

**Explanation of variances**

Name of smaller authority: **Great Somerford (inc Startley) Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and): **Wiltshire**

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 £	2020/202 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explana tion Require d?	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	10,698	14,627					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,000	11,000	2,000	22.22%	YES		Precept increased by £5.21 per band D house x 382.76 = £1,994 plus Increase in tax base from 382.54 to 382.76 @ £28.74 = £6
3 Total Other Receipts	16,424	6,824	-9,600	58.45%	YES		No Ext Grant Income for Play Area rec'd in year (11,400) No lettings due to Covid (632) Only one Burial Plot Reservation (3 in prev yr) (160) CIL money rec'd in year (none previous year) 5,279 Reduc'n in VAT refunds (as interim clm submitted 19/20) (1,158) No External Grant for Defib Purchase (1,430) Defib donations from public & bank int down by (39) No Other Income CPRE Award this year (60) <b>Total reduction in Other Receipts = (9,600)</b>
4 Staff Costs	2,227	2,335	108	4.85%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repay	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	19,268	7,322	-11,946	62.00%	YES		Reduced spend on Play Area equip (pcnic benches v Zipwire) (7,145) No War Memorial Refurb - wreath only (1,259) Reduced spend on Defib - new one purchased in 2019/20 (1,485) Reduced input VAT due to limited capex (2,162) Community Rm expend reduced (no plumbing or new cooker) (832) Reduc'n in website + PPS (no DHS photocopying) (367) Increase in s137 donations 575 Audit increase as No Audit fees paid out in 19/20 200 Grass cutting & grounds up 109 Play Area Maint up (2 Inspects, replacem't fence posts + bark 391 Increase in insurance 23 Other minor items 6 <b>Total reduc'n in spend = (11,946)</b>
7 Balances Carried Forward	14,627	22,794			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	Grant monies received in advance of spend. £6,763 only in Unrestricted General Reserves = 61% annual precept.
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	14,627	22,794				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	85,750	86,114	364	0.42%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

**Explanation for 'high' reserves** (Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
<b>Earmarked reserves:</b>			
Play Park	9,935		
CIL Infrastructure Reserve	5,279		
Defibrillator	675		
War Memorial	142		
		16,031	
<b>General reserve</b>	6,763		
		6,763	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<b>22,794</b>

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