

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);
- New from 2020/21**: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	18,477	22,380				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	14,000	15,000	1,000	7.14%	NO		Precept increased by £1,000 to provide provision for unexpected tree works.
3 Total Other Receipts	3,190	1,771	-1,419	44.48%	YES		Allotments : vacant plot -7, Burial Income : decrease in burials -312, Grants/Donations : Covid-19 grant received 173, Other : no CIL payment -1,283, VAT : VAT income Oct 2019-Mar 2021 12 TOTAL : -1,417
4 Staff Costs	6,385	7,635	1,250	19.58%	YES		Salary increase for Clerk and additional hours due to increased workload 1497 and Clerk's pension paid at 3% of salary (no backpay this year) -247 TOTAL : 1250
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	6,902	4,677	-2,225	32.24%	YES		Cemetery : Contract grass cutting price increase 19, Play Inspections/Repairs : play area access restricted due to Covid-19 and no repairs required -510, Well Plot Grass/Tree Works : no tree works and grass cutting invoice not yet received -1698, Allotments : fewer repairs required -57, Notice Boards & Other : fingerpost materials 41, Fees & Subs : increase in fees and professional subscriptions 66, Hall Hire : no face to face meetings due to Covid-19 so replaced with virtual meetings -91, Insurance : annual increase 47, Seminars/Training : Clerk CiLCA training and course 262, Stationery/Postage : less stationery requirements due to Covid-19 -118, Mileage : minimal travel costs dues to Covid-19 -97, Chairmans Allowance : no expenditure required -57, Grants/Donations : Covid-19 grant 35, Roads/Transport : no expenditure required -63, VAT : less VAT -3 TOTAL : -2224
7 Balances Carried Forward	22,380	26,839			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	22,380	26,839				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	35,700	35,680	-20	0.06%	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