

## Explanation of variances – pro forma for local councils

### Bobbing Parish Council

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	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept</i>	11250	13500	2250	20.00	WW1 Memorial Renovation Project planned for 2015/16
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Other receipts</i>	1947	2005	58	2.97	N/a
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	3401	2745	-656	-19.29	Decrease due to crossover of existing and new Clerk; new Clerk on lower salary.
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/a
<b>Box 6</b> <i>Other payments</i>	4884	8082	3198	65.48	Noticeboard £1211; Village hall donation £2528
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Fixed assets &amp; long term assets</i>	6134	7345	1211	19.74	Addition of new noticeboard
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/a
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because:</p> <p>In 2006/07 the Parish Council looked to assist the Village Hall with its aspirations to build an additional storage room and new and enlarged toilet areas (planning permission was granted); quotes received at that time were for over £100,000 and the Village Hall did not have that sort of money. A new hall was proposed on a nearby development within the Parish so the project was put on hold hoping that perhaps the two could merged into one. After a number of years it became clear that this aspiration was not going to happen; the new estate wanted its own community hall. Meanwhile any annual underspend by the Parish Council had been accumulating to give financial support for the original project, which the village hall now needs to revert back to. Due to the size of the Village Hall (the new community hall is much smaller and cannot hold large events) it remains an important asset for the Parish. Since the last Audit the Parish Council has been made aware that the Hall will be receiving some Section 106 funding, developer contribution from a building project within the Parish. Once this funding is to hand (its provisional upon the building of a certain amount of houses) the project can be looked at again with a view to commencement.</p> <p>The Parish Council has agreed to help the Parish Church who made a request two years ago for support towards recasting the Church Bells. £1500 was agreed but this has not been requested to date, and the Church is not on mains water supply and is also looking to upgrade some of its lighting; investigations have been ongoing through various bodies as the Church is a Grade 1 Listed building; this is taking time. Since the last Audit the Parish Council has approached the Church regarding this funding but we understand this is still ongoing. Other initiatives for 2015/16 include creation of a new newsletter; joint financial support with KCC for a road change to stop Gypsy encampments; two new noticeboards.</p>				