

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Hampstead Norreys Parish Council**
 County area: **West Berkshire**

	2024/25	2025/26	Variance	Variance	Explanation	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%	Required?		
1 Balances Brought Forward	30,524	37,994				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26,821	26,821	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	5,752	9,625	3,873	67.33%	YES		Other receipts in 24/25: Interest £787, Allotment rent £179, VAT £2,360, Grant for LED lighting £1,523, donation towards purchase of memorial benches £652, donation from Cricket Club £250. Other receipts in 25/26: Interest £683, Allotment rent £155, VAT £2,431, Grant for table tennis table and surface £5,050, grant for LED lighting £1,305.
4 Staff Costs	6,841	8,379	1,538	22.48%	YES		In 24/25, there was an increase in the Clerk's working hours from 5 hours per week for 31 weeks of the year to 6 hours per week for the remaining 21 weeks of the year. In 25/26 the hours continued at 6 hours per week.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	18,262	21,981	3,719	20.36%	YES		The following payments varied significantly from 24/25 to 25/26: Electricity for streetlighting increased from £840 to £1,901. Lighting maintenance decreased from £698 to £0. Installation costs of new LED lighting decreased from £2,587 to £2,175. Grounds maintenance increased due to rising costs and an increase in work carried out from £2,756 to £3,354. Repairs in the play area increased from £1,634 to £4,674.
7 Balances Carried Forward	37,994	44,080				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	37,994	44,080				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	133,700	133,755	55	0.04%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		