

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Iden Parish Council**
 County area: **East Sussex**

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**: 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	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	25,805	15,570				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	14,000	16,000	2,000	14.29%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	21,901	4,049	-17,852	81.51%	YES		As a small parish council with usually only small sums of income from grants, the burial ground and playing fields total receipts vary largely from year to year in an unpredictable manner. 2019/2020 saw a large grant for £13,624 to assist with the replacement of play equipment and as we were concerned about having enough funds left in the bank we rapidly collect the vat back on each payment £5856. Burial ground fees received came to £850. In 2020/2021 though we were in the pandemic this did not affect the council income but with the play area main revamp completed there is no large grant nor vat return. We only recieved a grant for £150 to assist our local covid-19 support group for residents. Unrelated to covid we saw several burials with new plot acquisitions and memorial inscriptions and installations which totalled £2550. Vat was collected in the year but only came to £672 but this was balanced out with the acquisition of a new printer and the cost is shared with other parish councils but the printer belongs to Iden. This and share of ink for it during the year and other sundries make the final difference.
4 Staff Costs	5,425	5,748	323	5.95%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	40,711	9,750	-30,961	76.05%	YES		The replacement play equipment spend of 2019/2020 did not happen being £30022 (Gross) for equipment and £350 for storage service during build. There was no election fee of £118. Donations fell by £100 and additional maintenance work on the recreation ground fell by £223. Expenditure would have been greater but the grass cutting cost was reduced as cricket was not played although additional clearing work to the closed churchyard was carried out.
7 Balances Carried Forward	15,570	20,121			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	15,570	20,121				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	82,099	82,808	709	0.86%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		