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Explanation of variances

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Section 1	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	3,000	3,400	+400 (+13%)	The Precept for 2016/17 had, of course, been set in December 2015, well before the Council saw your note dated 20 July 2016 on the last Annual Return.
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	1,018	538	-480 (-47%)	-450 Reduced Transparency Fund grant.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	1,732	2,627	+895 (+52%)	+390 Payment for additional hours for implementation of Transparency Code requirements for last year funded by last year's Transparency Fund grant. +360 Additional hours paid this year for increased work load as a result of Transparency Code requirements, funded by this year's grant.
Box 5 <i>Loan Interest/ capital</i>	0	0	Nil	
Box 6 <i>Other Payments</i>	865	1,154	+289 (+33%)	+420 Purchase of laptop & scanner using last year's Transparency Fund grant. +60 Increase in VAT largely because of the above. -80 Reduction in meeting hall hire costs as some was paid in advance last year. -70 No stationery order placed this year.

Box 7 <i>Balances carried forwards</i>	7,353	7,510	+157 (+2%)	All General Reserve. When reviewing the size of the reserves the Council considered the possibility of having to fund: a) Contested by-elections; b) Cost of obtaining a locum in the event of illness of the Clerk; c) Other unforeseeable events. However, in view of last year's comment from the External Auditor the Council made no change in the precept for 2017/18.
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	23,946	24,289	+343 (+1%)	+343 Added laptop & scanner.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	Nil	