

## Explanation of variances – pro forma for local councils

### Chevington Parish Council

The NALC/SLCC “Practitioners’ Guide” (paragraph 2.15 onwards) provides guidance on explaining significant variances. Please provide explanations for the following:

- variances of more than 10% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £100);
- if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Section 1	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> Precept	6,199	6,067	-132	- 2%	
<b>Box 3</b> Other receipts	2,246	1,918	-328	- 14%	The main reason for the reduction in spend was due to changes in the distribution of grant by St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The reduction in and precept +grant compared with 2013/14 was £465 or 6%
<b>Box 4</b> Staff costs	2,627	2579	-48	01.83%	
<b>Box 5</b> Loan interest/ capital repayments	0	0	0	0	
<b>Box 6</b> Other payments	3,920	3,186	-734	-18.72%	The lower figure in 2014/15 is explained by the Parish Council’s decision to transfer responsibility for village hall electrical charges to the Village Hall Management Committee with effect from 1 April 2014. These charges amounted to £1,046.00 in 2013/14. That apart, spend in 2014/15 was slightly higher than in the previous year.
<b>Box 9</b> Fixed assets & long term assets	0	0	0	0	
<b>Box 10</b> Borrowings	0	0	0	0	
<b>Explanation For “high” Reserves</b>					The Parish Council has only one bank account. This includes an element held as a contingency, to meet future costs of planned maintenance and a possible upgrade of Chevington’s Village Hall.