

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	14182	17400	+ 3218	+ 22.69	An increased precept figure of £2500 was requested in 2017/18 to cover additional village maintenance required in the village.
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	16904	8736	- 8168	- 48.31	During 2016/17 2 grass cutting contributions from LCC totalling £4600 was received, only £436 was received in 2017/18. During 2016/17 a donation of £5465 was received to improve the playarea, no such donation was received in 2017/18
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	4870	5277	+ 407	+ 8.35	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	25333	13021	- 12312	- 48.60	During 2016/17 a sum of £6547 was spent on the Neighbourhood plan, no costs for these were paid in 2017/18. During 2016/17 a sum of £5500 was spent on new playarea equipment, no such costs were made in 2017/18.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	24300	24301	+ 1	+ 0.004	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	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: Sudbrooke Road Car Park Maintenance Fund £3000 Play Equipment (Funds Raised) £2651.60 Play Area Equipment / Maintenance Fund £3997 Neighbourhood Plan Surplus Fund £2423 Heritage Orchard Fund £2196 Grange Park Bulbs Fund £566 Grange Park Expenditure £140
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