

Name of smaller authority: County area (local councils and County areas)	Metropolitan Council Shropshire
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green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes except variances of less than £200;
- New from 2023/21: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation; year on year
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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 Balance Brought Forward	688,597	689,870				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree query this	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	548,034	645,822	97,788	17.84%	YES		16% increase in precept awarded 24/25
3 Total Other Receipts	291,656	151,678	-139,977	47.99%	YES		Reduction in grants awarded - £21k awarded year 24/25 compared with £261k year 23/24
4 Staff Costs	287,826	333,886	46,062	16.00%	YES		Pay Award / Increase in NI
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	28,403	28,403	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	622,189	477,167	-145,028	23.31%	YES		Expenditure against Grant reserve reduced - 31k year 24/25 compared 2with 254K year 23/24
7 Balances Carried Forward	589,870	547,920					
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	690,697	600,812					
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	445,555	430,449	-15,106	3.39%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	599,884	491,853	-18,041	3.54%	NO		
Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable							
Variances of £200 or less are tolerable							