

## Bentham Town Council

## ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

## Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2024 £	31/03/2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	73996.57	144621.56				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	123957.00	140000.00	16043.00	13%	No	
3	Total other receipts	82211.69	29866.82	-52344.87	64%	Yes	23/24 Sale of Building in £60000 24/25 Inc in interest £1200 24/25 Inc in Cemetery Income £1350 24/25 Inc in Bookings Income £2450 24/25 Inc in Vat Reclaim £1100 24/25 Grant received £1500
4	Staff Costs	18656.61	47119.65	28463.04	153%	Yes	24/25 Clerk £13250 24/25 Pension £1300 24/25 HMRC £7100 24/25 Caretaker £6800
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	116887.09	117235.24	348.15	0%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	144621.56	150133.49	5511.93	4%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	144621.56	150133.49	5511.93	4%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	676460.29	676460.29	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

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)