

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Skegness Town Council**  
 County area (local councils and): **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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority <u>(must include narrative and supporting figures)</u>
1 Balances Brought Forward	465,525	456,571					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	498,037	551,284	53,247	10.69%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	179,642	246,491	66,849	37.21%	YES		
						£28,528 increase in Café Income	Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Council run Community Café closed for seven months during 2020/21. In 2021/22 The café closed for only one month. Café income therefore was higher this year due to increased operation.
						£11,250 increase in Car Park Income	Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in travel during 2020/21, Scarbrough Avenue car park took virtually no money during the first quarter. In 2021/22 there were no restrictions in travel to the coast, indeed Skegness witnessed a bumper year due to the restrictions in overseas travel and the sunny weather we had during the peak season and bank holidays. This resulted in a higher than expected amount received in car park income this year.
						£ 9,676 increase in Hall Hire Income	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Tower Gardens Pavilion was closed to the public for seven months during 2020/21, during this time no hall bookings were permitted. During 2021/22, the pavilion was open for most of the year. We had an increased number of bookings for regular community groups, fitness classes, conferences and events. This resulted in a higher than expected amount received in hall hire income.
						£ 9,056.69 Grant Received	Received from the Welcome Back Fund to refurbish 25 benches in Tower Gardens.
						£ 2,362.58 Grant Received	Received from the Welcome Back Fund to purchase planters, compost and plants in Tower Gardens.
						£ 2,000 Grant Received	Received from LCBID to sponsor the Jolly Fisherman mascot costume.
						£ 1,100 Grant Received	Received from the LCBID to fund The Skegness Silver Band performances in the Tower Gardens band stand throughout the year.
						£ 1,000 Grant Received	Received from ELDC Councillors to fund a Christmas tree and lights for Tower Gardens.
						£ 995 Grant Received	Received from an ELDC Councillor to fund the installation of a defibrillator in Tower Gardens Pavilion.

	2020/21	2021/22	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)
							£65,968.27 Variance Explained
4 Staff Costs	388,407	430,657	42,250	10.88%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	66,090	66,090	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	232,136	251,616	19,480	8.39%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	456,571	505,983			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	462,045	480,809				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	1,766,240	1,771,015	4,775	0.27%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	1,412,728	1,376,478	-36,250	2.57%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)