

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

FOXLEY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	
1. Balances brought forward	6288	3338	<i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	2500	3750	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	4786	4166	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	Nil	Nil	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	Nil	Nil	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>
6. (-) All other payments	7736	6241	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	3338	5013	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	3338	5013	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	Nil	Nil	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	Nil	Nil	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)				<i>The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</i>
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)				<i>The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.</i>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

1/5/2024

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

1/5/2024

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **FOXLEY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

County (use local councils and parish websites only):

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- New from 2020/21 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year.

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input; DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	6288	3338				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees.	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2500	3750	1250	50.00%	YES		23/24 was an election year. Foxley Group comprises three parishes, each of whose elections are administered separately. Provision was made for one contested, two uncontested elections (£-1,840) being a significant cost compared to a non-election year
3 Total Other Receipts	4786	4186	-620	12.95%	NO		
4 Staff Costs			0	0.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment			0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	7736	6241	-1495	19.33%	YES		1) In 22/23 £5,602 of Lengthsman work was carried out and in 23/24 £3,728; a reduction of £1,874; 2) in 22/23 £1,600 in grants were awarded and in 23/24, £1,200; 3) in 23/24 there was a non-repeating election cost of £365; 4) in 23/24 there was a non-repeating cost of £356 for defibrillator spares. Individual variances combined account for -£1,553 of the total variance -£1,495
7 Balances Carried Forward	3338	5013				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	3338	5013				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and As			0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings			0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable