

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **WEST LINDSEY**

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	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	17400	19256	+ 1856	+ 10.67	N/A
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	8736	4559	- 4137	- 47.36	During 2017/18 £1500 grant received from WLDC. No such funding was received in 2018/19. £2893 more VAT was received during 2017/18 than in 2018/19.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	5277	5415	+ 138	+ 2.62	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	13021	17711	+ 4690	+ 36.02	£900 additional grass cuttings costs were paid in 2018/19. £250 increase on capital assets purchased. £2841 increase on play area maintenance. £550 increase in the amount spent on maintenance in Grange Park / heritage orchard.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	24241	24609	+ 368	+ 1.52	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <p>Sudbrooke Road Car Park Maintenance Fund £4500 Play Equipment (Funds Raised) £2651 Play Area Equipment / Maintenance Fund £2582 Neighbourhood Plan Surplus Fund £2423</p>				

	Heritage Orchard Fund £1112 Grange Park Bulbs Fund £292 Grange Park Expenditure £6787 Laptop replacement fund £350
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