Identifying which variances require explanation

Positive and negative variances must be explained

Authority name and reference	LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL				
Box on Section 2 Accounting Statements	(a) 2022 £	(b) 2023 £	(c) Variance increase (+) or decrease (-) (b - a) £	(d) Variance divided by 2021 figure times 100 (c / a * 100) %	Explanation required? Less than £250 and 15% - NO More than 15% - YES
Box 2 - Precept or Rates and Levies	18,331	20,137	1,806	9.85%	NO
Box 3 - Total other receipts	1,125	2,516	1,391	123.64%	YES
Box 4 - Staff costs	7,800	8,934	1,134	14.54%	NO
Box 5 - Loan interest/capital repayments	NIL	NIL			
Box 6 - All other payments	8,459	14,793	6,334	74.88%	YES
Box 9 - Total fixed assets plus long-term investments and assets	63,317	63,462	145	0.23%	NO
Box 10 - Total borrowings	NIL	NIL			

Explanations of individual variances

Authority name and reference	LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL		
BOX NO	3	£	
(b) Figure in 2023 column		2,516	
(a) Figure in 2022 column		1,125	
(d) Total variance: 2023 figure less 2022 figure: (b-a) A positive figure is an increase (+) a negative figure in a decrease (-)		1,391	

Reasons (as many as are applicable)		Amount £
Reason 1	Received grant from District Council towards Platinum Jubilee event	735
Reason 2	Donations received towards QEII Platinum Jubilee Commemorative/Memorial Tree	300
(e) TOTAL AMOUNT £ EXPLAINED (total of reasons above		1,035
(f) Unexplained amount £ of total variance at (d-e)		356
Unexplained as % of 2022 figure (f / a * 100) (must be below 15%)		0%
Confirm unexplained amount is less than 15% of 2021 figure YES - Satisfactorily explained NO - provide further explanations		YES

Explanations of individual variances

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BOX NO	6	£	
(b) Figure in 2023 column		14,793	
(a) Figure in 2022 column		8,459	
(d) Total variance: 2023 figure less 2022 figure: (b-a) A positive figure is an increase (+) a negative figure in a decrease (-)		6,334	

Reasons (as many as are applicable)		Amount £
Reason 1	Purchase of playbark for the children's playground	1,270
Reason 2	Commissioned reports for evidence in a Planning issue (Transport)	1,700
Reason 3	Commissioned reports for evidence in a Planning issue (General planning)	1,080
Reason 4	Purchased tree survey and had related tree works carried out	881
Reason 5	Spending related to the Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch event, partly funded by District Council Grant	901
Reason 4	Spending related to the QEII Platinum Jubilee Commemorative/Memorial Tree, partly funded by donation	351
(e) TOTAL AMOUNT £ EXPLAINED (total of reasons above		6,183
(f) Unexplained amount £ of total variance at (d-e)		151
Unexplained as % of 2022 figure (f / a * 100) (must be below 15%)		0%
Confirm unexplained amount is less than 15% of 2022 figure YES - Satisfactorily explained NO - provide further explanations		YES