## Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): 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);
- **New from 2020/21:** 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** |
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| 1 Balances Brought Forward | 99,586 | 142,095 | | | | Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees |
| 2 Precept or Rates and Levies | 169,520 | 172,995 | 3,475 | 2.05% | NO | |
| 3 Total Other Receipts | 19,200 | 48,119 | 28,919 | 150.62% | YES | Increase in allotment rents = £295. Increase in Community Hall rent = £210. Increase in Grants received = £5664. Increase in income from Green Activities = £10,699. Decrease in Grounds maintenance income = (£242). Increase in Ice cream concession income = £1,111. Increase in Other income = £10,641. Increase in Sports Club Rents = £541. TOTAL increase in Total Other Receipts:- £28,919. |
| 4 Staff Costs | 95,661 | 103,065 | 7,404 | 7.74% | NO | |
| 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | |

**Grants received** – Includes the following grants: £3,640 Allerdale Borough Council & £12,857 Welcome Back Fun. **Green Activities** - Increase in income is due to the Council now charging a daily rate of £350 for the use of Town Council property to hold events. **Ice Cream Concession** – Increase is due to the opening again after the pandemic. **Other income** – Increase in funding of £9,365 raised by the Friends of Silloth Green and an increase in the number or memorial benches this year.

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| 6 All Other Payments | 50,550 | 133,461 | 82,911 | 164.02% | YES | Decrease in Administration costs = (£742). Increase in Allotment costs = £2,045. Reduction in Changing Room Expenses = (£398). Reduction in Community Hall Running Expenses = (£2,172). Increase in Community Hall Improvements = £6,052. Increase in Demolition of Pensioners Hut - £6,296. Decrease in S137 Expenditure = (£2,450). Increase in Eden Street Electric = £4,502. Increase in Green Activities expenses = £589. Increase in Grounds Maintenance = £3,415. Decrease in Insurance = (£529). Increase in Legal Expenses - £50. Increase in Maintenance of Sports Areas = £697. Increase in Splash Pad Expenses = £9,802. Increase in Play Areas maintenance & equipment = £18,854. Increase in Public convenience costs = £1,104. Increase in Purchase of Office Equipment = £541. Increase in Purchase of seats = £2,125. Decrease in Purchase of Signs = (£79). Increase in Purchase of Speed signs = £5,752. Decrease in Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment = £5,074. Increase in Silloth Green Project = £19,128. Decrease in Communtiy Garden Expenses = (£119). Increase in Bee Garden costs = £1670. Decrease in Squash Court costs = (£11). Increase in Training costs = £840. Increase in Transport & Vehicle costs = £1,175. TOTAL increase in All other payments = £82,911. |

**Allotments** - Increase in costs due to £2,000 being spent on the demolition and removal of some sheds which included the removal of asbestos. No corresponding cost in 2020/21. **Community Hall Running Expenses** - Reduction in costs is due to the building being closed as a result of the pandemic. **Community Hall Improvements** – Increase was due to the installation of solar panels on the building to improve energy efficiency long-term. **Demolition of pensioners hut** – 2021/22 included the cost of demolition and removal of asbestos of an old hut and disconnection of the electricity, for which there is no corresponding amount in 2020/21. **S137 Donations** - Decrease is due to a donation of £2,000 being given to the local Rotary Club in 2020/21 and no corresponding payment included in 2021/22. **Eden Street electric** - Electric bills had previously been estimated but a smart meter has recently been installed to ensure that bills will now be correct going forward. **Grounds Maintenance** – Increase comprises of an increase in the amount spent on bedding plants of £1,321, equipment hire £240, increase in cost of materials £1,639 and other smaller increases in costs. **Splash Pad Expenses** – Costs have increased this year as the facility was closed in the previous year due to the pandemic and there were also repairs carried out amounting to £3,200. **Play areas – maintenance & equipment** – includes £1,200 for tree work, £1,826 for repairs & £15,874 for improvements which includes resurfacing of a footpath, replacement bins, picnic tables & seating, and creation of new shrub beds. **Public conveniences** – Increase in costs this year, as three of the toilet blocks were closed due to the pandemic during 2020/21 but an extra toilet block was opened in 2021/22. **Purchase of seats** – increase in 2021/22 is due to additional memorials seats bought by families in 2021/22. **Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment** - In 2020/21 some smaller items of equipment totalling £1,614 were purchased but this year (2021/22) included the purchase of a Sisis Quadraplay unit for £5,550, tractor pallet forks for £590 and some smaller items of equipment for £548. **Purchase of speed signs** – 2021/22 includes the purchase of two speed traffic signs but no corresponding payment in 2020/21. **Silloth Green Project** – Increase in 2021/22 is due to the following - £7,318 raised beds, £1,400 tree survey, £800 line marking, £2,812 tree works, £1,790 footpath resurfacing, £2,580 Pagoda repairs, £470 defibrillator & £2,041 purchase of tress/shrubs. **Transport & Vehicle Costs** – Increase is due to an increase in the cost of fuel and repairs compared to 2020/21.

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| 7 Balances Carried Forward | 142,095 | 126,683 | | | NO | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED |
| 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments | 160,166 | 149,460 | | | | VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED |
| 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and | 494,224 | 507,201 | 12,977 | 2.63% | NO | |
| 10 Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | NO | |