

Keresley Parish Council
Variance Explanations 2025/26

Box 2 – Total Other Receipts

2024/25: £15,467 → 2025/26: £15,337 (Variance: -£130, -0.8%)

There is a small decrease in income primarily due to a reduction in the parish grant received. This has been partially offset by VAT reclaims and bank interest received during the year. The variance is not considered significant.

Box 4 – Staff Costs

2024/25: £8,523 → 2025/26: £10,424 (Variance: +£1,901, +22%)

The increase in staff costs is due to implementation of updated NALC pay scales, payment of backdated salary arrears, and an increase in Clerk salary and hours during the year.

Box 6 – All Other Payments

2024/25: £2,207 → 2025/26: £4,633 (Variance: +£2,426, +110%)

The increase in expenditure is mainly due to higher community engagement costs including a Christmas event, increased training expenditure, and annual costs such as insurance, subscriptions, and audit fees.

Box 7 – Balances Carried Forward

2024/25: £23,768 → 2025/26: £24,049 (Variance: +£281, +1.2%)

The slight increase reflects a small surplus in the year, as income slightly exceeded expenditure. The council continues to maintain stable reserves.

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