

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **East Ilsley Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **West Berkshire**

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:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	53,882	63,039				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,650	14,430	780	5.71%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	15,363	29,697	14,334	93.30%	YES		Due to a large number of purchases made during 2020/2021 2 VAT Claims (126 forms) were made. One that covered 01-04-2020 to 30-09-2020 for the value of £6415 which was received in January 2021. The second VAT Claim was performed on 31st March 2021 as per year end shut down. A Waitrose Green Token Scheme awarded us £371 for money towards our Playground Revamp (coded under donations received). We rented out all available allotment plots totalling £360 for the year. We were very successful with being awarded a Grant totalling £17,662 from the Greenham Trust / Good Exchange for our Playground Revamp project. Finally, we received £2970 in CIL money due to a developer purchasing a disused Baptist Chapel in the village for renovation.
4 Staff Costs	4,857	6,714	1,857	38.23%	YES		This year, the Clerk completed her CILCA Qualification and was awarded an increase on the SCP for her pay. Additional hours have been worked throughout 2020 and 2021 as the Parish Council managed the Emergency Response Team for the Village which took time to set up, engage with the community and process the roles of each volunteer. Finally, we lost the editor of the Parish Magazine and it was agreed the Clerk would take over this role until a new one was found. This also incurred additional hours on top of her contracted hours, Full Council agreed to pay for all over time needed to fulfil these duties.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	14,999	65,583	50,584	337.25%	YES		In the year 2020/2021 we have completed our Playground Revamp Project, resulting in the Council paying £41,542 in additional playground kit, maintenance, repairs and post installation inspections. We have also engaged with a Highways and Planning Consultant to assist us in preparing a report to object towards a large Planning Application in the neighbouring village totalling £2726.
7 Balances Carried Forward	63,039	34,869			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	63,039	34,869				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	74,965	100,406	25,441	33.94%	YES		Due to the purchase of 3 new items for the Playground our Asset Register has increased to account for the purchase of: 1 x Multiplay Tower, 1 x Baby Swings, 1 x 5m Pyramid Climbing Net, their associated installation and safety flooring.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable