

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Appledore Parish Council**

County area (local councils and **Kent**)

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)
1 Balances Brought Forward	105,752	100,431					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26,000	26,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,863	4,833	2,970	159.42%	YES		Small parish councils like Appledore receive, every year, apart from its precept, different small receipts that do not usually repeat. In 2022/2023 the parish council no longer received the concurrent function grant (-£253 in 2021/22) nor did it receive any other grant (-£250 2021/2022) nor a refund from Castle water for the public toilets (-£259). However, the solar panels came back on line following the refurbishment of the village hall and five quarters of fit payments received (increase on last year of £1,539). Similarly vat reclaim was received which covered five quarters including one from 2021/22 (increase being £1,659.69). With the increase in interest rates the sum received soared and the increase on the previous year is £390.17. Donations from the toilets remain low but there was a £31 increase across the years.
4 Staff Costs	17,140	17,594	454	2.65%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	16,044	22,816	6,772	42.21%	YES		As above the expenditure can vary greatly from year to year so we need to remember that most of the signage project was completed the year before (-£7,460), there was no further traffic survey (-£115) nor more posts for verge protection (-£217 though there should have been), no expenditure on refurbishing noticeboards (-£226 though again one board needs looking after) and no by election cost (-£1,919) BUT the council did pay for gateways to the village (£8,541.31) the repaint of the K6 phone box (£510.), the erection of one of the last signage scheme signs (£520) and Safety works (£2694.34) to the new car park taken over in February 2023. A feehold transfer resulting from a residential enabling planning application. No cost to the parish council i.e. no acquisition cost. The solicitors fee did cost £1,500. 2023 saw donations of £1005.98 to local groups and £1,098.29 was spent on unexpected costs (defibrillator pads and batteries, grass cutting of car parks and a village xmas tree). Pus £200 to have the broken salt bin removed. The cost of water and electricity to the public toilets has increased by around £350 and hall rental doubled (an increase of £100).
7 Balances Carried Forward	100,431	90,854			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	100,431	90,854				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	17,504	29,733	12,229	69.86%	YES		Whilst a salt bin has been deleted £38 the council has gained a car park £1 and made improvements to it £2694.34 and acquired some gateways £8541.31 and refurbished the K6 Telephone box £510 and completed the new signage scheme £520.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		