

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements - Section 2

Local council name: **COLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be 'compensating' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. **We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero.** Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	14,053	14,810	+ 757 (+5.4%)	
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	10,029	7,334	-2,695 (-26.9%)	Reduction was due to 17/18 having included 3 extraordinary receipts – from HS2 for survey access (3,700), NALC transparency grant (1,894) and reimbursement from Colton Burial Ground Charity for bills paid previously on its behalf (2,201). It also included Council Tax Support Grant (757), which was not received in 18/19. These 4 items in 17/18 totalled 8,552. Also, a licence for grazing was received as one annual payment of 500 in 17/18, whereas it was allowed to be paid monthly in 18/19 so only 250 received during the year (a reduction of 250 compared to 17/18). However, these large reductions were partly offset because in 18/19 the PC received its first Community Infrastructure Levy money (2,071) and a donation towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial (4,000).
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	3,744	3,747	+3 (+0.1%)	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/capital</i>	0	0	0	
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	14,297	17,916	+3,620 (+25.3%)	17/18 included a large donation towards a new children's playground (5,962), a donation towards a defibrillator (800) and a biennial tree inspection (150). However spending was higher in 18/19 due to War Memorial refurbishments works (5,630 net), new website and new IT equipment bought with NALC transparency grant (1,174), increase in donation for improved parish magazine (910), additional spend on maintenance work on the Closed Burial Ground (706), additional spend on verge cutting due to County Council cutbacks (380), refurbishment of adopted phone box (324) and additional VAT as a result (1,475).

Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	37,690	38,171	+481 (+1.3%)	If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. See attached schedule of earmarked reserves.
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	2,554	3,028	+474 (+18.6%)	Explain all movements in this category and not just those above 15% Increase due entirely to purchase of new laptop.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowing</i>	0	0	0	