

**Explanation of variances – pro forma**

Name of smaller authority: **Thorpe on the Hill**  
 County area (if applicable): **Lincolnshire**

**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, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)	
	£	£	£	%				
1 Balances Brought Forward	265,485	241,386				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this		
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	23,838	24,500	662	2.78%	NO			
3 Total Other Receipts	7,645	18,378	10,733	140.39%	YES		The Parish Council has received an additional £1150 in 23/24 income due to renegotiated licence fee's for the use of the lake. The Parish Council has received £4928 more in interest in 22/23 due to higher than interest rates. The bookings for the hire of the hall has increased in 23/24 with an increased income of £1100. The Parish Council received £3268 more VAT refund from 22/23.	
4 Staff Costs	20,048	16,585	-3,463	17.27%	YES		The current Parish Clerk is on a lower pay grade to the previous to Parish Clerk due to experience with a difference of annual salaries of £750. In 2022/23 there was a period of 3 months when 2 new members of staff shadowed the outgoing members of staff resulting in an additional £2718 which has not been spent this year.	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO			
6 All Other Payments	35,084	68,180	33,096	94.33%	YES		In 2022/23 the Parish Council had a large expenditure on play equipment of £7564 which has <b>not</b> been spend this year. In 23/24 the Parish Council has begun it's project to renovate the village hall and a payment of £40324 has been made from the planned reserves.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	241,836	200,248			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		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	373,210	378,688	5,478	1.47%	NO			
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO			
							265485	
							23838	
							7645	
							296968	
	<b>Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable</b>							
	<b>Variances of £200 or less are tolerable</b>							
	<b>BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)</b>							

## 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>			
	Campaigning/planning issues		2,000.00
	Election		3,000.00
	Purchase of new play equipment		20,000.00
	Purchase of additional assets		
	Village Hall renovations/extension		160,000.00
<b>General reserve</b>		<b>15,248</b>	
<b>Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)</b>			<b>200,248.00</b>