## **Explanation of variances**

Name of smaller authority:

Hawstead

County area (local councils and Suffolk

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	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	18,102	17,245				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,474	3,695	-779	17.41%	YES		18/19 included unusally large VAT refund in 18/19 attributable to £800 VAT in significant tree work undertaken in 17/18
4 Staff Costs	2,952	3,072	120	4.07%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	9,379	9,705	326	3.48%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	17,245	15,163			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED  EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS  TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE  GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL  TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	17,245	15,163				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments a	nc 21,421	23,641	2,220	10.36%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable