

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards:** variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	66,380	71,299				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,640	27,150	1,510	5.89%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,393	2,216	823	59.08%	YES		A reduction of bank interest of £286 due to lower interest rates and funds held. Increase of £1109 in CIL money due to development in the Parish.
4 Staff Costs	8,917	12,377	3,460	38.80%	YES		Pay increase of £2555 for Clerk which had not been reviewed/increased for a few years - recommended by Independent Auditor. Increase of Employers NI of £905 due to increased rates and salary increase for Clerk.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	13,197	20,876	7,679	58.19%	YES		General Admin increases incl. - £604 new computer, £74 Bank charges introduced, increase in elec costs for defib. Grass cutting cost increase of £2,150 due to taking over responsibility of new area. One off cost for tree works, hedging & fencing £5,118. Increase in grants awarded of £700. Hall rental increase £235. Increase in subscriptions £233. One off costs to construct secure storage cupboard in village hall £1,100. Play Area inspection fee increase £135. Additional website costs for .gov.uk switch £88. Reduction of (£2,915) as housing survey undertaken in 2024/25
7 Balances Carried Forward	71,299	67,412				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	69,481	64,505				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	27,230	28,082	852	3.13%	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