

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **LONGHORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**
 County area (local councils and **NORTHUMBERLAND**

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:** 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	49,141	48,829					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	21,120	21,760	640	3.03%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	58,459	34,958	-23,501	40.20%	YES		Less 2019/20 Grants re MUGA Refurbishment totalling £40,713, contribution from Village Day Cttee £1,942, Church Wood grant £488 and grant from NCC towards CCTV installation £3,400 = 2019/20 one-off grants £46,543 Add: 2020/21 Grants being Wilding Place Playarea Dowry £15,000, Adamson Park Playarea Refurb grant from Wingates £4,575, Archies Pond Refurb grant from Wingates & Kennair £4,250 = 2020/21 one-off grants £23,825
4 Staff Costs	6,702	6,887	185	2.76%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	73,189	47,491	-25,698	35.11%	YES		Less 2019/21 one-off expenditure items: Archies Pond Dredging £2,440, MUGA Refurb £41,208, Tarmac Works £2,245, Dog Signage £395, Old Church Wood Markers £650 and CCTV £3,650 = 2019/20 one off expenditure items £50,588 Add 2020/21 one-off expenditure items: Footpaths at Drummonds Close, Adamson Park Refurb £7,533, Wilding Place Playarea £4,914, Common Entrance £2,934, Tree Removal Works on Moor £9,246 = 2020/21 one off expenditure items £25,383
7 Balances Carried Forward	48,829	51,169			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	48,829	51,169				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	241,738	249,568	7,830	3.24%	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

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
i. Moor	16,114.98		
ii. Archies Pond Grants	4,250.00		
iii. Asset Renewals Fund	6,000.00		
iv. Wilding Place Dowry	9,000.00		
		35,364.98	
General reserve	15,804.70		
		15,804.70	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			<u>51,169.68</u>

i. We have a Site of Special Scientific interest i.e. the Moor which attracts grants from Natural England which are ring-fenced for Moor Environmental Works.

ii. During the year we have received grants for Archies Pond in advance of the project happening.

iii. As part of grant funding last year from Sport England and LEADER, we are committed to establishing an Asset Renewals Fund to pay for asset renewals when they are required,

iv. We have also received a dowry from a housing developer for the creation and on-going maintenance of a new Playarea at Wilding Place.