

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Insert name of smaller authority: **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

The 'Practitioners' Guide' provides guidance on explaining significant variances. **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);
- if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

| Section 2 | 2015/16 £ | 2016/17 £ | Variance £ | Variance % | Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £) | |
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| Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i> | 15875 | 16361 | 486 | +3.06 | No rise in the Precept; extra income came from an increase in new housing within the Parish. | |
| Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i> | 1381 | 25767 | 24386 | +1765.82 | 2015/16: Vat = £259 Grants = £995 Interest = <u>£ 16</u> £1270 | 2016/17: Solar Farm * = £23202 VAT = £ 1972 Grants = £ 473 Interest = <u>£ 8</u> 25655 *End of year unexpected donation from Bobbing for community based project 2016/17 |
| Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i> | 2912 | 3552 | 640 | +21.98 | 2015/16: £2325.80 – pay over 10 months <u>£ 586.62</u> – pay over 2 months £2912.42 During 2015/17 hours increased from 4.5 to 5.5 and National pay awards. | 2016/17: £1175.24 – pay over 4 months <u>£2376.45</u> – pay over 8 months £3551.69 During 2016/17 there was a national pay award backdated to April 2016. |
| Box 5 <i>Loan interest/capital repayments</i> | 0 | 0 | N/a | N/a | None | None |

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| Box 6 <i>All other payments</i> | 15049 | 7096 | 7953 | -52.83 | 2015/16 Projects £10824 Hall hire 400 Petty Cash 384 (incs.Printing) Cllr. Training 172 Insurance 512 Landscaping 700 Election Fees 99 Donations - S.137 Donations <u>317</u> 13408 | 2016/17 Projects £ 775 Hall Hire 200 Petty Cash 123 (no printing) Cllr. Training - Insurance* 411 Landscaping 990 Election Fees - Donations 2847 S.137 Donations <u>134</u> 5480 **reduced; tied in for 3 years |
| Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i> | 7345 | 7975 | N/a | N/a | | |
| Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i> | 0 | 0 | N/a | N/a | None | |
| Explanation for 'high' reserves | <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/enlarged toilet areas (for ladies and disabled). Plans were drawn & planning permission obtained. The quotes received at that time were for over £100,000, money the hall did not have. Independently a new hall was proposed on nearby development within the Parish so the project was put on hold hoping that perhaps the two projects could merged into one. After several years it became clear that this was not going to happen. The new estate wanted its own community hall. Meanwhile any annual underspend by the Parish Council has accumulated to give financial support for the original project, which the village hall now needs to revert back to. New plans have been produced and planning permission has been obtained (2016) Building regulations and quotes have been obtained; however these new quotes range from £164084 to £196868, and in light of this cost the Hall Committee is now looking at the design scheme to try and reduce this outlay. The Village Hall is an important community asset and the building works focus on improving and providing for the 21st century.</p> | | | | | |

The Parish Council agreed to help the Parish Church who made a request three years ago for support towards refurbishing and upgrading Church facilities, such as provision of WC facilities and a mains water supply; as the Church is a Grade 1 Listed building these issues are taking time.

The parish council has agreed to fund a series of bollards in Hilton Drive to prevent traffic driving on the footpath when driving to the primary school. The project is active and ongoing – cost £2000

The parish aims to maintain a contingency fund of 1 years annual precept. A 'cushion' amount to cover unexpected issues.

Solar Farm Community support which BPC did not think it would receive as the Solar Farm company was taken over by a Canadian company based in Spain - £23202.

Outstanding Notice boards and installation on the Meads and Grove Park - £4,000.