

Explanation of variances 2021/22 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ardley with Fewcott 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);
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

	2021 £	2022 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	37,938	40,397				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,052	13,052	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,887	15,492	12,605	436.56%	YES		The Council received a grant of £5500 from SSE to improve the resilience of the village, and a VAT refund of £5114. There was also a refund of a cheque for £1313 which was thought to have been lost but wasn't and therefore paid twice. The Council also received £428 from the winding-up of the 3 Parishes Community Interest Company in which it had been a participant.
4 Staff Costs	2,091	2,107	17	0.81%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	11,389	18,232	6,843	60.08%	YES		The council spent £6456 on repairs to the Village hall heating system
7 Balances Carried Forward	40,397	48,602	8,205	20.31%	YES		No expenditure had occurred with respect to the resilience grant of £5500 before the year end. The VAT refund included £2635 from expenditure incurred in earlier years, which correspondingly reduced the 2021 balance
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	40,397	48,602	8,204	20.31%	YES		see 7 above
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	10,920	13,398	2,478	22.69%	YES		The council purchased a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (£1983 net of VAT) and purchased a case (£495 net of VAT) to relocate a defibrillator from a premises that has now closed.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 3.09511 3.72372

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LEVEL OF RESERVES ON THE FOLLOWING TAB

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Tree maintenance (Ardley Wood)	9000		
Resilience	5500		
Village hall upgrade	5000		
Playground maintenance	5000		
Footpath	5000		
		29500	
General reserve	19102	19102	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			48602
Box 7 per Annual Return			48,602
Difference			0