

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Long Bennington Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Lincolnshire

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);
- 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).

	2019/03 £	2020/03 £	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	76,768	46,266					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	41,937	48,655	6,718	16.02%	YES		Increase in precept from £41937 to £48655 (inc of £6718) requested to allocate to sinking fund to plan for future large scale expenditure to maintain Parish Council assets.
3 Total Other Receipts	60,954	22,097	-38,857	63.75%	YES		Previous year income includes £21837 grant towards tractor/mower purchase and £17500 donation from fundraising for multi surface sports facility refurbishment. Both items being exceptional.
4 Staff Costs	9,978	10,605	627	6.28%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	1,627	1,627	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	121,788	76,924	-44,864	36.84%	YES		Project to upgrade multi surface facility last year - total costs £69099 (only £1772 for ye 03/20) and a one off purchase of mower/tractor last year £26205. This year has exceptional payment of £40000 towards pedestrian crossing, not in last years expenditure. This year also includes £3000 (grant funded) for repairs to Memorial Gardens wall - not in last years figures. A payment of £2645 for repairs to lighting at the playing field and £1900 for exceptional safety works also included ye 03/20 but not last year.
7 Balances Carried Forward	46,266	27,862			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	46,266	27,862				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	935,303	935,303	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	7,195	5,884	-1,311	18.22%	YES		Normal repayments made but percentage change now greater due to total sum decreasing.

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable