

## Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: Tillside Parish Council

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

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 %	Variance Required	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 1</b> <i>Balances Brought Forward</i>	16365	17775				
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	4500	4500	0	0	NO	
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	611	11833	11,222	1836.66%	YES	In year ending 2020/21 the Parish Council received an additional £493.02 VAT refund. In year ending 2021/22 the Parish Council received a £9K small grant from Northumberland County Council to be used to purchase new play equipment, & £2714.60, from Chatton Village Hall, community gardens & Chatton Cricket Club to cover Northumberland Estates rent & Insurance invoices.
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	1440	1440	0	0.0%	NO	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	2261	3558	1297	57.36%	YES	In year ending 2020/21 the Parish Council paid £351 for the creation of a footpath at the edge of the community gardens, purchased planters at a cost of £215, paid £124 to provide for taxis & parcels as part of local covid support, defibrillator pads were purchased @ a cost of £145.80, the annual website fees cost an additional £53.98 & an additional £44.65 was spent on office expenses. In year ending 2021/22 the Parish Council paid £2239.60

						to Northumberland Estates for rent and insurance invoices.
<b>Box 7</b> <i>Balances Carried Forward</i>	17775	29110			YES	The Parish Council is a group of Parish Councils the Parish Council were advised the 4-yearly elections could cost up to £20K, there were no elections in May 2021 so there was a saving, however, there will need to be funding in place by 2025 for the next 4-yearly elections. The Parish Council earmarked £2K of reserves in case residents within the Parish require financial support during or after covid 19. The Parish Council have received £9K small grant funding from Northumberland County Council to be used for the purchase of new play equipment. The Parish Council are considering purchasing a speed warning sign costing approx £3-4K as well as contributing £2K towards village entrance gateway signage.
<b>Box 8</b> <i>Total Cash &amp; Short Term Investments</i>	17775	29110			YES	See above
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	5254	5254	0	0.00%	NO	
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	