

Explanation for ‘high’ reserves - 2022/3

Carlton Town Parish Council

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Water Plant associated costs			
Reserve 1	39543.00		
Reserve 2			
Reserve 3			
Reserve 4			
Reserve 5			
Reserve 6			
Reserve 7			
		£ 39,543.00	
General reserve			
			0
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			£ 39,543.00

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the village has a private water supply and potentially has significant costs associated with the maintenance, upgrade and running of the supply. A buffer fund of around £40,000 is considered essential to allow for any major costs which may arise in the future and for suture replacement of the plant. This is set out in section 4.9 of the Carlton Town Parish Council Financial Regulations. The precept and the buffer fund are assessed each year and the precept reduced if the buffer fund exceeds £40,000.