

## Explanation of variances – pro forma for local councils

Egerton Parish Council

(Insert body name)

The JPAG 'Practitioners' Guide' (paragraph 2.15 onwards) provides guidance on explaining significant variances. Please provide explanations for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Section 1	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept</i>	16,484	17,150	666	4.04	
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Other receipts</i>	27,082	42,285	15,203	56.14	2,000 pre-school move to new building-ongoing. 7,500 new chairs for hall-spent 5,000 Parish Plan-spent
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	7,961	9,618	1,657	20.82	Previously 14 hrs per week now 17 hrs per week.
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0		
<b>Box 6</b> <i>Other payments</i>	28,751	49,245	20,494	71.28	Ring fenced money for projects as box 3.
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Fixed assets &amp; long term assets</i>	293,591	262,019	(31,572)	(10.75)	Historically 293,591 was the sum shown we have now checked all assets within village and the sum is now 262,019
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Borrowings</i>	0	0	0		
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because .... The overall amount in Box 7 is more than Box 2. However, some of this money is ring-fenced for specific projects which can be seen from the different bank accounts. The Telecottage is holding reserves to replace equipment. The Games Barn is holding reserves to refurbish the roof. The Village Hall money is to improve the village hall and the Egerton Update is the Parish Council magazine which pays for the printing of the magazine throughout the year. The total held in the Parish Council Current and Deposit accounts is £17,970.98 which is less than twice the precept (£34,300).				

