

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: CLEOBURY MORTIMER TOWN COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): SHROPSHIRE

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	152,798	182,699				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	116,749	117,892	1,143	0.98%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	69,821	45,854	-23,967	34.33%	YES		In 22-23 we received £23,925.20 in grants and donations (£21,497 in 23-24). In 22-23 we received £20,511.39 CIL Local funding and nothing in 23-24. In 22-23 we received a VAT refund of £13,567.92 (£11,345.51 in 23-24). In 22-23 we received £376.11 in Bank Interest (£1,945.75 in 23-24).
4 Staff Costs	63,246	88,958	25,712	40.65%	YES		Staff Costs increased in 23-24 as we employed a full-time Clerk, a Deputy Town Clerk and a Maintenance Assistant. In 22-23 we only had part-time Clerk cover.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	93,423	179,042	85,619	91.65%	YES		In 22-23 we spent £13,988.75 on grounds maintenance and trees (£45,588.73 in 23-24). In 23-24 we spent £20,582.86 more on the Food Bank and £9,615.22 on new bus shelters. In 23-24 we distributed £19,809 in grants (£2,426 in 22-23). In 22-23 we spent £3,150 on CCTV (£6,175 in 23-24). In 22-23 we spent £1,622.45 on the public toilets (£3,294.96 in 23-24). In 22-23 we spent £2,024.64 on the Festival (£3,867.91 in 23-24).
7 Balances Carried Forward	182,699	78,445				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	182,699	78,445				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	377,138	380,191	3,053	0.81%	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