

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils): **CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER**

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	12,778	14,332				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,555	9,555	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,379	3,859	480	14.21%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	5,195	5,658	463	8.91%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,185	9,033	2,848	46.05%	YES		Purchase of Defib & electrics £2159 plus general uplift in costsmaking expenses under 15%
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,332	13,055				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	36,763	34,707	-2,056	5.59%	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						
	BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)						