

## Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Birtley Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): \_\_\_\_\_

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);

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>	<b>2018/19 £</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>	3100	3300	200	6	No significant variation
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	150	91	59	39	No significant variation
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	1270	1788	518	41	Clerk's salary increase of £180, last quarter salary (£345) paid early and expenses less by £7
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	nil	nil	nil	nil	No significant variation
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	1813	2903	1090	60	One-off payment last year Nalc booklets £8, Medals £10, Weedkiller £42, Keys £10. One-off payment this year Audit £120. Increases this year, Website £61.86, Fuel £3, Mower service £975, Mower insurance £10, Subscriptions increased by £36. Decreases from last year; Grants £25
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	27,605	27,606	£1	nil	No significant variation
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	nil	nil	nil	nil	No significant variation
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: N/A				