Explanation of variances – pro forma					Cholomond	eley- Chorley Parish Council 2024/25	
Name of smaller authority:							
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):							
Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlight	nted boxes						
Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical v	alues, for th	e following th	nat will be fl	agged in			
					Explanation	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures	
	2023/24 2	2024/25	Variance	Variance	Required?	input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
	£	£	£	%			
						Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not	
1 Balances Brought Forward	8,956	£8,356				required - Balance brought forward agrees	No explanation required. Brought forward balance agrees.
							The precept was increased to reflect the new Clerk/RFO's contracted hours (2 hours per week), and to
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,560	£3,156	596	23.28%	YES		support continuity and future planning.
			1057	05.050/			
3 Total Other Receipts	5,215	£258	-4,957	95.05%	YES		Groundwork income 3701.00 which was paid back.
	1.169	£2.549					The previous Clerk retired. A new Clerk was appointed in January 2024, and initial administrative
	.,	,					work-including preparation for internal audit, system updates, and addressing legacy issues-led to
4 Staff Costs							increased hours. Additional costs also include mileage and an inflationary adjustment. Controls have been
							introduced to streamline audit preparation and reduce future administrative overheads. Costs include pay
			1,380	118.05%	YES		and hmrc £2390 and the professional payroll provider costs £158.90 totalling £2549
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		No loans taken – no explanation required.
		04.070					The 2024/25 payments include the return of the unspent £3,701 Groundwork UK grant, which accounts
6 All Other Payments	7,206	£1,276	-5,930	82.29%	YES		for the majority of the reduction (4978-3701 Grant amount) =1276
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,356	£7,944	-412	4.93%	NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	Variance under threshold – no explanation required. Bank is 7944 (£1 rounding)
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,356	£7,944	-412	4.93%	NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	Variance under threshold – no explanation required.
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments an		£2,802					The decrease reflects the disposal of a £350 asset. The updated value as at 31st March 2025 is £2,802.
	3,152		-350	11.10%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	£0	0	0.00%	NO		No borrowings held – no explanation required.
Rounding errors of up to £2 are to	olerable						
Variances of £200 or less are tole	rable						
BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATIO	N NOT REC	UIRED IF CI	HANGE CA	AN BE EXF	LAINED BY B	OX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)	