Explanation of variances 2023/24 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2024 £	2023 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required? Is > 15%	Is > £100,000	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	10,783	8,854					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree	difference would be accounted for rounding up/down on other boxes. The error was not noticed at the time of the 22/23 submission and only identifiedwhen inputting the numbers from the 22/23 return
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,760	8,760	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,882	26	2,856	10984.62%	YES	NO		23/24 DONATION RECEIVED £2585 for purchase of a defib for the community. VAT REFUND 23/24 £291 22/23 £23= difference £268 Interest on depositi account 23/24 £5, 22/23 £2 = difference £3 Total variance £2856
4 Staff Costs	1,836	1,729	107	6.19%	NO	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	10,312	5,126	5,186	101.17%	YES	NO		Difference between 22/23 & 23/24 Clerk/council expenses £133 (£100 to set up individual councillor email addresses +33 additional staitonery expenses) Insurance (£8), Calc subs £12, SLCC membership (£4), courses (£15), Website maint (£6), Grasscutting £500, Misc Purchases £4068 (Purchase of a defib £3102 and a noticeboard £1168), Footlight maint (£117), defib costs £111 (£151 cost of installing new defib22/23 £40), Projects (£984) (22/23 purchased spareparts to refurb telephone box £1595 23/24 refurb costs £611), Self employed Lengthsman to undertake contract works £1496 Total variances £5186
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,277	10,785	-508	4.71%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,277	10,783	-506	4.69%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	9,431	7,607	1,824	23.98%	YES	NO		Removal of old defib from asset list values at £1734 and addition of new purchsed defib £2585 difference £851 plus new notice board £973 = £1824 difference
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		