## Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Lancashire

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);
- 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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %		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	10,012	15,301				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,305	28,629	3,324	13.14%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	25,143	1,031	-24,112	95.90%	YES		In 2018/19 the council received £15874 in grant payments towards its new play area. It also received a £7307 refund of VAT from the works on the play area already completed in 2017/2018 and a further VAT refund of £1637 for the completion of the project in 2018/19. In 2019/20 the council received a £500 donation to be put towards good causes in the village.
4 Staff Costs	15,704	12,118	-3,586	22.83%	YES		In 2018/19 the council employed a part time additional lengthsman. He was not replaced during the 2019/20 financial year, thereby resulting in a reduction of salary costs.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	16,000	0	-16,000	100.00%	YES		In 2017/18 the council received a temporary advance of precept (£16,000) to enable it to pay the final bills of the new play area in order to meet the deadlines imposed by the grant funders. This advance was repaid at the start of 2018/19.
6 All Other Payments	13,455	8,942	-4,513	33.54%	YES		In 2018/19 the council installed a bus shelter at a cost of £3594 and new gates for its woodland at a cost of £901. In 2019/20 the council has looked to consolidate finances as it wishes to undertake radical conservation work in its woodland once sufficient funds are in place.
7 Balances Carried Forward	15,301	23,901			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	15,301	23,901				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	l
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments at	nc 90,405	90,515	110	0.12%	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