

## Explanation of variances – 2022-2023

Name of smaller authority:

Framsden Parish Council

County area:

Mid Suffolk

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;
- 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	23,925	22,257					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,755	9,940	185	1.90%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	12,322	60,729	48,407	392.85%	YES		Considerable grant funding of £44,871 was received to enable the Council to undertake a major Play Area Renovation. This consisted of donations from local charities, the National Lottery, CIL funding and District Council capital grants. Other increases in income come from: a major VAT reclaim for the period April 2020 to September 2022 totalling £13,603; Recycling bin income totalling £1045 and Village Hall hire of £1210
4 Staff Costs	4,063	4,423	360	8.86%	NO		The Council has enacted the two recommended NJC pay settlements that came into force over the last year, resulting in back payments of £80.64 and £245.12, the remainder of the difference being incremental increases per hour over the course of the year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	19,682	50,049	30,367	154.29%	YES		A figure of £33,822 for the supply of the new play area equipment equates for the majority of the differential on this figure. This is not quite the full story though, with the total cost of the Play Area Renovation being higher (see the grant funding listed above, to which the Council added some other funds that were being held in reserve to add to this figure), as there is an ongoing dispute due to issues with the installation of the grass matting in the Play Area, leaving an amount of £21,216 owing. This amount is being held until the work is completed satisfactorily and will now be paid in the next financial year, it also contributes towards the High Reserves held by the Council at the end of this financial year. Without the Play Area expenses there would have been no major differential in year on year figures
7 Balances Carried Forward	22,257	38,454			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED  EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	22,257	38,454				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	29,220	47,696	18,476	63.23%	YES		The major increase on the Asset Register is in relation to the new Play Area equipment (total value listed as £32,192 less £18,405 (disposal of old play equipment)). The difference therefore being £13,787 on the Play Area equipment alone. Other changes on the Asset Register include £1,005 for new signage at the Play Area and £3,684 for new fencing at the Play Area
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable