

## Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority:  
County area:

Appledore Parish Council  
Kent

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	28,838	105,752					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26,000	26,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	75,976	1,863	-74,113	97.55%	YES		The receipts for the previous year benefited from the sale of the council land, £70,000 and a late repayment of £259 from Castle Water billing issues for the public toilets. There was again only one grant in this year and it was for only £250 for the Platinum Jubilee whilst the previous year we had a website grant of £700 (difference £ 450). Otherwise the majority of other sources of receipts fell. Council tax support from the borough council finished in 2020-2021 after 4 continuous years (2020-2021 £1,050). Similarly, the concurrent grant from the borough council finished this year with a slightly reduced last payment of £589 as opposed to £842 (difference £253) Solar panel fit payments dramatically dropped from £2285 to £328 as they were out of action for almost the entire year (difference £1,956). Finally, public donations from the public toilets continued to be fall due to COVID from £306 to £205 (difference £111)
4 Staff Costs	14,004	17,140	3,136	22.39%	YES		The agreed increase in hours in December 2020 for the clerk from 12 to 16
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	5,049	0	-5,049	100.00%	YES		The last repayment for the Public Works Loan Board was made last year.
6 All Other Payments	6,009	16,044	10,035	167.00%	YES		Covid in the previous year meant there was no project expenditure and the council just ran in a reduced way. Although Covid still affected this year, a few small projects were completed: A village signage scheme including a tourist map, revamping a village history sign and signs for the car parks £7,460 (a couple of signs are still to be erected though paid for); a speed and traffic survey through the village £115; replacement verge posts £217; cark refurbishment to all noticeboards £226. The Signage scheme is a capital project paid from the reserve from the sale of land. The Traffic Survey was paid from the reserve for highways. There was also a bye election costing £1,919 and the council organised some signs indicating temporary parking while the village hall parking was closed while the hall underwent refurbishment.
7 Balances Carried Forward	105,752	100,431			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	105,752	100,431				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	9,601	17,504	7,903	82.31%	YES		The increase in asset value is due to the new asset that is the Appledore Signage Scheme £7,460 and recorking the noticeboards £226 plus 10 replacement verge posts £217
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		