Explanation of variances – Kesgrave Town Council

Name of smaller authority: **Kesgrave Town Council**

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);
• variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
• **New from 2025/26 onwards**: variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £6,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	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	621,485	793,748				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	423,700	450,400	26,700	6.30%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	122,885	118,312	-4,573	3.72%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	185,377	198,367	12,990	7.01%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	188,945	252,902	63,957	33.85%	YES		**Increase from 24/25:-** DBS checks for 8 staff £848 Staff training - including Emergency First Aid £454 Advertising & Marketing £370 inc new Town Council Recognition Awards Office equipment £391 Insurance for new van and solar panels included on schedule £1,904 Printer charges £450 Purchase of new laptops/monitors £4126 Audit increase £315 Professional fees - land related £5417 Replace light fittings in chamber,shelving unit £850 Rates increase £974 Water rates due to a leak £542 Cleaning contract increase £471 Maintenance of hall - redecoration, CCTV install and replace access door control £8813 S137 grants £586 Detached Youth Work £2160 Grant funded expenditure £3133 Purchase of electric van £17883 New signs for Town £556 Redesign of website etc £8200 Install 3 SID posts and signs £1199 Well being support SLA £4000 Civic chain of office £670 Gazebo and PA system for events £1377 Food waste collection contract £843 2 street light columns £5531 Grounds maintenance at Sports Ground and RFS £1112 CCTV and electrical works at pump track £10667 **Total £83,692**
7 Balances Carried Forward	793,748	911,191				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	**Decreases from 24/25:-** Website running costs £312 Electricity credit £3547 Market revamp £664 One-off admin fee for deposit platform £976 Youth drop in service- not progressed £1122 Cemetery hedgeworks and maintenance £1080 Tree survey £1360 Replacement of damaged play equipment, replacement gate and upgrade CCTV £4805 Extention to MSG car park £7548 **Total -£21,414**
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	797,756	906,418				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,228,198	1,267,651	39,453	3.21%	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

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)