## Charlbury Town Council ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

## **Explanation of variances**

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| Box No. | Description                                  | 31/03/2023<br>£ | 31/03/2024<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | Variance<br>% | Explanation Required? | Notes  |
|---------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1       | Balances brought fwd                         | 39106           | 56383           |               |               |                       | BALANCE B/F AGREES   |
| 2       | Annual precept                               | 127446          | 128352          | 906           | 1%            | No                    |  |
| 3       | Total other receipts                         | 75849           | 27610           | -48239        | 64%           | Yes                   | In FY 2022-23 grants were received for: APM £516 Jubilee £230 Hydro-turbine feasibility project £29,646 GWR station route signage £2,280 Play equipment £17,752 Coronation £2000 Traffic Regulation Order £1500 In FY 202324 no such grants were received. |
| 4       | Staff Costs                                  | 30869           | 36021           | 5153          | 17%           | Yes                   | Increase in clerk's salary   |
| 5       | Loan interest/capital repayments             | 16455           | 16455           | 0             | 0%            | No                    |  |
| 6       | Total other payments                         | 138694          | 95542           | -43152        | 31%           | Yes                   | FY 2022-23 grants received (as explained in total other receipts). Therefore funding was spent on the relevant projects. No funding for such projects received this FY.  |
| 7       | Balances carried forward                     | 56383           | 64327           | 7944          | 14%           | No                    |  |
| 8       | Total Cash and Short<br>Term Investments     | 56383           | 64327           | 7944          | 14%           | No                    |  |
| 9       | Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments | 621181          | 623556          | 2375          | 0%            | No                    |  |
| 10      | Total Borrowings                             | 163946          | 155554          | -8392         | 5%            | No                    |  |

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|         |             | £          | £          | £        | %        | Required?   |       |

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)