

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL of smaller authority:

County CHESHIRE EAST area (local councils and parish meetings only):

Please provide **full explanations, including numerical values**, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

Section 2	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 Precept or Rates and Levies	2,000	3,000	+1,000	+50%	THE PARISH COUNCIL TOOK THE DECISION TO INCREASE THE PRECEPT DUE TO REDUCTION IN GENERAL FUNDS IN 2016/17.
Box 3 Total other receipts	3,303	1,576	-1,727	-52.2%	THE COUNCIL RECEIVED A GRANT VIA THE TRANSPARENCY FUND OF £2,125.00 IN 2016/17.
Box 4 Staff costs	1,167	995	-172	-14.7%	NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE - SLIGHT DECREASE DUE TO CHANGE OF CLOCK IN 2016/17.
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital repayments	NIL	NIL	NIL	N/A.	N/A.
Box 6 All other payments	4,645	1,839	-2,806	-60.4%	NO SPEND IN AREAS SUCH AS LOCAL PLAN IN 2017/18. LITTLE PICKING CARRIED OUT IN 2017/18 BUT NOT PAID UNTIL 2018.
Box 9 Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	1,300	1,300	NONE	0%	NO CHANGE.
Box 10 Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	NIL	N/A.	N/A.
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: NO CHANGE IN PRECEPT AS UNEMERGED FUNDS REMAIN IN 2017/18. EMERGED FUNDS INCREASED BUT WILL BE SPENT IN 2018/19 AND BEYOND.				