

Explanation of variances

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

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 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	9	212	203	2256%	Increase was due to a one off payment of £200 made by the water company towards hedge cutting costs. This was made because whilst works were undertaken by the water company access to some hedges was restricted meaning that all the hedges in the parish could not be cut on the same day resulting in an additional costs to the parish council.																										
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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: N/A																														

Box 7/8	Difference between boxes 7 & 8 DIFFERENCE: £1,206	2016/17	2017/18
	Bank Balance at 31 March	37,388	34,325
	Petty cash float	59	0
	Total cash		
	VAT Receivable	37,447	34,325
	Insurance paid in advance	80	1,277
	Less accruals for items payable after year end	610 -1,433	646 -717
	Balances carried forward	36,704	35,531
DIFFERENCE		1,206	