

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **WEST DEVON**

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	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or</i>	4369	4942	573	13.12%	Not required
Box 3 <i>Total other</i> <i>receipts</i>	1350	800	-550	40.74%	<u>2022-23</u> included a repayment of £750 for the Coronation Fete Float £100 Jubilee Tree Grant and £500 Coronation Grant <u>2023-24</u> – only received one grant of £800 from Devon County Council.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	2035	3654	1619	79.56%	Increase includes the 2023 salary increase, plus back pay to April 2023. There was an increase in additional hours claimed by the Clerk and one month (November 2023) of which there was a cross over from the previous Clerk to the New Clerk.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/</i>	0	0	0	N/A	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	2726	3751	1025	37.63%	2023-24 includes £468.65 spend for a new laptop for the Clerk. £1450 given in donations to local organisations
Box 9 <i>Total fixed investments & assets</i>	0	1879	0	N/A	Asset Register not completed for 2022-23
Box 10 <i>Total</i>	0	0	0	N/A	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	N/A				