

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **ARKENGARThDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **NORTH YORKSHIRE**

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, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	7,766	4,819				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,500	4,750	250	5.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	39,783	1,808	-37,975	95.46%	YES		Grant funds received on behalf of St Mary's Church in 2023/24 totalled £39,330.89. In 2024/25 2 grants were received for (1) renovation of ore cart £895 and (2) two-way radios £450. Other receipts were HMRC VAT refund £143.50, Reimbursement from St Mary's Church for audit costs 23/24 £210 and Northern Powergrid Wayleave £60.00. Bank interest £49.98
4 Staff Costs	2,682	4,439	1,757	65.51%	YES		Staff pay for 2024/25 £3182.40 plus back pay for additional hours worked in 2023/24 £1256.69
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	44,548	3,510	-41,038	92.12%	YES		In 2023/24 grant funds were paid to St Mary's Church £39,330.89. In 2024/25 payments were asset maintenance and grass cutting: £1885.35; room hire £150; Insurance and subscriptions £393.60; external audit £252; admin and IT £576; donations £142.50; Parish Map £111.
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,819	3,428				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,819	3,428				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	6,933	7,044	111	1.60%	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