

Barton Bendish 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	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	12530.52	12479.21				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	5900.00	6293.50	393.50	7%	No	
3	Total other receipts	453.07	720.88	267.81	59%	Yes	VAT reclaimed £0.00 2024-25; £135.05 2025-26. Increase in bank interest 2024-25 £93.07 (part yr); 2025-26 £225.83 (full yr)
4	Staff Costs	3755.31	4308.14	552.83	15%	No	Increase from 4 to 4.5 hours for council work
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	2649.07	2894.67	245.60	9%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	12479.21	12290.78	-188.43	2%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	12479.21	12290.78	-188.43	2%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	7052.00	8194.45	1142.45	16%	Yes	New assets - Defib £795.00; Grit Bin £248.45; Mobile Phone £99
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	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)