

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

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

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);

• 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).

| | 2018/19 £ | 2019/20 £ | 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) |
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| 1 Balances Brought Forward | 14,711 | 18,477 | | | | | |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 12,000 | 14,000 | 2,000 | 16.67% | YES | | Precept increased by £2,000 to cover parish maintenance following the reorganisation at county level to a unitary authority and to set aside a budget for the replacement of the play area equipment. |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 2,771 | 3,190 | 419 | 15.12% | YES | | Allotments: all rents received on time 12 , Burial Income: increase in burials 237 , Grants/Donations: fewer grants received -882 , Other: website income and CIL payment 1394 , VAT: less VAT payable in 2019/20 -342 TOTAL: 419 |
| 4 Staff Costs | 5,416 | 6,385 | 969 | 17.89% | YES | | Salary increase for Clerk 531 and a pension for the Clerk was agreed at 3% of salary and backdated to commencement of employment (April 2017) 438 TOTAL: 969 |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | | |
| 6 All Other Payments | 5,589 | 6,902 | 1,313 | 23.49% | YES | | Cemetery: no tree works required -315 , Play Inspections/Repairs: quarterly inspections & repairs now undertaken 274 , Well Plot Grass/Tree Works: unexpected tree works and grass cutting invoice for 2018/19 received in 2019/20 1930 , Allotments: fewer repairs required -39 , Fees & Subs: marginal increase in fees and professional subscriptions 26 , Hall Hire: increase in meetings due to 'climate change' meetings 49 , Insurance: marginal annual increase 4 , Seminars/Training: new Councillor training 39 , Stationery/Postage: no new website costs in 2019/20 -585 , Clerks Allowance; increased in line with Government guidance 60 , Mileage: less miles undertaken by Clerk -18 , Chairmans Allowance: Councillors leaving gift 57 , Grants/Donations: increase in S106 grants and donations received in 2019/20 59 , Roads/Transport: new grit bin increased cost 2 , VAT: less VAT payable in 2019/20 -230 TOTAL: 1,313 |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 18,477 | 22,380 | | | NO | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 18,477 | 22,380 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED | |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 35,700 | 35,700 | 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