

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Wanborough Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and **Swindon Borough Council**

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;
- 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).

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	133,044	155,075				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	103,421	114,973	11,552	11.17%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	40,045	42,769	2,724	6.80%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	38,079	35,748	-2,331	6.12%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	83,356	99,251	15,895	19.07%	YES		Locum Clerk fees were £18,571 in 23/24 being £0 in 22/23 due to clerk resigning. £11,300 was spent on tennis floodlights in 23/24 (£0 in 22/23). There was expenditure on the Coronation of £1506.00 in 23/24 (£0 22/23). £13,052 was spent on fencing for a play area in 23/24 (£0 in 22/23). Platinum Jubilee cost £5,800 22/23 (£0 in 23/24). A sculpture was commissioned in 22/23 (£0 in 23/24) for £5,040. There was a bye-election in 22/23 with expenditure of £2,884 (£0 in 23/24). There were additional legal and professional expenses in 22/23 compared to 23/24 of £2,832. Councillor allowances were £1156 greater in 22/23 than 23/24 due to co-opted councillors joining the council in 23/24. There were tree works in 22/23 costing £2,350 (23/24 £0). A laptop and printer were purchased in 22/23 (£0 costs in 23/24) at a cost of £851. £834 more was spent on play equipment in 22/23 than in 23/24. £3460 more was spent on village maintenance in 22/23 than in 23/24. £1292 more was spent on maintenance of a pavillion in 22/23 than in 23/24 and £2036 more on maintenance of equipment at the pavillion in 22/23 than 23/24. There were other minor differences in budget headings such as stationery, wifi, subscriptions.
7 Balances Carried Forward	155,075	175,276			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	153,583	153,583				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	480,577	507,835	27,258	5.67%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable