

Explanation of variances 2025/26

Name of smaller authority: **BARTON AND POOLEY BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2026 £	2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required? Is > 15% Is > £100,000		DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures) Note: If an explanation is required for the variance of Box 4 and the explanation refers to a change in hours or a change in pay rates, please could you note the previous hours/rates and the updated hours/rates
1 Balances Brought Forward	11,967	14,498					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,500	8,240	1,260	15.29%	YES	NO		Inflationary increase, Clerk's annual increase and additional hour per week, Warden increase in hourly rate, Cleaner increase in hourly rate
3 Total Other Receipts	8,771	9,419	-648	6.88%	NO	NO		
4 Staff Costs	5,758	4,831	927	19.19%	YES	NO		Clerk additional hour per week
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	17,736	15,359	2,377	15.48%	YES	NO		Toilet Cleaner increase £1200, Tree removal £1150
7 Balances Carried Forward	6,744	11,967			NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	6,744	11,967			NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	11,268	11,268	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		