

# Longridge Town Council

## Variance Analysis

Flagged where variance is more than 15% and more than £200, or where the absolute variance is £100,000 or more.

Box	Description	2024/25	2025/26	£ variance	% variance	Explain?	Draft explanation
1	Balances brought forward	£112,352	£99,573	(£12,779)	-11.4%	NO	
2	Precept or rates and levies	£94,077	£98,195	£4,118	4.4%	NO	
3	Total other receipts	£50,359	£135,965	£85,606	170.0%	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 106 grant £23,261.84</li> <li>Solar UKFPF grant £14,033.93</li> <li>Transfer of funds from NatWest Reserves to Unity Trust Current account £40,000</li> <li>British Gas reimbursement £7,859.87</li> </ul> Total = £85,155.64
4	Staff costs	£31,468	£53,252	£21,784	69.2%	YES	Additional staff appointed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy clerk appointed Nov 2025</li> </ul>
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-	-	0.0%	NO	
6	All other payments	£125,747	£200,995	£75,248	59.8%	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer of funds from NatWest Reserves to Unity Trust Current account £40,000</li> <li>Purchase and installation of brackets and festive lights £9859.99</li> <li>Townley Garden Project (Section 106) spent £27,934.20</li> <li>Purchase and installation of solar panels £16,840.72</li> </ul> Total = £77,794.19
7	Balances carried forward	£99,573	£79,486	(£20,087)	-20.2%	YES	<b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>
8	Total cash and short-term investments	£99,573	£79,486	(£20,087)	-20.2%	YES	<b>VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED</b>
9	Total fixed assets plus long-term assets	£766,042	£805,902	£39,860	5.2%	NO	
10	Total borrowings	-	-	-	0.0%	NO	

### Note

Box 10 does not always need a separate narrative if its movement is fully explained by Box 5 (loan capital/interest).