

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL_**

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

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>	70480	85395	14915	21.16	Increase of £14915 in 2017/18 made up as follows: +£600 for increased staff costs (following an increase in hours and a gain in qualifications) -£2750 saving on other admin and office costs mainly due to a reduction in insurance and legal expenses. +£2000 Grounds maintenance (£1000 fertilizer and weedkilling treatments, £500 cleaning of benches and £500 extra pollarding of trees) +£2065 extra subscriptions and services (made up of an extra expenditure of £3500 of youth provision and a saving of nearly £1500 on other subscriptions and services.) +£13000 initiatives and projects (£15000 more for traffic solutions project but a saving of £2000 election costs.)
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	13916	15557	1641	11.79	N/A
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	15429	16468	1039	6.73	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	122368	69160	-53208	43.48	Reduction of £53208 in total expenditure in 2017/18 made up as follows: -£77435 from reserves in 2017/18. £70,000 invested in long term investment 2016/17 and £8069 transferred to the Village Horsmonden Village events committee(HoVEC)-which set up as a separate entity to organise events

					<p>for the village. This was offset by slightly greater expenditure from reserves specifically put aside for projects in 2017/18.)</p> <p>+£3372 from VAT in 2017/18 (much of the expenditure in 2016/17 was investment and and transfer of funds to HoVEC and therefore did not incur VAT expenditure)</p> <p>+£15478 from precept in 2017/18 much of which was due to the increased expenditure on traffic solutions initiatives.</p> <p>+£5377 expenditure from income mainly due to the income of a grant for Neighbourhood planning from Locality in 2017/18 which was spent.</p>
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	164601	165201	600	0.36	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <p>N/A</p>				