

Explanation of Year-on-Year Variances in Accounts

Gotherington Parish Council 2025/26

A) Box 6: All Other Payments (Variance: +£19,696 / +40.0%)

The variance of £19,696 in Box 6 is due to a planned increase in non-recurring expenditure on local infrastructure and community enhancements. This additional spending was directly funded by utilizing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts previously held by the Council, which led to higher overall operational outgoings in the 2025/26 financial year compared to the relatively lower baseline expenditure of the prior year.

B) Box 7 & 8: Balances Carried Forward / Total Cash (Variance: +£103,221 / +48.7%)

The Council's year-end reserves and total cash position increased by £103,221. This significant accumulation of funds is a direct result of receiving substantial Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocations during the current and preceding financial periods that have not yet been fully drawn down. Because CIL receipts must be ring-fenced for infrastructure use rather than regular operational costs, these funds are being held securely as earmarked reserves to support upcoming capital projects within the parish.

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