

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Church Aston Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Telford & Wrekin Borough (Shropshire)**

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).

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Variance %</b>	<b>Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)</b>
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	17,235	17,528	+293	+1.7%	Increase resulting from additional new homes with no change to the Parish element of local Council Tax
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	2,893	14,919	+12,026	+415.69%	Includes approved PWLB loan of £12,575 to convert street lighting to LED lamps with significant projected savings in future year running (energy) costs
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	4,764	4,572	(192)	-4.03%	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0.00	1,302	+1,302	-	First (of 10) PWLB repayments over a 5-year period – off-set in part by reduction in energy revenue costs
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	17,349	25,490	+8,141	+46.92%	Includes £13,608 contract payment for LED upgrade of street lighting.
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	8,934	8,934	Nil	0.00%	
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	0.00	11,374	+11,374	-	Balance of PWLB loan funding for LED street lighting upgrades
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <p><b>Please note: CAPC has been working over a 5-year period to reduce excess balances / reserves to around 50% of annual precept. This figure was selected following careful consideration of all known risks and foreseeable scenarios, and having regard to a 3-year prioritised rolling programme of Parish Projects.</b></p>				

