

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

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

	£	£	£
Earmarked reserves:			
Joan Jackman legacy	5000		
		<u>5000</u>	
General reserve	44768	44768	
Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)			<u><u>49768</u></u>

Brean Parish Council does not precept as it receives income from concessions let for business on the beach. Therefore, it keeps a year's running costs in reserves as it has four employees (two temporary for summer) including the clerk should the beach concession income fail for that year. This has happened in 2020/21 year due to Covid 19 and reserves have been used to keep paying staff as they were ineligible for furlough.