

Penistone Town Council - Explanation of variances 2020/2021

Section 2 of AGAR	YE 2019/20 £	YE 2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Explanation of variances variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200); and variances of £100,000 or more.	-
1 Balances Brought Forward	284,035	278,395					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	171,220	171,872	652	0.38%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	570,238	212,478	-357,760	62.74%	YES	The decrease of income of £357,760 overall in comparison to the previous financial year is due to loss of trade at the Cinema through sales and also reduction in income from hire charges within the community centre. This is due to the lockdown periods implemented by Covid and the restrictions on the closure of business for 2020 to 2021 in relation to the pandemic. Income received for the key following areas have been greatly reduced due to this with a Town Council decrease of £46,021 and cinema decrease of £472,668. The receipt of grants in the total sum of £90,931 for 20/21 which is an increase of £81,071 from 19/20 and furlough income of £79,856 for 20/21 has aided with the ongoing turnover.	
4 Staff Costs	279,742	225,802	-53,940	19.28%	YES	Reduction in staff costs of £53,940 is due to reduction in normal trading hours and the closure of the Cinema during lockdown. Staff at the cinema have been on furlough with basic contracted hours paid in their salaries. Overall reduction in staff costs of £30,940 at the Town Council due to Clerk not being in post for several months and £23,000 at the cinema for 20/21.	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	467,356	253,632	-213,724	45.73%	YES	A reduction of £213,724 in relation to previous years figures for payments is due to the closure of both the cinema and the community centre in relation to the pandemic. Normal ongoing trading expenses for the cinema have not been incurred due to the building being closed with a reduction of £184,083 and PTC of £29,641 for 20/21. Utilities have also been reduced for both the community centre and the cinema through lack of use and staff either being on furlough or working from home.	
7 Balances Carried Forward	278,395	183,311			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	327,355	182,716	N/A	N/A	N/A	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	1,515,786	1,574,050	58,264	3.84%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

	Explanation of high reserves where (Box 7) figure is more than twice (Box2).	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Checked and not applicable for 2020/2021
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Tara Ball - Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Approved via Full Council 21st June 2021