

Acaster Malbis 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"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2023 £	31/03/2024 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	15465	11842				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	4553	4398	-155	3%	No	
3	Total other receipts	3510	4231	721	21%	Yes	Support grant not split out in YE 2023. Bank interest accounts for the remaining increase in income.
4	Staff Costs	419	4784	4365	1,042%	Yes	Clerk was voluntary (1 year post councillor) for YE 2023. Clerk is now paid a salary.
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	0	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	11266	4291	-6975	62%	Yes	YE 2023 had significant pend including: Return of ward grant 3.5k, new defibrillator 1.5k, May Festival Grant 1.2k, IT equipment 1.2k. No grants or significant purchase i. YE 2024.
7	Balances carried forward	11842	11396	-446	4%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11842	11396	-446	4%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	12047	12047	0	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0	0	0	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

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)