

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **HILLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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> | 4,400 | 5,613 | 1,213 | 21.60 | The Parish Council raised the Precept to be able to afford the Devolved services (grass cutting) in future years. The cost of grass cutting £1260 each year |
| Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i> | 488 | 2,208 | 1,720 | 77.89 | In 2016/17, the Council received £479 50% devolved services grant 16/17. In 2017/18 the Council received £2207: £958 devolved service grant 17/18, £1249 donation from a resident towards the purchase of a defibrillator & cabinet |
| Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i> | 2,695 | 2,613 | (82) | | No explanation needed |
| Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i> | nil | nil | | | No explanation needed |
| Box 6 <i>All other payments</i> | 3,317 | 3,611 | 294 | | No explanation needed |
| Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i> | 915 | 2,163 | 1,248 | 57.60 | In 2017/18 the Council purchased a Defibrillator & cabinet £1249 |
| Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i> | nil | nil | | | No explanation needed |
| Explanation for 'high' reserves | Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: | | | | |