

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): SUFFOLK

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	24'676	24'692	16	0.06%	N/A
* Box 3 Total other receipts	3'454	2'364	1'090	32%	2016/17 The parish paid out all costs for local recreation ground maintenance and then received money back from other parties for their share, which is why they had more receipts than 2017/18
* Box 4 Staff costs	6'584	5'220	1'364	21%	The higher Staff costs in 2016/17 were because in 2017/18 a new clerk started, who was paid less hourly and as it was the new clerk's only job did not have to pay NI contributions either.
* Box 5 Loan interest/capital repayments	12'039	0	12'039	100%	The council paid off their loan in full 2016/17 hence the high figure and then no figure in 2017/18 as it was cleared.
Box 6 All other payments	12'250	11'997	253	2%	N/A
Box 9 Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	16'414	17'220	806	4.9%	N/A
Box 10 Total borrowings	0	0	0	0%	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: N/A.				

* See notes document