

Checkley Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

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Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	60808.80	54164.71				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	75119.93	79100.31	3980.38	5%	No	
3	Total other receipts	19122.70	5645.91	-13476.79	70%	Yes	Previous year 5K Sids grant 2K SMDG Grant
							VAT 7648 Less burial fees
4	Staff Costs	17056.03	18239.54	1183.51	7%	No	K
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	83830.69	56339.26	-27491.43	33%	Yes	Don on previous year as follows £265 skips
							£1500 lengthsman fees £1100 litter picking fees £200 Litter picking expenses £3500 clerks salary £600 office expenses £2485 play equipment £1364 public street lighting £400 electric £14500 purchase complete on Greatwood Hall £1500 Christ event
7	Balances carried forward	54164.71	64332.13	10167.42	19%	Yes	Savings towards the renovation of Greatwood Hall 10K in earmarked reserves
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	54164.71	64332.13	10167.42	19%	Yes	Savings towards the renovation of Greatwood Hall 10K in earmarked reserves
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	339696.76	339696.76	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

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Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)