilities and Services, with a decrease of £13,771,£12,000 of this was a single project of Tree Maintenance in the wood. Due to the lack of a Clerk during much of the year Projects were not progressed in 2022/23 as expected.
7 Balances Carried Forward	33,114	50,686			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	33,114	50,686				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	91,964	86,351	-5,613	6.10%	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