

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: _____ **MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL** _____

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

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 £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	14300	22076	7776	54.37	Mellor Parish Council resolved to add new facilities to the existing Play Area. Grant funding has been received, but precept was increased to cover cash flow & contingencies
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	4255	19408	15153	356.12	Grants have been received for Play Area £1500 from Wincanton, £1500 from BAe, £9068 advance from Lancs Env. Fund, also £1200 from Ribble Valley Borough Council for War Memorial planting and interim VAT of £2682.67 was reclaimed during the year, rather than at year end.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	4096	4689	593	14.48	Clerk put in additional hours for Play Area work, which was resolved by
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	14339	26149	11810	82.36	Additional VAT of £1322 spent and additional £600 was spent on War Memorial repairs, grounds maintenance invoice has not been received (approx £800)
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	696804	696804	0	0	Due to extremely wet weather, the planned improvements to Play Area, starting with new drainage, then new equipment have not yet started. Fixed Assets have therefore not altered in value
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	

Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: NOTE – Whilst Box 7 is not more than twice Box 2 the reserves are significantly higher than the prior year 2016/17 due to greater reserves held for Play Area project, committed to but due to bad weather not yet started
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