# Explanation of Variances 2022/23

BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL

Name of smaller authority:

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):							
	2021/22	2022/23	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	3	ψ.	%			
1. Balances Brought Forward	1,262,322	1,311,078				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2. Precept or Rates and Levies	811,681	810,862	-819	0.10%	ON		
3. Total Other Receipts	160,610	265,324	104,714	65.20%	YES		See Explanation Breakdown attached
4. Staff Costs	429,300	487,287	57,987	13.51%	ON		
<ol><li>Loan Interest/Capital Repayment</li></ol>	26,053	0	-26,053	100.00%	YES		See Explanation Breakdown attached
6. All Other Payments	468,182	603,804	135,622	28.97%	YES		See Explanation Breakdown attached
7. Balances Carried Forward	1,311,078	1,296,173			ON	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
						Year End Reserves Position	Explanation of high reserves - Reserves of £1,260,961 were held at 31/3/23 adjusted to £1,296,173 for Box 7 (after taking into account the year end surplus of £95,212 less the CCLA investment of £60k). This is less than X2 of the 2022/23 precept of £810,862 as per box 2 and is therefore within allowed limits and no explanation is required
8. Total Cash and Short Term Investment	1,341,850	1,348,185				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9. Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	4,476,933	4,563,395	86,462	1.93%	ON	Explanation as in excess of £100K difference	Explanation as in excess of £100K difference Include Asset List + £60K CCLA Investment as long term investment

10. Total Borrowings

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable Variances of £200 or less are tolerable BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

4,563,395

4,476,933

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Signatures

Date

Date

Prepared by Rachel Pullen (Finance Manager RFO) 31st May 2023

# Box 2 - Precept or rates and levies

2021/22	811,681 2022/23	810,862	
	Difference	-819	
	% Change	0%	No explanation required

# Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

2021/	22 £	2022/23	£ Difference	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
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# Box 3 - Other receipts

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160,610 2022/23

265,324

Difference

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% Change

65% Yes explain

### Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

(consider any fixed assets that have been sold and ensure reflected in explanation in box 9 fixed assets)

202				Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
	11500	48475	36975	Grant funding - Baileys Court Play area = £44,195
	2855	43714	40859	Misc Income - £21,938 Insurance settlement following arson on 2 vehicles and damaged tarmac in car par + £21,775 CIL Funding
	133307	149010	15703	<b>Hire Income</b> - Total increase across 3 Activity Centres following continued recovery after Covid closures in previous years
	2427	12784	10357	Bank & Investment Income - Increase linked to raised interest rates and increased sums invested
	10500	11100	600	Youth Grant Income - Additional funding awarded in 22/23
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# Box 4 - Staff costs

2021/22	429,300 2022/23	487.287

Difference 57987.27
% Change 14% No explanation required

# Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

202	21/22	2022/23	£ Difference	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
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### Box 5 - Loan interest & capital repayments

2021/22	26,053 2022/23	0	
	Difference	-26053	
	% Change	-100%	yes explain

Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

2021	/22 £	2022/23	£	Difference	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
	26053		0	-26053	Public Works Loan - Final payment made 1/11/21 on redemption of 10 Year loan for office buil
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	26053		0	-26053	

### All other payments

# Box 6 - Payments

2021/22

468,182 2022/23

603,804

Difference % Change 135622 29% Yes explain

# Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

(consider any fixed assets that have been purchased and reflect in explanation in box 9 fixed assets)

2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Difference	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
223195	224099	904	Office & Non Activity Centre Expenditure (Less Salaries & Loans) - Minimal change but $\underline{£18,321}$ . Additional expenditure spent on 22/23 Community Festival and firework events after Festival was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid restrictions in June 21 + grant aid & other funding increased by $\underline{£7,193}$ + Total insurance increased by $\underline{£4,144}$ for 22/23 less 2021 election costs of $\underline{£28,055}$ did no apply in 22/23. Minimal difference of $\underline{£1,603}$ made up of various minimal expenditure difference accross multiple budgets between financial years
191027	211139	20112	Activity Centre General Running Costs - General increases across 3 Activity Centre sites as volum of hirers returned to pre-covid levels in 22/23 which increased general property and ground maintenance, cleaning and utility costs
53464	80298	26834	<b>New Assets-</b> Uplift of £19,666 in 22/23 for additional New Baileys Court Play Area Equipment $(£44,367 \text{ spent in } 21/22 \& £64,033.82 \text{ spent in } 22/23 - \text{most in respect of play area replacement approved at £105K} + £7,883 spent in 22/23 for awnings across compound at the Jubilee Centre$
497	99266		<b>Planned Projects</b> - £33,853 - Spent to replace Council vehicle following arson attack + £32,200 - CCTV replaced at all sites (except Skate Park ) + £13,344 spent on Skate Park for new kitchenette and goods, flood light upgrades & storage cabinets & shelving + uplift of £6,362 for 2022/23 as £6,859 spent on drawings, planning and architects ready for Brook Way Storage Build +£2,010
497	88266	87769	spent on Davis Pond re assessment & management plan + final works accrued from 2022/23 orde
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# **Compare Box 2 &7 - Explanation for 'high' reserves**

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box2	810,862	Box 7	1,296,173
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	159.85%	This is less than double	e - No explanation required

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Earmarked reserves:	Description	£	£	- 1	£
Reserve 1					
Reserve 2					
Reserve 3					
Reserve 4					
Reserve 5					
Reserve 6					
Reserve 7					
				0	
General reserve					29
				0	
Total reserves (must a	gree to Box 7)				0

### Box 9 - Total fixed assets inc. long term investments

2021/22 4,476,933	2022/23	4,563,395	
1	Difference	86462	If above £100K explanation provided for transparency - No explanation necessary
	% Change		No explanation required

# Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

(include any new additions or sold assets which should be reflected in other receipts or other payments)

2021/22	£	2022/23	£ Diffe	erence	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
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# Box 10 - Total borrowings

0	0	0 2022/23	2021/22
0	0	Difference	
% No explanation require	0%		

Use the table below to breakdown your explanation

202	21/22 £	2022/23	£ Difference	Explanation (Ensure each explanation is quantified)
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