Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority:

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Smeeth Parish Council

Insert figures from Section 1 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);
 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.

	2020/21 £	2021/22 Varian £ £	nce Variance %	Explana ion Require d?	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	73,051	77,639			Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	23,738	23,738	0 0.00% 0 0 0	NO NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	40,726	45,773 5,0	047 12.39% 0 1 0	NO NO		
4 Staff Costs	32,551	34,790 2,2	239 6.88% 0 1 0	NO NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0 0.00% 0 0 0) NO		
6 All Other Payments	27,325	18,001 -9,3	324 34.12% 1 0 1	YES		New Mower and brush cutter purchased in 2020-21 as old machinery was in poor state of repair: mower and brushcutter bought in the previous year, not this year = £10189 Vehicle repairs increased in 2021/22 as there was an MOT failure this year = £445 Machinery repairs increased in 2021/22 = £185 Kent County Council undertook a speed survey as part of the Highways Improvement Plan = £285, not undertaken in 2020/21 -£10189+£445+285+185 = £9274
7 Balances Carried Forward 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	77,639	94,359		YES	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	'High' reserves are held for: Other than being able to buy the new mower, no further expenditure has been possible due to the level of working from home by other authorities during the Pandemic. Grants are made by the borough and county councils towards the caretaker scheme, provision is made for non-payment of these grants (approx £13, 600 pa); reserves for replacement of caretaker's equipment, eg ride-on mower/vehicle (cost approx £7000); contribution towards a footpath across the village green (approx £10,000); traffic calming measures – village gateways - at each of the entrances to the village (approx £3000 per gateway).
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	24,982	24,982	0 0.00% 0 0 0) NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0 0.00% 0 0 0) NO		