

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Elton**
 County area (local councils and): **Cheshire West**

Insert figures from Section 1 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);
- 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).

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	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	40,162	35,166				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	32,000	33,203	1,203	3.76%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,897	20,701	18,804	991.25%	YES		Grants received £11,000 for purchase and installation of inclusive play equipment. Repayment of loan from Tuesday Club £4,002. Reimbursement of £411 for overpayment of ground maintenance. £1,031 VAT return. £760 Members Budget Grant from Cheshire West & Chester Ward Cllr Stephen Smith for creation of pathway on Jubilee Field. £1,000 from GP Surgery towards costs of repairing drains. £500 grant towards Christmas lights.
4 Staff Costs	12,940	13,721	781	6.04%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	25,953	41,128	15,175	58.47%	YES		£781 increase in staffing costs. £222 increase in expenses and travel. £260 increase in stationery and postage. £120 more spent on Audit. £2,923 insurance which wasn't paid in 2017/18. £107 increase in cost of processing payroll. £2,107 increase in grass cutting due to change of contractor. Website costs £1,422. Purchase and installation of Christmas Lights and Equipment £9,628. £2,197 planting in outdoor areas. £708 clearing Jubilee Field. Drains £380. £756 for bollards. £60 Mayor's charity ball. £185 cleaning of play equipment. £224 purchase of work clothing for street orderlies. £160 computer equipment. £180 purchase of cupboards. £450 donation to scouts. £936 repairs to play equipment. £586 removal of tarmac. £4,100 repair of drains. £622 legal fees. £29 water charges. £527 purchase of WW1 memorial. £1,250 dog park works. £392 repair costs. £142 skip hire. £759 purchase of Chair and Clerk's laptops. £50 wreath for Remembrance Day. £162 purchase of Clerk's printer.
7 Balances Carried Forward	35,166	34,221			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	98,892	98,892	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