

# Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Sutton Valence Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **kENT**

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 £)
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>					
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	43113	18862	24251	56.25%	<p><b>Received in 2016/17 not in 2017/18:</b></p> <p>Grants for pavilion refurb: <b>8872</b></p> <p>Allotment deposits collected from existing holders <b>1250</b></p> <p>Grant for Neighbourhood plan <b>4114</b></p> <p>Open spaces grant from School <b>750</b></p> <p>Grant towards new car park <b>2800</b></p> <p>LCT <b>1953</b></p> <p>Donated from a concert <b>763</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20502</b></p> <p><b>Decreased income in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17:</b></p> <p>Vat refund <b>2514</b></p> <p>Parish Service Scheme <b>492</b></p> <p>Decrease in football fees <b>420</b></p> <p>Decrease in tennis fees <b>101</b></p> <p>Decrease in newsletter advertising <b>120</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3647</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>24149</u></b></p>
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	18002	23887	5885	32.69%	<p>Clerks pay scale was re-assessed in 2017/18 and was increased. This led to a gross increase for 8 months of £681 <b>5448</b></p> <p>Increase in salary from 2016/17 for the first 4 months of 2017/18 was: <b>342</b></p> <p>Increase in pension between 2016/17 and 2017/18 was <b>95</b></p>
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>					
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	28338	63982	35644	55.71%	<p><b>Paid out in 2017/18 not in 2016/17:</b></p> <p>Footpath - new <b>4750</b></p> <p>Construction of car park <b>14138</b></p> <p>Defibrillator – new <b>2020</b></p> <p><b>Increase in expenditure 2017/18 Compared to 2016/17:</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood plan (consultant) <b>714</b></p> <p>Pavilion (repairs to roof) <b>(1487)</b></p> <p>Play areas – more repairs to equipment <b>2025</b></p> <p>Open Spaces – tree survey &amp; work <b>1580</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- additional groundwork <b>553</b></p> <p>Allotment – new path cut <b>638</b></p> <p>Lighting – been in dispute for 3 years back payment made <b>4908</b></p> <p>Bills for year <b>720</b></p> <p>Increase in vat paid <b>4958</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>35517</u></b></p>

<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>					
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>					
<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:				