## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**

County area (local councils an: Cumbria

**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);

• 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).

| | 2018/19 £ | 2019/20 £ | Variance £ | Variance % | Explanation Required? | Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES |
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| 1 Balances Brought Forward | 64,739 | 60,797 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 170,149 | 167,820 | -2,329 | 1.37% | NO | |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 78,272 | 54,114 | -24,158 | 30.86% | YES | Decrease in allotment rents = (£15). Decrease in Community Hall rent = (£666). Increase in Disposals of Equipment = £24,000. Decrease in Grants received = (£28,839). Increase in income from Green Activities = £1,991. Decrease in Grounds maintenance income = (£2,987). Reduction in Ice cream concession income = (£90). Decrease in Other income = (£21,494). Increase in Refunds received = £3,742. Increase in Sports Club Rents = £200. **TOTAL decrease in Total Other Receipts:- £24,158.**<br><br>**Disposals of Equipment** - includes the sale of a tractor & hedge cutter. **Grants received** - there was a decrease in grants received during the year the bulk of which is due to a grant of £32,000 from Allerdale Borough Council received last year and no corresponding receipt in 2019/20. **Grounds maintenance income** - reduction is due to the loss of a verge cutting contract. **Other Income** - The decrease in other income was due to a contribution of £20,000 from Harvest Park Developments towards the longterm maintenance costs of a footpath. Also due to purchases of additional memorial benches £1,660, the cost of which are covered by the donors of the benches, with no corresponding income received in 2019/20. **Refunds received** - increase is due to a refund received for waste water charges in 2019/20 which had previously been charged in error. |
| 4 Staff Costs | 108,825 | 111,985 | 3,160 | 2.90% | NO | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | 0 |

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| 6 All Other Payments | 143,538 | 71,160 | -72,378 | 50.42% | YES | Increase in Administration costs = £570. Reduction in Allotment costs = (£1,209). Decrease in Changing Room Expenses = (£2,957). Decrease in Christmas Lights = (£1,300). Increase in Community Hall Running Expenses = £4,071. Increase in Community Hall Improvements = £2,011. Decrease in S137 Expenditure = (£3,400). Decrease in Eden Street Electric = (£1,224). Decrease in Green Activities expenses = (£1,468). Decrease in Grounds Maintenance = (£573). Increase in Insurance = £570. Decrease in Legal Fees = (£1,068). Decrease in Maintenance of Sports Areas = (£524). Decrease in Splash Pad Expenses = (£3,585). Decrease in Play Areas maintenance & equipment = (£42,850). Increase in Public convenience costs = £1,215. Decrease in Purchase of seats = (£321). Decrease in Purchase of Signs = (£24). Decrease in Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment = (£10,000). Decrease in Silloth Green Project = (£11,341). Increase in Bee Garden costs = £126. Increase in Squash Court costs = £1,638. Increase in Training costs = £357. Decrease in Transport & Vehicle costs = (£1,092). TOTAL decrease in All other payments = £72,378 |
| | | | | | | **Changing Rooms** - costs were higher in 2018/19 as the electrics were completely renewed in the building at a cost of £2,635, with no corresponding expenditure during 2019/20. **Community Hall Running Expenses -** increase is due to additional electricity costs following estimated meter readings. **Community Hall Improvements -** increase in costs is due to the deposit and planning fee paid prior to the installation of solar panels. **S137 Donations** - 2018/19 includes £500 donated to RBL Poppy Appeal for 2 x silent soldier silhouettes and £3000 donated to the Sports Association towards the construction cost of a new Multi Use Games Area, with no corresponding expenditure in 2019/20. **Splash Pad Expenses -** reduction in costs is due to reduction in waste water charges. **Play Areas Maintenance & Equipment** - 2018/19 includes the installation of a new pirate ship play area on Silloth Green for which there is no corresponding cost in 2019/20. **Vehicles & Equipment** - A new Wessex mower was bought during 2018/19 at a cost of £14,000, with the purchase of a trailer for £4,000 in 2019/20. **Silloth Green Project** - Increase in costs in 2018/19 was due to the resurfacing of footpaths within the Community Garden and the purchase of additional bins & bollards, with no corresponding costs in 2019/20. **Squash Court - rates etc -** Increase in costs in 2019/20 was due to the repairs to the roof of the building. |
| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 60,797 | 99,586 | | | NO | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 70,188 | 109,836 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 526,310 | 492,610 | -33,700 | 6.40% | NO | |
| 10 Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | |