

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Dawlish Town Council**  
 County area (local councils and County): **Devon County**

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;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	744,577	951,957					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	499,649	542,734	43,085	8.62%	NO		No explanation required
3 Total Other Receipts	189,726	451,260	261,534	137.85%	YES		The areas that contributed to a significant variance this year compared to last year were: increase in CIL income received this year, (i) £92,402 increase in section 106 money was received this year (ii) £143,000 bank interest received, (iii) £3146 increase in Collection/ Civic Evening accounts, (iv) £2792 increase in Mayor's (viii) £4353 increase in Helping Dawlish donations, (viii) £7308 increase in grant income, (viii) (xi) £5547 increase in the Riverside Centre hire income, (xii) £2619 increase in Event income, This accounts for £261167 of the £261,534 variance (99.8597%).
4 Staff Costs	189,706	208,304	18,598	9.80%	NO		No explanation required
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	12,523	12,523	0	0.00%	NO		The Town Council is required to pay 2 x equal repayments of £6261.44 per year. These payments were made on the 3/5/2022 and the 31/10/2022.
6 All Other Payments	279,766	714,595	434,829	155.43%	YES		The areas that contributed the most to a significant variance this year compared to last year were: (i) £1744 increase in Insurance policy, (ii) £2217 increase in general costs for Outside services and waterfowl, mostly due to the purchase of a new grass strimmer costing £1467.50 and a condition survey at the Waterfowl Compound costing £541.44, (iii) £383,254 increase in maintenance, repairs and renewals across the parish, mostly due to a new play park costing £ 332,703, new boilers in the Manor House costing £ 24,600 and a new CCTV system costing £17,253.50, (iv) £7630 increase in the cost of utilities across the 4 sites the Council supplies gas/electric and/or water to, (v) £25,287 increase in Event expenditure- mostly due to a cost of £24,890 for the Platinum Jubilee events, (vi) £12681 increase in Parish improvement funds- mostly due to a tree carving on the lawn, 3 defibrillator support packages, community benches and Railways signs totalling £10,127.35 This accounts for £432,813 of the £434,829 variance (99.536%)
7 Balances Carried Forward	951,957	1,010,529			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	No explanation required
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	951,350	935,314				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	No explanation required
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	134,865 (RESTATED)	314,387	179,522	133.11%	YES		The main reason for the increase in asset value was: purchase new play park equipment costing, £156,445.91, (i) the upgrade of the CCTV System costing £17,553.50, (ii) The defibrillators costing £4560.00 (iii) 3 This accounts for £178,559.41 of the £179,522 variance (99.434%) The asset register has been restated due to a new register being compiled and the purchase cost being used rather than a mix of insured and current values. This will be maintained consistently going forward
10 Total Borrowings	83,586	74,668	-8,918	10.67%	NO		No explanation required.

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable