

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Harden Parish Council**

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

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).

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Variance %</b>	<b>Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)</b>
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	11,970	16,180	4,210	4%	Harden Parish Council increased the precept in 2017/18 to support an enhanced budget that included additional projects.
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	3,908	6,834	2,926	75%	Receipts included £405 Council Tax Reduction grant, £75 donations for plants, £2,980 War Memorials Trust grant, £438 YLCA Transparency Fund grant, £2,741 HMRC VAT refund, £100 community grant and an £88 over payment refund.
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	5,378	6,114	736	14%	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	n/a	n/a	
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	12,279	18,572	6,293	51%	Increases made up of additional £1,020 towards a new website, £295 on training and £6,097 towards a horticulture project (including landscape design, plants, bulbs and labour).
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	6,270	5,578	692	11%	
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	n/a	n/a	
<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: n/a				