

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements - Section 2

Local council name: ASHMANHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL.

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be 'compensating' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

| Section 2 | 2015/16 £ | 2016/17 £ | Variance (+/-) £ | Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10)) |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Box 2 Precept | 3500 | 3500 | 0 | - |
| Box 3 Other income | 740 | 320 | -£420 - 57% | 15-16 - one off grant £500. |
| Box 4 Staff costs | 1776 | 1908 | +£132 + 7% | - |
| Box 5 Loan interest/ capital | NIL | NIL | 0 | - |
| Box 6 Other payments | 1234 | 1757 | +£523 + 42% | 16-17 - purchase of IT equipment following grant in 15-16 - £530. |
| Box 7 Balances carried forward | 6255 | 6440 | +£185 + 3% | If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. - |
| Box 9 Fixed assets & long term assets | 3500 | 8650 | +£5150 + 147% | Explain all movements in this category and not just those above 15% - Acquisition of IT equipment led to full revaluation of assets at purchase price. |
| Box 10 Total borrowing | NIL | NIL | 0 | - |