

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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>	7,668	7,822	154	2.0	N/A
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	18,678	4,160	(14,518)	(77.7)	Free Gardens maintenance costs recovered in 16/17 amounted to £11,493 but there was no equivalent in 17/18 as the Free Gardens settled their own costs. 16/17 also benefitted from £1,058 s106 receipts and a £3,000 grant for the Play Area.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	4,470	1,718	(2,752)	(61.6)	Salary savings as no Clerk in post June-Oct inclusive
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayts</i>	0	0	0	0	n/a
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	15,290	11,016	(4,274)	(27.9)	Parish footpath maintenance costs in 16/17 (~£8k) not repeated in 17/18, £4k donation to free gardens in 17/18 not done in 16/17 explains net movement of ~£4k
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	69,990	70,400	410	0.6	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	N/A
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: N/A				

Approved.

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