

Explanation of variances 2022/23 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Arccott 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%;
- 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).

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

	2023	2022	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?		DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£			Is > 15%	Is > £100,000		
1 Balances Brought Forward	117,135	70,338					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	17,000	17,000	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	67,325	15,496	-51,829	76.98%	YES	NO		The Council received a s106 grant of £11413 from Cherwell District Council for refurbishing the village hall, and a VAT refund of £3357. In the prior year the figures were £41051 and £25072 respectively, a difference of £51353.
4 Staff Costs	2,398	2,675	277	11.56%	NO	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	128,724	24,643	-104,081	80.86%	YES	NO		The Council spent £13695 on refurbishing the Village Hall floor. The invoice for 2022 grass cutting (£4240) arrived too late to be paid before the year-end. In the prior year the Council spent £63497 on improvements to the Village Hall car park, £1757 on a new patio for the village hall, £3592 on replacing all the village noticeboards, £39000 on a new playground and £4153 on improvements to the ceiling and lighting in the Village Hall. Difference=63497+1757+3592+39000+4153-13695+4240=102544
7 Balances Carried Forward	70,338	75,516	5,178	7.36%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	70,338	75,515	5,177	7.36%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	187,186	186,916	-270	0.14%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		

Excessive Reserves Ratio 4.13753 4.44212

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

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete or update the highlighted boxes when the total in Box 7 is greater than 2 times the value of Box 2)

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

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves*:			
Commuted playground maintenance reserve	23088		
Village hall upgrade	30000		
Resilience project balance of grant	1458		
		54546	
General reserve	20970		
		20970	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			75516
Box 7 per Annual Return			75,516
Difference			0

Column B - Reserves should be renamed to show the specific purpose / name given by this authority.

Column D - Earmarked items - a value for the amount earmarked for each specific reserve should be entered. There may be fewer than 5 reserves or more and the number can be reduced or extended as appropriate.

Column D - General reserves - this should relate to normal operating funds and should be the difference between the total of all Earmarked reserves and the value of Box 7 on Section 2 of the AGAR.