

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	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	16,484	17,150	666	4.04	
Box 3 <i>Other receipts</i>	27,082	48,820	21,738	80.27	3,142 pre-school move to new building-ongoing. 7,551 new chairs for hall 5,336 Egerton Update parish magazine. Advertising money to be spent over the year to produce and deliver. 5,120 Parish Plan 225 donation for tools for footpath clearance 185 Village hall improvement fund
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	7,961	9,618	1,657	20.82	Previously 14 hrs per week now 17 hrs per week.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/capital repayments</i>	0	0	0		
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	28,751	50,444	21,693	74.45	9,901 chairs 226 footpath clearance 6,622 Parish Plan 1,199 Egerton Update 950 drain repair 2,176 Pre-school 400 extra donations to societies in village 200 extra cost on mowing
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	293,591	262,019	(31,572)	(10.75)	Historically 293,591 was the sum shown we have now checked all assets within village and the sum is now 262,019
Box 10 <i>Borrowings</i>	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				

	<p>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 money raised for new chairs in the hall has been spent. The total held in the Parish Council Current and Deposit accounts is £17,970.98 which is less than twice the precept (£34,300).</p>
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