

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements 2017/18 and 2018/19

GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Section 2	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Variance (+/-) %	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10))
Box 2 (Precept)	44500	49762	11.82	5262	Increase in number of electors 2016/17 (1288.36) to 2017/18 (1449.11) as multiplier of reduced Band D charge
Box 3 (Other income)	23925	1143	-95.22	-22782	2017/18 Parish Council received £xxx in grants and donations to complete purchase of items for Community Hall. In 2018/19 only additional receipt was grant of £840 and reclaimed VAT (£288)
Box 4 (Staff Costs)	19914	11161	-43.95	-8753	Only employee is Clerk/RFO for 2018/19 compared with 2 employees for 9 months on 2017/18.
Box 5 (Loan interest/capital)	0	0	0.00	0	Not applicable
Box 6 (Other Payments)	41429	14176	-65.78	-27253	In 2017/18 unexpected expenditure of £4000 on CCTV and £17655 on Community Hall fittings were not budgeted for and made from reserves. In 2018/19 provision was made in budget for expenditure on Parking restrictions (£5000), CCTV extension (£6000) and purchase of additional noticeboards (£2000) but delay in completion of developer work in the area these were intended for has delayed this expenditure and they are earmarked reserves for 2019/20. Expenditure on Community Hall in 2017/18 was £17655 (although not in budget), in 2018/19 spend has only been £175, with £1825 remaining budget moving to earmarked reserves in 2018/19. Grants and donations in 2018/19 were less than in 2017/18 (£1221 vs £3000). Insurance costs were reduced through signing a 3 year fixed agreement (£3789 vs £4408) and audit fees were reduced in line with 2017/18 receipts and payments threshold compared to previous year (£375 vs £905). Lastly VAT was significantly lower due to reduced payments (£895 vs £5453).
Box 7 (Balances carried forward)	32864	58432	77.80	25568	Increase in balance carried forward due to delay in expenditure of items identified above. Earmarked reserves for 2019/20
Box 9 (Fixed assets & long term assets)	202788	204828	1.01	2040	Assets added : new Computer (£726) and Community Defibrillator (£700)
Box 10 (Total Borrowing)	0	0	0.00	0	Not applicable