

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	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 1 <i>Balances Brought Forward</i>	726	766				
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	950	950	0	0.00%	NO	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	85	377	292	343.53%	YES	In year ending 2021/22 The Parish Council received £334.50 donations towards the defibrillator, compared with £85 in year ending 2020/21. In year ending 2021/22 the Parish Council received a £42.60 VAT refund.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	479	571	92	19.21%	YES	The Clerk is paid on an hourly rate. The Clerk received a 33p per hour pay rise from 1 st April 2020 In year ending 2020/21 the Clerk worked 38.75 hours. In year ending 2021/22 the Clerk worked 45.75 hours
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	516	765	249	48.26%	YES	In year ending 2021/22 the Parish Council spent £222.75 on the defibrillator compared with £102 in year ending 2020/21. In year ending 2021/22 the Parish Council gave a £75 donation to Branxton Recreational Club and £50 to Branxton Village Hall for room hire for meetings.
Box 7 <i>Balances Carried Forward</i>	766	757			NO	

Box 8 <i>Total Cash & Short Term Investments</i>	766	757			NO	
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	2913	2914	1	0.03%	NO	
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	