

Explanation of Variances 2025/26

Name of smaller authority: Weston on the Green

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all [Blue](#) highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2026	2025	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?		Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures) Note: If an explanation is required for the variance of Box 4 and the explanation refers to a change in hours or a change in pay rates, please could you note the previous hours/rates and the updated hours/rates
	£	£			Is > 15%	Is > £100,000	
1 Balances Brought Forward	52,103	60,107					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	28,703	25,949	2,754	10.61%	NO	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	12,823	12,871	-48	0.37%	NO	NO	
4 Staff Costs	10,774	9,891	883	8.93%	NO	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	1,845	1,845	0	0.00%	NO	NO	
6 All Other Payments	18,405	35,088	-16,683	47.55%	YES	NO	Number of larger projects and additional works completed in FY 2024/25: £13,125 for x2 new swings sets and repairs to playground, £3,234 for new defibrillator, £2,136 on parish treeworks, £390 on arboriculturist for oak tree footpath removal. More was also spent in FY 2024/25 on the website hosting (£139 more) and donations (£135 more). Some budget lines for FY 2025/26 were however higher than in 2024/25 e.g. playing field maintenance (£707 more in 25/26), grass cutting (£1,215 more in 25/26) reflecting higher contractor/materials costs and enhanced requirements of the village. The community bus also cost £449 more this FY due to increased insurance costs. The Council also spent £168 more on training and £226 more on the Neighbourhood Plan review in FY 25/26.
7 Balances Carried Forward	62,605	52,103	10,502	20.16%	YES	NO	Total income for 2025/26 was £41.5k and total expenditure was £31.0k, resulting in an overall increase in funds of £10.5k. A key traffic project regarding reducing speed limit on B430 has not made progress in 25/26 and reserves have also accumulated due to a £6,650 grant received from Thames Valley Police for new SIDs (this project is due to be completed in 26/27).
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	62,605	52,103	10,502	20.16%	YES	NO	Total income for 2025/26 was £41.5k and total expenditure was £31.0k, resulting in an overall increase in funds of £10.5k. The precept payment increased by £2,754 in 25/26. A key traffic project regarding reducing speed limit on B430 has not made progress in 25/26 and reserves have also accumulated due to a £6,650 grant received from Thames Valley Police for new SIDs (this project is due to be completed in 26/27).
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	39,912	39,717	195	0.49%	NO	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	24,959	26,259	-1,300	4.95%	NO	NO	