

Canvey Island Town Council - Essex

Explanation of significant variations on the Annual Return for the year to 31 March 2025

Box 3 – Total other receipts

Variation increased by £9,944.

Variance of 48.35%

	2023/24	2024/25
Allotment Income	3,879	4,116
Donations/Sponsorship	1,052	1,538
Christmas Donations/Sponsorship	2,790	2,970
Grants Received	9,445	11,495
CIL Income	0	3,057
Interest Received	3,401	3,623
Misc Income	0	3,712

Total cash & investments	20,567	30,511
	
		£9,944

The Council has been fortunate to have been successful with many grant applications in 2024/25 such as MOD funding for Armed Forces Day of £939, Safer Streets funding for safety projects of £2,831, Canvey Big Local for grass cutting of £3,000 and Urban Tree funding for the final year of maintenance of 50 trees planted of £4,725. The Council has increased its allotments rents and received its first payment of CIL funding in this financial year. The miscellaneous income shows a significant refund for the over payment of water charges over a period of time of £2,747, an insurance payment to cover the costs for damage caused to its office from a water leak in an adjacent property of £290, a refund of grant funding provided in 2023/24 to the RBL of £475 and the sale of its office blinds of £200.

Box 4 – Staff Costs

Variation increased by £17,245.

Variance of 15.2%

	2023/24	2024/25
Staff Costs	113,464	130,709

Total All other payments	113,464	130,709
	
		£17,245

There was a reduction in staff costs in 2023/24 as maternity cover was not provided and the costs were absorbed within the existing staff resources. Staff costs have increased in 2024/25 due to the national pay increase and resources being back to full capacity.

Box 6 – All other payments

Variation decreased by £22,556.

Variance of 11.95%

	2023/24	2024/25
General Payments	188,764	166,208

Total All other payments	188,764	166,208
	
		£22,556

There have been no significant variances for 2024/25, however, the decrease shown relates to the 2023/24 costs of the election and completed project costs.