

# Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council

County 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	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> Precept or Rates and Levies					
<b>Box 3</b> Total other receipts	6365	4104	-2261	-36%	2017-18 is over-inflated due to 2016-17 lengthsmen grant being claimed a year late due to an oversight by the old clerk. (£1776-20) The lengthsmen grant also ended resulting in £500 less income.
<b>Box 4</b> Staff costs	7069	9837	+2768	+39%	Due to an increase in salary for qualified clerical status and to encourage retention as well as recognising administration skills following annual appraisal.
<b>Box 5</b> Loan interest/ capital repayments					
<b>Box 6</b> All other payments	17,552	26,389	+8837	+50%	Following the acquisition of a community field in 2018-19, the Council will now start spending the reserves they have been amassing for this purpose. Recreational Development spending increased by £2938; legal fees by £553; tree maintenance by £2600 and Play equipment by £782 as a result.
<b>Box 9</b> Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets					Following the retirement of the old lengthsmen funding in this area also increased by £2400 as the new lengthsmen did an over-haul & backlog of tasks not done previously.
<b>Box 10</b> Total borrowings					
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:				