

Explanation of variances

Branxton Parish Council

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

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>	800	800	0	0	No change
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	2737	99	2638	2665	In year end 31 st March 2017 £2063 was received from County Councillor A Murray, £260 from Till Valley 1 st Responders & £414 VAT refund. In year end 31 st March 2018 the £85 was from a sponsor walk.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	254	312	58	23	The Clerk pay scale was revised and the Clerk received a pay rise from £8.62 per hour to £10.099 per hour
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	2855	425	2430	572	In year-end 31 st March 2017 a defibrillator was purchased £1812, instalation cost £667 & £100 was donated to Ford Parish Council. In year-end 31 st March 2018 the £85 sponsor walk money was given to the Great North Air Ambulance & £50 was paid for hall hire.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	2672	2672	0	0	No change
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
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				

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