

# Explanation of variances – pro forma

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ALHASTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

County CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER 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	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> Precept or Rates and Levies	6724	6793			
<b>Box 3</b> Total other receipts	276	2842	2566		Includes VAT refund £2427 in 17/18 figures + grant increase of £138
<b>Box 4</b> Staff costs	3150	3348	198	6%	
<b>Box 5</b> Loan interest/ capital repayments	NIL	NIL			
<b>Box 6</b> All other payments	3147	15874	12,727		Includes one off large purchase of Electronic Speed signs from County Council £13,188 (inc VAT)
<b>Box 9</b> Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	694	11,684	10,990		Assets now include Electronic Speed Central signs - valued at £10,990.
<b>Box 10</b> Total borrowings	NIL	NIL			
<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:				