

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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;
- 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. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	526,172	565,999				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	299,800	326,700	26,900	8.97%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	57,092	88,672	31,580	55.31%	YES		Increase in income from 21/22:- 1. FIT generation £1159 2. Interest increased by £795 3. Income for events (Tea Party's, Fun Day, Senior Citizens Outing, Ice Skating, Jubilee Tote bags) increased by £2646 4. Income from the Market Click and Collect service increased by £699 5. Hall hire of MJH increased by £18545. Hall now attracting more regular hirers. 6. CIL income increased by £14836. Total increase = £38,680 Decrease in income from 21/22:- 1. Precept Support grant only received in 21/22 £2561 2. Refreshment income at Market decreased by £336 3. Grant income for Youth Club decreased by £840 4. Grant income for Recreation & Amenities decreased by £1624 5. Firework income decreased by £1389 6. Other decreases due to Cemetery income £184, Market stallholder hire £152 Total decrease = (£7,086)
4 Staff Costs	143,875	161,395	17,520	12.18%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	173,190	267,080	93,890	54.21%	YES		Increase in costs from 21/22:- 1. Hall hire for Youth Club £1801 2. Professional fees for land adoptions £ 13110 3. External cleaning contract in MJH £3035 4. Installation of solar panels at Council Offices £13012 and new boiler £3447 5. MJH maintenance: Installation of solar panels £27975, metal shed £1039, new brushes for floor cleaner £598, defib cabinet £509, repairs to faulty emergency lights £1217 6. Electricity costs at MJH £488. Gas costs at Council Offices £539 7. Increase in general running costs in both buildings £978 8. Detached Youth work £8960. PCSO funding £2624 9. Road safety initiative at Bell Lane junction £1000 10. Click & Collect payments for Market £887 11. Youth Service expenditure (external contract) £8486 12. Platinum Jubilee £1179. Tea Dance events £955. Flag service £530 13. Portable equipment purchased for Estate Operatives £546 14. Street lighting upgrade to 84 owned by Council £26014 (reduction in maintenance contract) 15. Repair/replace paving on pathways at the Square £1865 16. Fence repairs Pilsbrough Walk £1165, Hedge cutting £300 17. Treeworks (inc works to save 2 Oak trees) £6148 Total £128,407 Decrease in costs from 21/22 1. Staff training £380 2. IT equipment £777 3. Section 137 grant funding £1700. Expenditure funded by grants £1415 4. Market revamp £1079 5. Christmas light switch on £2507. Firework event £669, Ice Skating event £796 6. Bin repairs/purchases £937 7. Play equipment maintenance £22299 Total (£32,559)
7 Balances Carried Forward	565,999	552,896			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	558,073	582,282				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,129,099	1,181,622	52,523	4.65%	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