

Explanation of variances

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

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Devon

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	13,522	10,145				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,370	8,239	869	11.79%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,819	1,158	-1,661	58.92%	YES		Transfer of funds to Holne Parish Council from Holne Playpark Charity: 2024/25 £1419, 2025/26 £0; VAT reclaimed: 2024/25 £209, 2025/26 £1127; Transfer of surplus funds from village organisation to Holne Parish Council earmarked for climate and environment: 2024/25 £406, 2025/26 £0; Donation from Holne books towards defibrillator batteries and new swing: 2024/25 £735, 2025/26 £0.
4 Staff Costs	3,928	4,219	291	7.41%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	9,638	3,754	-5,884	61.05%	YES		Playpark fencing and new swing: 2024/25 £4602, 2025/26 £0; Defibrillator repairs and new batteries/pads: 2024/25 £355, 2025/26 £0; SHDC elections: 2024/25 £134, 2025/26 £0; Highways signs: 2024/25 £144, 2025/26 £0; Hall hire: 2024/25 £193, 2025/26 £0; Website 2024/25 £357; 2025/26 £137; Playpark rent: 2024/25 £40, 2025/26 £0
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,145	11,569				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,145	11,569				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	51,605	51,605	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