

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Sandhutton Parish Council
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Yorkshire
 Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year.
- New from 2025/26 onwards: variances of £500,000 or more in Box 3 require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year for smaller authorities with income and/or expenditure exceeding £8,500,000

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	(Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures))
1 Balances Brought Forward	3,589	15,598				
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,000	6,590	1,500	30.00%	YES	The parish council have determined that the reserve balances a very low and do not meet contingency plans for continuation of business, i.e. should the clerk go off sick for 12 months and a locum is required there are not enough funds to cover this. Additional in previous years the precept has not increased in line with inflation thus the depleting reserves. The parish council have also committed to cut the village green for the community and funds are required for this to continue.
3 Total Other Receipts	13,589	5,183	-8,396	61.79%	YES	Last year the parish council received CIL monies of £13315.14, from local housing developments. Albeit this year the parish council have received some CIL monies, these are substantially less at £4390.
4 Staff Costs	3,883	4,754	871	22.43%	YES	The Clerks hours have increased from 15hours to 20 hours per month.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	2,264	7,977	5,713	252.34%	YES	Payments have increased due to some of the CIL monies being spent for Community Benefit of £4150. A new laptop has been bought for the Clerk £498.10 as the previous laptop is no longer fit for purpose. Additionally a replacement Defib battery £248 and Defib pads £79.44 had to be purchased. Grasscutting totalled £1190.40. Speed check charge for local speeding issues.
7 Balances Carried Forward	16,031	14,560				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	15,598	14,560				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	10,356	9,354	-1,002	9.68%	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable