

Explanation of variances – pro forma for local councils

Egerton Parish Council

(Insert body name)

The JPAG 'Practitioners' Guide' (paragraph 2.15 onwards) provides guidance on explaining significant variances. Please provide explanations for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Section 1	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	17,150	17,402	252	1.47	
Box 3 <i>Other receipts</i>	48,820	29,765	(19,055)	(39.03)	2015-16 £8,000 grant for the village hall chairs. No grants in 2016-17 so therefore reduced by (£8,000) 2016-17 Games barn increased by £400 compared to 2015-16 Grant received for the blue-ray dvd player of £1,500; Village Hall Improvement reduced by (£12,000) because only small donations received this year and no grants received Egerton Update current account: decreased by (£2,000) because not all monies received for this financial year
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	9,618	9,875	257	2.67	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0		
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	50,444	47,861	(2,583)	(5.12)	
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	262,019	262,019	0	0	
Box 10 <i>Borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because The overall amount in Box 7 is more than Box 2. However, some of this money is ring-fenced for specific projects which can be seen from the different bank accounts. The Telecottage is holding reserves to replace equipment. The Games Barn is holding reserves to refurbish the roof. The Village Hall money is to improve the village hall and the Egerton Update is the Parish Council magazine which pays for the printing of the magazine throughout the year. The total held in the Parish Council Current and Deposit accounts is £13,038.40 which is less than twice the precept (£34,804).				