

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: CODDENHAM

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): MID 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);
- **New from 2020/21:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- 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).

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	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	54,802	11,679				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	30,872	37,810	6,938	22.47%	YES		Over the last few years, a Coddenham charity has funded the loan repayments (loan taken out to fund the building of a new community building). The charity advised the Council that it would no longer be making payments to fund the loan and so the Council has had to start generating a reserve fund to meet the loan repayments; the Council started with the 2020/21 precept by including £7k.
3 Total Other Receipts	25,587	41,288	15,701	61.36%	YES		The Council received a donation from a parishioner of £26k to fund the loan repayments for 2021/22 and 2022/23. As the Council no longer runs the community centre, it no longer received income from hiring, this has led to a reduction of £4,164 in income. Due to Covid restrictions, the Council was unable to hold a summer fete; in 2019/20 this generated £1811 of income. In 2019/20, the Council received a grant of £2200 to purchase a new noticeboard. The 2019/20 figures include an amount of £1930, payable as an insurance refund due to the insurance of the community centre being removed from the policy.
4 Staff Costs	16,161	6,079	-10,082	62.38%	YES		The Council no longer owns the community centre (it was passed to an incorporated charity Nov. 2019), and so no longer pays staff costs associated with the building.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	13,152	13,152	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	70,269	25,844	-44,425	63.22%	YES		The Council no longer owns the community centre (it was passed to an incorporated charity Nov. 2019), and so no longer incurs expenditure associated with the building; 2019/20 figures included community centre running costs of £7000, grounds maintenance contract £2468, tree works £2420, a grant to gym equipment £6k, insurance £2019. The total cost of legal fees associated with the transfer was £4139. The Council made a payment of £35620 to the community centre charity, as part of the transfer agreement; this was reduced to £15k in 2020/21.
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,679	45,702			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,475	45,702				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	16,927	19,731	2,804	16.57%	YES		6 no. dog litter bins, 2 no. grit bins, the B.T. box had historically been omitted from the asset register, valued £1k. The Council purchased a new noticeboard £1447 and a laptop £355 during the year.
10 Total Borrowings	96,791	87,938	-8,853	9.15%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable