

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Dunkirk PC**

County area (local councils and): **Swale BC, Kent**

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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	14,279	12,105				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	14,907	13,714	-1,193	8.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,428	7,956	3,528	79.67%	YES		2021-22 = VAT reclaims for two years 2019-20 and 2020-21 totalling £3,118 , Defibrillator grants £1,186 received and Misc £570 TOTAL +£4,874. 2020-21 Website grant £900, Misc £444 TOTAL -£1,344. Net +£3,530
4 Staff Costs	4,562	8,325	3,763	82.49%	YES		Council was without a Clerk for 4 months during 2020 during which Chair fulfilled role unpaid
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	16,948	12,084	-4,864	28.70%	YES		Net differences between years 2021-22 compared to 2020-21 = Admin/Misc costs +£431, website costs -£2,131 (new site in 2020-21), Maintenance/Contracts +£1,872, Village Hall support +£1,747 (including defibrillator), Street Lighting +£413, Capital Project -£7,196 (LED upgrade to Street Lighting in 2020-21) TOTAL net difference = -£4,864
7 Balances Carried Forward	12,104	13,366			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	12,104	13,366				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	29,670	29,969	299	1.01%	NO		extra streetlight
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable