

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Henstridge 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 £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	34463	39861	5398	16%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant to Youth Club - £1000 • Grant for school crossing patrol - £1000 • Clerk's incremental pay rise - £551 • Transfer to reserves for future car park maintenance - £300 • Transfer to reserves for future woodland maintenance - £400 • Increased Councillor expenses - £100 • Additional costs for Annual Parish Meeting - £100 • Transfer to reserves for future machinery - £200 • Reduction in grant from South Somerset District Council - £1490
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	11862	57383	45521	384%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community benefit payment from Solar Park installation - £20000 • Increase in burial ground fees - £982 • New agreement with local football team to rent pitch - £200 • Higher VAT return due to perimeter track installation - £24183
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	15131	15768	637	4%	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0%	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	17399	59582	42183	242%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards perimeter track - £23017 • Unexpected refurbishment of bench needed - £370

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Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	124573	124573	0	0%	N/A																						
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0%	N/A																						
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Skate Park Maintenance</td> <td>£5000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground Equipment</td> <td>£2000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S106 Play area maintenance revenue grant</td> <td>£2280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long term tree maint and leilandii</td> <td>£200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flailing rec hedgeging</td> <td>£895</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Provision of future community building</td> <td>£4000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long term Machinery fund</td> <td>£2200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal costs</td> <td>£400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rec maintenance</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth facilities</td> <td>£1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial restoration</td> <td>£1000</td> </tr> </table>					Skate Park Maintenance	£5000	Playground Equipment	£2000	S106 Play area maintenance revenue grant	£2280	Long term tree maint and leilandii	£200	Flailing rec hedgeging	£895	Provision of future community building	£4000	Long term Machinery fund	£2200	Legal costs	£400	Rec maintenance	£500	Youth facilities	£1000	Memorial restoration	£1000
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	Election costs	£550
	Village Agent	£7000
	White Gates	£4300
	Car park resurfacing & maintenance	£5000
	Community Benefit Contribution (Solar Park)	£20000
	TOTAL	£56325