Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Ringmer Parish Council**

County area (local councils and [East Sussex

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);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- **New from 2025/26 onwards**: variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	677,791	497,788				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	155,991	161,550	5,559	3.56%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	223,472	317,085	93,613	41.89%	YES		See separate calculation spreadsheet
4 Staff Costs	65,272	66,683	1,411	2.16%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	494,194	175,173	-319,021	64.55%	YES		See separate calculation spreadsheet
7 Balances Carried Forward	497,788	734,567				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	494,274	731,119				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	588,386	588,304	-82	0.01%	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

Variances -Box 6 Payments

Payments 2025	494,194.00	**Difference**		
Payments 2026	175,173.00		**-319,021.00**	
Difference	**-319,021.00**		169,630.00	Y/E 2025 - new skatepark
			2,520.00	Y/E 2025 - Holm Oak removal
			998.00	Y/E 2025 - Intercom
			10,000.00	Y/E 2025 -NHP review fee
			15,000.00	Y/E 2025 - CIL Grant paid - Cheyney Croquet Club
			100,354.00	Y/E 2025 - New play equipment Fingerpost Field
			108,500.00	Y/E 2025 - CIL Grant Paid - Jubilee Cottages Hsing Trust
			8,500.00	Y/E 2025 - CIL Grant Paid - Blyth Cottage
			1,250.00	Y/E 2025 - Churchyard Treework
			1,415.00	Y/E 2025 - Noticeboard purchased
			-98,800.00	Y/E 2026 Pension Cessation fee
			346.00	**Remaining Difference**

Variances - Box 3 Receipts

Receipts 2025	223,472.00	**Difference**	
Receipts 2026	317,085.00	**93,913.00**	
	93,613.00	125,000.00	Y/E 2025 District CIL grant received
		10,000.00	Y/E 2025 NHP grant received
		7,349.00	Y/E 2025 Lightsource grant funding received above that received the following year
		45,000.00	Y/E 2025 S106 funds received
		650.00	Y/E 2025 - Additional fairground income for this year only
		-282,555.00	Y/E 2026 Amount of NCIL funding received above that received the prevous year
		-643.00	**Remaining difference**