

Explanation of variances – 2024_2025

Name of smaller authority: **SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL** **CHESHIRE EAST**
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):
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	30,393	55,325				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward across	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	44,000	50,000	6,000	13.64%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	11,996	12,616	710	5.96%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	9,637	10,440	803	8.33%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	21,337	73,741	52,404	245.60%	YES		The Parish Council undertook two large one-off projects in 24/25. £43,708 to replace perimeter fencing and improving pathways at a piece of woodland we own. And £9,869 to improve parking at the local chapel.
7 Balances Carried Forward	55,325	33,760				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	55,325	33,760				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments anc.	25,903	27,213	1,310	5.06%	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

25 JUNE 2025

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