

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Skelsmergh & Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council**

County area (local c): **SLDC**

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 onwards:** 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).

	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	
	£	£	£	%		
						Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
1 Balances Brought Forward	1,745	3,053				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,845	4,846	1	0.02%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	538	516	-22	4.09%	NO	
4 Staff Costs	2,577	2,648	71	2.76%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	1,498	3,999	2,501	166.96%	YES	Significant investment this year - Councillors wanted to 'make a difference'/leave a legacy following last year's limited development and investment opportunities due to the CV-19 restrictions. In addition to the annual grant awards - £750 was committed for Queen's platinum jubilee commemorative replacement steel gates for the Community Hall. In year costs included: £420 for a new website design and hosting when the Webmaster stepped down as Councillor; £399 was the cost of replacement parish sign - with a contribution from the insurance claim (damaged by an unidentified motorist); three parish 'headers' for noticeboards were bought (£95); a special bestowment (£20) was made to a volunteer (created a reference map of the local rights of way) and (£24 printing) expenses were incurred for a social Halloween event that had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Woodland maintenance costs (£180) were covered by the sale of the wood products generated. Due to the insurance claim, the annual premium increased as a new provider had to be found - last year's company withdrew our contract.
7 Balances Carried Forward	3,053	1,768			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	3,053	1,768				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investment	4,996	5,841	845	16.91%	YES	PC purchased new/replacement noticeboard (Oakbank) cost £750, and 3 PC signs (for 2 noticeboards and entrance to Coldharbour quarry), cost £95 - total investment in year £845.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	