

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **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);

• **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	17,013	32,552				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	45,000	45,411	411	0.91%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,971	1,857	-114	5.76%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	6,322	13,887	7,565	119.65%	YES		The Council increased the number of employees from one (Parish Clerk) to two (Village Co-ordinator). The Parish Clerk has a 5 hour per week contract and the Village Co-ordinator has a 15 hour per week contract. The cost for the Parish Clerk £6296 and the Village Co-ordinator £6227 in financial year 2023/24.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	25,110	39,446	14,336	57.09%	YES		With the increase in capacity the Parish Council was able to increase it activities. A monthly newsletter has started to be produced. This cost £650 for design and production. The council also settled a long running dispute with Water Plus re an outstanding amount for council owned toilet block. £1,787 was paid to settle the outstanding amount.  The council also launched a new website costing £1,092 to design and implement alongside .gov.uk emails for all councillors and staff this cost £1,555.  The Council has purchase 3 new village planters at a cost of £2,681. The Council purchase new I.T equipment for the staff at a cost of £758.  The Council held a Village Coronation Party, including hiring a large screen at a cost of £2,836
7 Balances Carried Forward	32,552	26,488				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	32,552	26,488				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	68,362	70,900	2,538	3.71%	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