

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements - Section 2

Local council name: SOUTH LOPHAM 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	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10))
Box 2 Precept	2820	2850	+£30	Precept increased by £30
Box 3 Other income	423	762	+£339	-£47 recycling income -£35 support grant +£450 Council grant for Village Sign refurbishment
Box 4 Staff costs	1200	1200	0	
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital	0	0	0	
Box 6 Other payments	1454	2088	+£634	+£82 local newsletter production increase +£531 Village Sign refurbishment cost +£280 tree cutting expenses -£75 no election expenses this year -£187 reduction in insurance costs
Box 7 Balances carried forward	3867	4191	+£324	If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. £235 saved vs budget on insurance costs £80 unspent on training
Box 9 Fixed assets & long term assets				Explain all movements in this category and not just those above 15%
Box 10 Total borrowing				