

**Manningtree 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 PAYMENTS and RECEIPTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2021 £	31/03/2022 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	16790.46	18370.16				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	20397.00	23703.50	3306.50	16%	Yes	
3	Total other receipts	2497.43	5572.34	3074.91	123%	Yes	The Council received donations for the benches that were replaced (£2000). Plus a grant towards the Jubilee Celebration (£1000) and a grant towards the Quay Street Parking Deterrent Project, (£500)
4	Staff Costs	8864.30	9881.60	1017.30	11%	No	A new clerk was employed which meant the staff costs increased because of the training invoiced with the new clerk alongside the old one.
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	12450.43	22243.67	9793.24	79%	Yes	The council went back to normal business after Covid restrictions from the previous year so the payments have increased in line with that, along with the installation of 5 new benches, a new noticeboard and the quay street parking project.
7	Balances carried forward	18370.16	15520.73	-2849.43	16%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	18370.16	15520.73	-2849.43	16%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	51310.73	51155.07	-155.66	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

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BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)