

Attachment 1.2

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be ‘*compensating*’ variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	2022/23£	2023/24 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	5213.54	5805.28	+£591.74	Increase in Precept to cover additional costs being incurred by the Parish Council; salary costs of Clerk, plus increased Insurance costs and payments for community Civic Amenity visits.
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	107,267.01.	2636.06	-£104,630.95	No grant money received in 2023/24. Grant received in 2022/23 was £106,000.00
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	2801.04	3570.64	+£769.60	Hours worked by Clerk were increased from 4 hrs p/w to 5 hrs p/w in April 2023, which was necessary owing to increasing demands being placed upon the Clerk. The associated 2023 pay award and PAYE costs also increased following the change in working hours.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i>	0	0	£ 0.00	N/A

Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	2827	109,630.65	+£106,803.65	£106,000 monies had been ringfenced for payment to Canal & River Trust once improvement work to canal tow path was completed. Project was completed in the summer of 2023 and payment made on 2.12.2023. in addition the following payments were made: £160.84 election charges. £610.00 Audit charges £30.00 community event spend.
Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	118,354.79	13,594.84	-£104,759.95	Variance relates specifically to the grant for the canal tow path improvement works, which are now completed. £600 is earmarked for Asset Maintenance £1439 is earmarked for Elections (reduced following expenditure in 23/24) £135 is for general maintenance fund £1323 grass cutting (reduced following expenditure in 23/24). See attached sheet.
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long-term assets</i>	5611	5611	No change	Explain <u>all</u> movements in this category and not just those above 15%
Box 10 <i>Total borrowing</i>	0	0	£ 0.00	N/A