**Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements –AGAR Section 2**

Parish Council name: Abbots Bromley Parish Council

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be ‘compensating’ variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged –e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

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| **Section 2** | **2021/22**  **£** | **22/23**  **£** | **Variance** | **Detailed explanation of variance** |
| Box 2  Precept | 26,500 | 27,078 | 578 | Increase in precept amount received due to increase in tax base, rate was retained by Council but more houses paying. |
| Box 3  Other Income | 10,574 | 1,194 | -9,380 | Neighbourhood planning grant of 5,375 was received in prior year plus tax refund of 4.6k, increasing the income figure for prior year. |
| Box 4  Staff costs | 11,379 | 12,395 | 1,016 | The prior clerk left during the year, there was a cross over period with the incoming clerk incurring additional costs plus payment of holiday pay for the outgoing clerk. |
| Box 5  Loan interest/Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Box 6  Other Payments | 27,218 | 13,191 | -14,028 | Extra-ordinary payments made in prior year have not been required in this year, in prior year a payment was made to a neighbourhood plan consultant for £4,725, extensive works to playgrounds cost the authority £6,349 and printing costs for newsletters and banners cost £2,000. Expenditure in this year was the budgeted grounds £4,258, general expenses £3,500, Grants £2,000 and other misc costs. |
| Box 7  Balances carried forward | 13,709 | 16,396 | 2,687 | Small increase in precept but lower spending has meant carrying forward a slightly higher amount. These amounts will be used to support activities in the forthcoming year. |
| Box 9  Fixed assets | 149,383 | 149,383 | 0 |  |
| 0  Total Borrowing | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |