## Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Claretor County area (local councils and North Yorkshire

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all <u>Blue highlighted boxes</u>
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).

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Variance £	Variance %		Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES  Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	28,380	11,927				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,571	2,600	29	1.13%	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	1,639	43,893	42,254	2578.04%	YES	see separate sheet
4 Staff Costs	1,144	1,144	0	0.00%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	19,520	25,138	5,618	28.78%	YES	see separate sheet
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,926	32,138			YES	EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED  EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES  see reserves tab
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,927	32,138				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments a	nd 4,619	4,619	0	0.00%	NO	
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO	

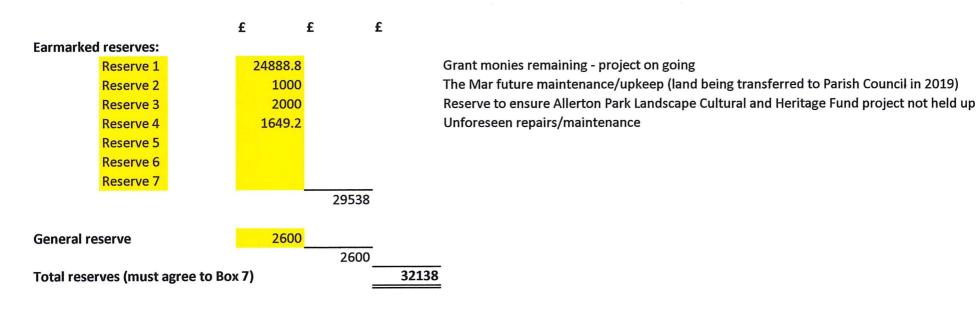
Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

## **Explanation for 'high' reserves**

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:



## Box 3 Receipts Increased by > 15%

2017/18 Figures included 2 grant fund sums and a VAT return: £400 NYCC locality fund £29 HBC precept grant £1210 VAT return covering period 2015 to 2017

Totalling £1639

**2018/19** Figures included grant funding, commuted sum payment and VAT return £41253 Allerton Park Landscape, Cultural and Heritage Fund x 4 instalments £392 Commuted sum payment £2247 Vat return (higher due to increased activity)

Totalling £43892

The total figures highlighted above amount to a difference of £42253 (£1 rounding)

## Box 6 Payments Increased by > 15%

2018/19 Figures compared to 2017/18 can be broken down as below:

Decrease in Audit Fees	£ 200
Decrease in Membership fees	£ 128
Decrease in room hire costs	£ 35
Increase in admin costs	£ 63
Decrease in maintenance costs	£ 688
Increase in grant fund spending	£5381
Increase in data protection fee	£ 5
Increase in VAT paid	£1220

Difference: £5618