Bow Parish Council Audit 2025 Explanation of Variances

Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority: BOW PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only: DEVON

Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

Section 2	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)	
Box 2 Precept or Rates and Levies	12,000	12,000	NIL	NIL	Not required	
Box 3 Total other receipts	609	148	461	75.7%	See below *	
Box 4 Staff costs	3,745	3,745	NIL	NIL	Not required	
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital repayments	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Not required	
Box 6 All other payments	14,918	3,915	11,003	73.75%	See below **	
Box 9 Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	6,000	6,000	NIL	NIL	Not required	
Box 10 Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Not required	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: £10,000 - Improve highway (A3072) safety, at western approach to Bow village, project					

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Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £) BOX 3 Vat refund less in 2024/25 £514 Deposit bank a/c interest more in 2024/25 (£53) £461

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Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £) BOX 6	
General admin. costs higher in 2024/25	(£172)
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D.A.P.C. subscription more in 2024/25	(£121)
Election uncontested 2023/24, none in 2024/25	£147
AED (village hall) new battery in 2024/25, none in 2023/	(£299)
AED pads x 5 pairs in 2024/25, none in 2023/24	(£391)
RoSPA play area inspection(s) less in 2024/35	£60
Streetlight repair Bow Village Field in 2024/25, none in 2023/2024	(£400)
Community helipad landing light electricity, none in 2023/24	(£53)
Vill Hall hire for AED training, none in 2023/24	(£11)
Vill Field grass cutting for 2022, 2023 & 2024	(£1,005)
Pump track donation Bow Vill Hall & Field in 2023/24, none in 2024/25	£12,000
Coronation celebrations Bow Vill Hall & Field in 2023/24, none in 2024/25	5 £1,500
V.A.T. input tax more in 2024/25	(£ <u>252</u>)
	£11,003