

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Mudford Parish Council**

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

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 £)
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	27943	28043	+100	0.36%	
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	10793	2899	-7894	-73%	Reason 1: A grant from South Somerset District Council (SSDC) was received towards Flashing Speed Signs in 2016/17 not repeated 2017/18= £3500 Reason 2: Council tax benefit grant reduced from £1660 16/17, to £540 17/18 = £1120 Reason 3: Spending in 2016/17 was higher therefore VAT received in 2017/18 was higher = £2859 Total= £7479. Amount remaining is <15%
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	6303	6451	+148	+2.4	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	26102	14981	-11121	+43	Reason 1: The council purchased flashing speed signs in 2016/17. This was not repeated in 2017/18= £7010 Reason 2: The council is pursuing a legal challenge against a housing development. This is ongoing and to a certain extent reactive to progress with the application. There have been continual extensions of time granted for the environmental impact assessment from the developer, until this is received the council cannot challenge the next stage. Difference between 2016/17 and 2017/18= £4600 Total=11,610. Difference remaining is less than 15%

<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	58027	58143	+116	0.19	
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: See below				

General reserve	£ 12,000.00
Long term chapel maintenance	£ 3,500.00
Long term cemetery maintenance	£ 3,500.00
Playing field and skatepark development fund (work planned 2018-19)	£ 16,450.00
Computer / IT replacement	£ 700.00
Election	£ 1,500.00
Ring fenced table tennis grant	£ 520.00
Play area replacement equipment fund	£ 4,000.00
Parish Projects. Bridge repair, village hall car park	£ 3,900.00
Total reserves	£ 46,070.00
Carry forward to current budget lines	
Tree work (not completed 2017-18 but budgeted)	£ 1,500.00
Legal Challenge to planning application (budgeted 2017-18 but delays with planning application had knock on effects on spending)	£ 9,025.00
Total	£ 10,525.00
<b>Total Carry forward</b>	<b>£56,595.00</b>