

**Hednesford 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 an INCOME and EXPENDITURE basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2021 £	31/03/2022 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	193213.38	233625.67				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	194500.00	196850.00	2350.00	1%	No	Increase in Precept request
3	Total other receipts	38868.41	91534.71	52666.30	135%	Yes	£19825 due to Covid closure of Community Centre in 20/21 £15600 Covid Grants £18600 Cinema £5900 Market
4	Staff Costs	73479.92	108755.67	35275.75	48%	Yes	Low in 20-21 due to staff vacancies
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	17431.76	17431.76	0.00	0%	No	No change
6	Total other payments	102044.44	155799.31	53754.87	53%	Yes	£29700 - Cinema £4800 Outsourced Support £3200 Summer Festival £6500 Hednesford Life Magazine £8700 Market
7	Balances carried forward	233625.67	240023.64	6397.97	3%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	218919.30	268474.66	49555.36	23%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	4379.34	8102.13	3722.79	85%	Yes	Purchase of £8900 of Assets in 21/22 Year - less depreciation
10	Total Borrowings	143383.00	132522.05	-10860.95	8%	No	Decreased by repayment, increased by interest.

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)