

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley Parish Council**

County area (local councils and): **Shropshire Council**

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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority <u>(must include narrative and supporting figures)</u>
1 Balances Brought Forward	81,904	100,157				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,500	6,598	98	1.51%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	19,222	20,015	793	4.13%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	4,011	5,427	1,416	35.30%	YES		£638.56 of the difference is due to the fact that the Clerk was on maternity leave during April and May 2023 without paid cover and therefore the Council incurred no staff costs for the first two months of the financial year. Approx £600 can be accounted for by a change in SCP for the Clerk and the pay rise resulting from this and the Local Government Pay Award. The remainder is due to the Clerk being paid for additional hours worked due to greater workload from additional meetings and the Council being more active this financial year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,458	24,121	20,663	597.54%	YES		The Council completed several large one-off projects this year which accounts for the additional expenditure. These were: the installation of Village Gateways for all villages - £12,283, Replacement of Frodesley Bus Shelter - £4,300, Repair of Pitchford Bus Shelter - £2,634.57, Replacement of Ruckley Noticeboard - £1,250.
7 Balances Carried Forward	100,157	97,222				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	100,157	97,222				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	9,088	25,259	16,171	177.94%	YES		The variance can be accounted for by the addition of new assets: Village Gateways £10,420, and the revaluation of replaced assets: Frodesley Bus Shelter £5,200, Ruckley Noticeboard additional £550.  (N.B. The difference between the figures in this explanation and the one above for box 6 is the Village Gateway value does not include VAT, Frodesley Bus Shelter value includes deposit paid the previous financial year, and Ruckley Noticeboard only reflects increased value from previous noticeboard).
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable