

Explanation of Variances for 2022/23

Name of smaller authority: **Barrow Parish Council**
 County area: **Ribble Valley - Lancashire**



Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- Variances of **more than 15%** between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200).
- Variances of £100,000 or more require an explanation regardless of the % variation year on year.
- A breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates and levies value (Box 2).

AGAR Section 2	Period		Variance		Explanation of Variance
	2021/22	2022/23	£	%	
Box 1: Balances brought forward	8,975	12,384			Not required
Box 2: Precept.	14,430	21,000	6,570	37	Increase in staff costs, insurance fees and maintenance charges etc.
Box 3: Total of other receipts.	1,514	13,520	12,006	160	Included a one-off donation from the Barrow Action Group of £10,979 and £915 in grants from RVBC.
Box 4: Staff costs.	5,264	11,057	5,793	71	Salary for 21/22 was for part year, the council went several months without a clerk.
Box 5: Loan interest/capital repayments.	0	0	0	0	
Box 6: All other payments.	7,271	14,176	6,905	63	Increased expenditure on improving the amenity, two new benches, new notice board, increased planting throughout the village, online banking, and use of payroll services (all incur fees). A tree inspection took place, and one tree was removed. The entrance to the playing fields was re-made and the surface under the basket-ball hoop was improved.
Box 7: Balances carried forward.	12,384	21,670			Not required
Box 8: Total cash and short-term investments	12,384	21,670			Not required
Box 9: Total fixed assets and long-term investments and assets.	7,003	7,003	0.00	0.0	
Total borrowings.	0	0	0	0.0	