

## **Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council**

### **Statement of significant variations 31st March 2024:**

#### **Variance between 7 and 8:**

This is due to a difference in accounting procedure; in 2023 at the end of the year, the Council used the bank statement balance (In error) not accounting for cheques which had been paid but not yet cashed.

The Council has been informed that the correct procedure is to deduct the value of the unpaid cheques from the bank balance at the end of the year, to give a figure of what the Council has on hand.

Fortunately, as the Council now pays most payments by BACs, this error should no longer happen in future years.

#### **Line 2:**

The difference between the figure given of £113,521 takes into account the 'Parish Grant' which is effectively a subsidy from the Westmorland & Furness Council which lowers the Precept the Town Council raises.

#### **Line 3 - Other receipts:**

See (6) below. Money has been raised on a regular basis by groups and organisations in the town to help towards the work on The Brow/Ruskin's view – this is ongoing,

#### **Line 4 Staff costs:**

An increase accounted for by the higher than usual national pay award (around 8%) increase in NEST Pension payments/National Insurance, and holiday pay. Also there was an increase of hours worked each week.

#### **Line 6 All other payments:**

The Council is involved in the making stable and restoration of a famous footpath/view in the town, possibly to cost a total of over £1M. The work is ongoing and has been since 2021 so payments may well increase from year to year.

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