

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **Morebath Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and parishes): **Mid Devon DV 0255**

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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	23,746	27,206				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,100	6,100	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	501	27	-474	94.61%	YES		Increase in bank interest £26; no Parish Paths Partnership grant this year (£500) = (£473).
4 Staff Costs	1,538	1,292	-246	15.99%	YES		There was no Parish Council Meeting in March 2023 and the salary for that month has been added to the salary for the May 2023 Parish Council meeting. There were 5 salary payments in 2022/23 and there will be 7 salary payments for 2023/24. The Parish Council meets every two months.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,603	7,305	5,702	355.71%	YES		Reduction in insurance premium (£58); decrease in internal audit fee (£100); decrease in admin (£75); increase in hire of Hall for meeting now that remote meetings are not held £86; decrease in subscriptions as two years' worth of subscriptions were paid in one financial year (£142); increase in grass cutting £152; increase in training £133; decrease in S137 payments (£124); decrease in website expenses (£20); expense in connection with the Parish Council car park which was resurfaced £4,870; provision of a Parish Council notice board in another part of the Parish £69; increase in VAT paid due to the resurfacing of the car park £912; rounding £1 = £5,702
7 Balances Carried Forward	27,206	24,736			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	27,206	24,736				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As	9,985	9,985	0	0.00%	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:

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves:</b>			
New website	900		
Play equipment	18500		
Dog bins	300		
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
Reserve 6			
Reserve 7			
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		19700	
<b>General reserve</b>	<hr/>		
	5036		
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		5036	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
			<b>24736</b>