

Explanation of variances – pro forma

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

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

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	136510	138452	1942	1%	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	61729	51992	(9737)	15.7%	Less £18,576 receipts for grants received in 16-17. Increase in burial fees by £5300, grave spaces £1585, vat refund £1460 and memorials by £430.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	40154	38712	(1442)	3%	
Box 5	0	0	0	0	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	162992	97,505	(65487)	40%	2016-17 Project totalled £15,527, prior year £84,013, variance of £68,486 as there were far greater projects in 2016-17; Football pitch improvements, renovation of maypole, bus shelters, building render and defibrillators for the villages. Other variations 2017-18 increased in grass cutting by £1700 and Playfields £5733 purchase 2 sets of full size goal posts.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	539941	556609	16668	3%	
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	
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:				