

Haslingfield Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

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Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	160329.79	164165.09				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	93000.00	118000.00	25000.00	27%	Yes	The precept increased by £25,000. This is because the previous year's precept was lower due to the Council spending some of its general reserves, therefore not requiring as much in precept.
3	Total other receipts	12766.79	9507.36	-3259.43	26%	Yes	Differences are: £23.07 donation for allotment water; £150.00 EWR Land Survey; £575.00 donation towards EWR working group; -£3,389.00 in grants; £496.00 insurance claim; -£901.67 bank interest; -£212.83 misc donations
4	Staff Costs	38390.89	45401.63	7010.74	18%	Yes	All staff received a pay rise. All staff work part time and hours can vary. Differences by role: decreased hours for caretaker (-£634.14), increase in tax & NI (£2,143.19), increased hours for Clerk (£1,852.58), significantly increased hours for administrator (£2,814.94), varied hours for cleaner (-£110.83), increase in pension related to increased hours for Clerk and administrator (£959.88), varied hours for groundsman (-£94.00)
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	63540.60	72755.04	9214.44	15%	No	
7	Balances carried forward	164165.09	173515.78	9350.69	6%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	171256.73	180271.24	9014.51	5%	No	

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9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	745427.84	745427.84	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)