

Explanation of Variances for 2023/24

Simonstone Parish Council

Name of smaller authority: Simonstone Parish Council

County area: Ribble Valley - Lancashire

Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- Variances of **more than 15%** between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200).
- Variances of £100,000 or more require an explanation regardless of the % variation year on year.

AGAR Section 2	Period		Variance		Explanation of Variance
	2022/23	2023/24	£	%	
Box 1: Balances brought forward	17,725	17,509			Not required
Box 2: Precept.	8,400	8,400	0	0	No explanation required (less than 15%)
Box 3: Total of other receipts.	680	1,086	406	46	The 2023/24 receipts included £500 grant from Ribble Valley Borough Council.
Box 4: Staff costs.	2,943	3,583	640	19.6	During 2022/23 the Council went several months without a paid clerk.
Box 5: Loan interest/ capital repayments.	0	0	0	0	
Box 6: All other payments.	6,354	5,713	-641	10.6	No explanation required (less than 15%)
Box 7: Balances carried forward.	17,509	17,699			Not required
Box 8: Total cash and short-term investments	17,509	17,699			Not required
Box 9: Total fixed assets and long-term investments and assets.	10,550	10,331	-219	2.1	No explanation required (less than 15%)
Total borrowings.	0	0	0	0.0	

Mike Hill.

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Simonstone Parish Council.

03 June 2024