

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Tanfield Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and North Yorkshire Council): **North Yorkshire Council**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AQAR 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 £100,000 or more
- Variances of 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 £5,500,000

	2024/25	2025/26	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%		
1 Balances Brought Forward	27,064	13,239				
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,800	9,030	430	5.00%	NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
3 Total Other Receipts	4,756	5,844	1,088	22.88%	YES	More money was received in 2025/26 a total of £1088 more. This is due to an increase of £228 more in tax reclaimed than in 2024/25. There was a total of £172 less in interest received in 2024/25 in the miscellaneous category which is grants/donations than in 2025/26. £228 more tax minus £167 in interest equals £2059 minus £972 in grants equals £1087.
4 Staff Costs	4,838	3,914	-924	13.75%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	22,643	14,764	-7,879	34.80%	YES	Less money was paid out in 2025/26 a total of £8504 less than in 2024/25. The biggest difference was in the miscellaneous section as £7642 more was spent here than in 2025/26. This was mainly due to the expense of £8044 for the purchase of the Vehicle Activated speed camera and the posts. £200 less was spent on donations in 2025/26 than in the previous year. There was an increase in 2025/26 in Establishment charges due to the £264.55 for the external audit. Only a slight increase in 2025/26 of £2 in the clerks mileage. There was a difference of £400 increase in the Parish Caretaker section in 2024/25. Again there was an increase in spending in 2024/25 in the renewals/repairs and maintenance section of £51. This was due to £107 spent on brance clearance/cutting grass verges and sorting the planters due to an old contractor carrying out some cutting prior to the new contractor starting. Although there was no play park inspection payment in 2024/25 where as £410 was paid in 2025/26. Plus swing park repairs of £246 in 2025/26 more in 2024/25 leaving the difference of £51.
7 Balances Carried Forward	13,239	9,435				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	13,239	9,435				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	84,342	84,342	0	0.00%	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