

Explanation of variances 21-22

Name of smaller authority: ALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): HYNDBURN, 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).

Section 2	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	12,685	12,242	-443	-3.49%	Small decrease in precept payment due to number of properties reducing as per billing authority (HBC) information.
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	5,571	7,646	+2,075	+37.2%	Increase in income due to sponsorship for events, extra allotment rates and an increase from LCC for grass cutting services.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	1,500	2,100	+600	+40%	Clerking services monthly increase in line with clerking pay scales and extra workload/responsibilities.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	20170	16,107	-4,063	-20.1%	Decrease in spending due to no large scales xmas event in Dec 2021 due to covid rates rising and no high item expenditure on equipment.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	17,961	19,244	+1,283	+7.1%	Purchase of 2 office laptops and printer.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <p>Not applicable, as reserves = 20,465 Box 2, multiplied by 2 would = 24,484</p>				