Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: County area (local councils and Iden Parish

East Sussex

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %		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	28,051	18,675				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,000	16,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	6,729	8,060	1,331	19.78%	YES		Receipts were much the same and very close in value (vat reclaim and recharges to other councils), except sadly there was an increase in burials this year creating a positive increase of £1,000 on the year before. The one off receipts change in reason from Water credit and wasp removal refund to donation from Wilder Iden nature recovery group with a poistive difference of £153. Cricket hire is larger as the main hire fee in 2023-2024 year was paid early in the year before (2022-2023). This year it fell the correct year but does result in a £150 increase on the previous year (£1000 + 153 +150 = 1303)
4 Staff Costs	6,625	7,433	808	12.20%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	25,480	20,491	-4,989	19.58%	YES		In this financial year the number of projects fell even though one project was paid for in this year but this is balanced out by a huge increase in donations in this year. The latter are all one off payments and vary hugely in purpose. The real reason for the the drop in spending is the fall in the regular annual grass cutting cost due to the wet weather so the grass cuts started 6 weeks later than normal saving the council £3,423. As all the large maintenance projects were completed there was also very little minor repairs reducing the previous years costs by £249.08. The council's running costs also came to less, by £1000, in the current year as the backed dated payrise was not agreed until March this year and has been paid in the 2025-2026 cash book. (-£3,423 - £249.08-£1,000 = -£4,672)
7 Balances Carried Forward	18,675	14,811				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	I
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	18,675	14,811				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	ı
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments	and 87,078	87,153	75	0.09%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		