

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **NORTH CREAKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
 County area (local councils and parishes): **NORFOLK**

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 2022/21 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/charges & levies value (Box 2).

|   | 2021/22<br>£ | 2022/23<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation<br>Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input.<br><b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>  | Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)  |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Balances Brought Forward                                    | 41,913       | 47,418       |               |               |                          |   |   |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies                                 | 17,645       | 16,048       | -1,597        | 9.05%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 3 Total Other Receipts  | 4,896        | 9,574        | 4,678         | 95.55%        | YES                      |   | During 2022/23 additional income was received in respect of the following: donations from local businesses (£550), donation from Bingo fundraiser for Play Area (£1,400), a consideration of £1,000 was given to the Council upon completion of a deed of easement, rent was received from a Clay Pigeon Shooting Club (£200), an additional £390 was secured in bank interest, funding was secured for a new piece of play equipment (£1,000). |
| 4 Staff Costs   | 3,197        | 3,203        | 6             | 0.19%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment                             | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0.00%         | NO                       |   |   |
| 6 All Other Payments  | 13,840       | 27,105       | 13,265        | 95.85%        | YES                      |   | During 2022/23 additional money was spent on purchasing a defibrillator and carrying out associated electrical work for the Telephone Kiosk (£1,947), refurbishment of Village Sign (£765), purchase of new dog waste bin (£252), painting work to bridge and telephone kiosk (£1,600), an additional £1,704 was spent on electricity for street lighting and a new piece of play equipment was purchased for the Play Area (£8,950).           |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward                                    | 47,417       | 42,732       |               |               | YES                      | <b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b><br><b>EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES</b> |   |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments                       | 47,417       | 42,732       |               |               |                          | <b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>  |   |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Ass | 83,207       | 91,915       | 8,708         | 10.47%        | 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