

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025/26 FORM 2

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR VARIANCES IN FIGURES WHEN COMPARED TO 2024/25

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(1) Balances brought forward.

The Council ended 2025/26 with £629 more in hand than the end of 2024/25.

(2) Precept.

This is the precept was increased by £1500 mainly to enable the Council to establish contingency fund.

(3) Staff costs

This reflects an increase following a review of the Clerk's salary (the only employee)

(4) Other payments

The Council's costs relating to grass cutting has increased by £563 due to an increase in contractor costs and undertaking more cuts than in 2023/24

Expenditure relating to the park and cemetery has risen by £204 due to repairs to the playground soft surface and the fitting of new seats for swings.

(5) Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets

This follows a revaluation of the Council's fixed assets