

Pinchbeck 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 an INCOME and EXPENDITURE basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	413277.17	300940.38				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	134850.00	144642.00	9792.00	7%	No	No explanation required
3	Total other receipts	133339.36	114821.06	-18518.30	14%	No	No explanation required
4	Staff Costs	103081.92	119544.98	16463.06	16%	Yes	Payment of backdated overtime as pension +£6,516. Increase in pensionable staff positions +£3,864. Increase in employer NIC +£3,345. Remaining Variance +£2,738 (+2.66%).
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	No explanation required.
6	Total other payments	277444.23	199090.45	-78353.78	28%	Yes	Decrease in new cemetery construction costs -£122,795. Increase in legal fees +£25,535. Increase hub & library refurbishment +£9,607. Remaining variance £9,299 (+3.35%).
7	Balances carried forward	300940.38	241768.01	-59172.37	20%	No	No explanation required.
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	262790.33	195653.23	-67137.10	26%	No	No explanation required.
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	498884.77	538509.90	39625.13	8%	No	No explanation required.
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	No explanation required.

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)