

Explanation of variances - pro-forma for local councils

Burn Parish Council

The JPAG 'Practitioners' Guide' (paragraph 2.15 onwards) provides guidance on explaining significant variances. Please provide explanations for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)

Section 1	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	12717	13105	+388	+3%	Increased to meet: Possible election costs - 100 Christmas light repairs - 288
Box 3 <i>Other receipts</i>	2789	1252	-1537	-121.8%	No community donation - 880 Reduced VAT reclaim - 657
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	4866	5013	+147	+3%	Incremental pay award - 147
Box 5 <i>Loan Interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0%	
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	10202	7020	-3175	-3%	No extra repairs - 899 No equipment bought - 2276
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	57151	57151	0	0%	
Box 10 <i>Borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0%	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because Precept increased to cover possible increases in insurance, repairs & storage. Reserves held towards cost of possibly producing a Neighbourhood Plan				

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