

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **STALMINE WITH STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): LANCASHIRE

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<br/>£</b> | <b>2017/18<br/>£</b> | <b>Variance<br/>£</b> | <b>Variance<br/>%</b> | <b>Detailed explanation of variance<br/>(with amounts £)</b>  |
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| <b>Box 2</b><br><i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>                                 | 21010                | 23406                | 2396                  | 10.24                 | n/a   |
| <b>Box 3</b><br><i>Total other receipts</i>  | 12737                | 23116                | 10379                 | 44.89                 | Grant receipts in 17/18 were £5,660 less than in 16/17. However, the short term loan of £16,000 increased the receipts.<br>The remaining difference is made up from a £4.50 reduction in interest, other receipts being £240 lower than in 16/17 (donation not repeated in 17/18) and additional VAT receipts in 17/18 of £284      |
| <b>Box 4</b><br><i>Staff costs</i>   | 13551                | 14077                | 526                   | 3.73                  | n/a   |
| <b>Box 5</b><br><i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>                           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                     | 0                     | n/a   |
| <b>Box 6</b><br><i>All other payments</i>  | 5898                 | 47883                | 41985                 | 87.68                 | The increase in costs was primarily as a result of the new play area, accounting in total for £41,806 when the equipment at £39,465, additional insurance of £100 and the payment of £2,341 to release the grant are taken into consideration.<br>The remaining increase is attributable to minor changes in the other budget heads |
| <b>Box 9</b><br><i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i> | 43214                | 82799                | 39585                 | 47.80                 | This is attributable to the play equipment at £39465 and a combi drill valued at £120.  |
| <b>Box 10</b><br><i>Total borrowings</i>   | 0                    | 16000                | 16000                 | 100.00                | This was a short term loan from the principal authority (3months max) until the start of the 2018/19 financial year to cover the remaining cost of  |

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|  |   |  |  |  | the play area installation. The outstanding grant fund payment of £15,874 from the Lancashire Environmental Fund was not available until completion of the project and the installer required payment in advance. The loan has now been repayed and will be reflected in the 18/19 financial accounting. |
| <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:<br><br>N/A |  |  |  |  |