

Explanation of variances – pro forma

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

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>	£295,860	£304,569	+£8,709	9%	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	£34,968 (restated)	£41,905	+£6,937	20%	Revenue received for Edgewell Cemetery through fees charged was £30,848 in 2017/18 and £24,011 in 2016/17. Other very small fluctuations have occurred with regards Bank Loyalty and Sponsorship, however cemetery fees is the Council's main source of income.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	£72,854	£76,849	+£3,995	5%	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>					
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	£248,203 (restated)	£300,239	£52,036	21%	Prudhoe Town Council have spent more in 2017/18 than in 2016/17 due to paying out £30k by way of a grant for the refurbishment of Eastwood Park Play Area (County Council owned) and a new Play Area installed at West Mickley £22,819 (Town Council owned).
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	£374,184 (restated figure)	£330,116	-£44,071	12%	Assets have been revalued according to actual cashbook purchases made. A review uncovered that previously the proper practice was not followed, ie.assets valued at the actual cost to the council.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>					
Explanation for 'high' reserves					