

Halton Parish 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 a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	66234.01	51933.50				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	47271.60	50107.90	2836.30	6%	No	
3	Total other receipts	45028.01	48249.34	3221.33	7%	No	
4	Staff Costs	37597.85	34903.03	-2694.82	7%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	69002.27	66806.78	-2195.49	3%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	51933.50	48580.93	-3352.57	6%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	51933.50	48580.93	-3352.57	6%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	406788.91	404559.85	-2229.06	1%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

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)