Carsington Hopton Parish Council

ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

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Box No.	Description	31/03/2024 £	31/03/2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	25610.70	21937.20				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	5717.00	7718.00	2001.00	35%	Yes	See letter attached.
3	Total other receipts	6229.63	16106.78	9877.15	159%	Yes	This figure includes internal transfers relating to the Carsington Pasture Windfarm grant fund that is not part of the Council budget as such but is allocated via a grant process to support eligible projects. The value of the transfers is £7203.32 which is evident in the payments and receipts listings (attached). The true figure is used in the draft AGAR. Separate Windfarm account receipts listing attached for reference.
4	Staff Costs	5455.57	4990.29	-465.28	9%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	10164.56	16554.44	6389.88	63%	Yes	See 3 above. Separate Windfarm account payments listing attached for reference.
7	Balances carried forward	21937.20	24217.25	2280.05	10%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	21937.20	24217.25	2280.05	10%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

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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)