

Explanation of variances April 2020

North Huish Parish Council
South Hams District Council

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	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	2,500	3,000	500	20%	Increase due to need to cover the increased costs of buddle hole repairs and play park maintenance
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	3	261	258	8,700%	Increase due to grant from DCC in 2019 being a one off payment for repairs to displayboard
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	Nil	Nil	None	N/A	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	None	None	None	N/A	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	2,760	3,009	249	9%	Increase due to payment for repairs to display board
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	36,800	36,800	0	0%	N/A
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	Nil	Nil	None	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>The Council has decided to cover potential salary costs to guard against the possible replacement of its clerk. The present clerk does not draw a salary. Should a new clerk be appointed it would be important to be able to cover the costs involved.</p>				