

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **The Grouped Parish Council of Seavington St Mary and Seavington St Michael**

County area (local councils and): **Somerset**

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 (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	18,823	19,462				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	22,500	37,507	15,007	66.70%	YES		Parish Council advised by Somerset Council to up the Precept as they were giving more of their costs to Parish Councils
3 Total Other Receipts	6,197	8,486	2,289	36.94%	YES		Clerks admin work from Seavington Playing Field Association has risen from £1,682.83 to £3,847.68. Received a donations of £822.50 towards picnic bench from Seavington Community Land Trust. Bank interest 2023-24 was £174.88 in 2024-25 it has risen to £455.27
4 Staff Costs	6,690	8,906	2,216	33.12%	YES		The number of hours and therefore pay Clerk has worked for the Seavington Playing Field Association has risen from previous year from £1682.83 to £3847.68
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,368	27,600	6,232	29.17%	YES		Installed two new rubbish bin on the playing field with concrete bases £1629. Install picnic bench on playing field with concrete base £1,284. Maintenance work undertaken on existing wooden bench within the village £1018. Purchased a new Printer for the Clerk £282. Goal Post £145. New gateway installed to shop children running out into the road from playing field £1096. Playground Equipment inspection £1745.
7 Balances Carried Forward	19,462	28,949				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	19,462	28,949				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	13,860	17,077	3,217	23.21%	YES		Printer £282, Picnic Bench with base £1629 (donation received from Seavington Community Land Trust), Litter Bins with base £1,284. Purchased goal post £145
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable