

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **BARTON 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 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>					
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	15363	13585	-1778	-11.6%	2016/17 (non-recurring) receipts included Transparency Fund grant (£1194) and donation from PM Hall (£1350) and 2017/18 receipts included grant from LDNPA (£500).
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	1900	2300	+400	+21%	Additional hours worked on website (due to new transparency regulations) and work with Eden District Council re: devolution of services (on-going).
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>					
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	11582	19613	+8031	+69.3%	Funds held on behalf of Friends of Ullswater Way (FOUW) (increased by £12289). Barton Parish Council cost of Bridge re-opening event 16/17 £3063, 2 years toilet collection cost inc in 16/17 figures, increased cost of village cleaning contractor (£584).
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>					
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>					
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: Current account £5619 Reserve account £63 NSI Savings £3911				