

Explanation of variances – Kesgrave Town Council

Name of smaller authority: Kesgrave Town Council
County area (local councils and): Suffolk

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;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	552,896	621,485				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	357,300	423,700	66,400	18.58%	YES		In previous years (since Covid), the Council has been part funding the budget from general reserves to keep the precept requirement to a minimum. The Council recognise that this will eventually deplete reserves and is not sustainable. During the budget planning process, the focus was to keep precept to a minimum, whilst planning for the town's projects/initiatives. In 2023/24, the planned movement on reserves to reduce the precept requirement was £78,790, reducing to £26,500 in 2024/25 (£52,290 reduction from reserves and an increase to precept). Budget increases include provision for:- further detached youth work, a new well-being role, public open space maintenance,
3 Total Other Receipts	107,246	122,885	15,639	14.58%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	179,981	185,377	5,396	3.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	215,976	188,945	-27,031	12.52%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	621,485	793,748				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	624,219	797,756				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,221,030	1,228,198	7,168	0.59%	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