Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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 (must include narrative and supporting figures)**
1 Balances Brought Forward	4,231	12,011				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	14,597	2,116	-12,481	85.51%	YES		In the financial year 2024/25 the Council received Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds of £3221.47, no CIL were received in 2025/26. In 2024/25 the Council received a grant of £8,000 from Groundwork towards the prepration of a Neighbourhood Plan. In 2025/26 the Government withdrew any funding towards completion of the Neighbourhood and no funds were received. YThe VAt reclaim for 2024/25 was £3019.22, in 2025/26 it was £1644.77 a reduction of £1374.45 on the previous year.
4 Staff Costs	6,626	7,857	1,231	18.58%	YES		In 2025/26 the Clerk worked additional 26 hours above their contracted hours supporting the development of a draft Neighbourhood Plan at an additional cost of £292.16. In addition the Government reduced the threshold at which Employers NI was required to be paid increasing the costs by £345.59. In addition the hourly rate of the Clerk increased from £18.26 to £18.85 a further increase of £227. In addition PAYE increased in 2025/26 by £177.00. There was also a full year of the increased number of contractual hours paid to the Clerk, compared to the previous financial year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	15,191	12,275	-2,916	19.19%	YES		The most significant variances are that in 2024/25 the Council had payments of £7370 towards the costs of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and only £81 in 2025/26. In 2025/26 the Council had playground maintenance costs of £3237, including installation of a new self-closing gate and no such costs in 2024/25. In 2025/26 the Council incurred legal costs of £1061 for development of a new lease with the Ingoldisthorpe Sports and Social Club and no legal costs in 2024/25. Together these amounted to a reduction in overall payments of £2991 for 2025/25 compared to 2024/25.
7 Balances Carried Forward	12,011	8,994				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	12,011	8,994				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	93,111	94,590	1,479	1.59%	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