

Explanation of variances 2025/26 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Sandford St Martin Parish Council
Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Now, 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 £500);
- variances of more than £100,000 must be explained even where this constitutes less than 15%;

Please ensure variance explanations are quantified to reduce the variance excluding stated items below the 15% / £500 / £100,000 threshold

	2026 £	2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required? Is > 15% Is > £100,000		DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures) Note: If an explanation is required for the variance of Box 4 and the explanation refers to a change in hours or a change in pay rates, please could you note the previous hours/rates and the updated hours/rates
1 Balances Brought Forward	10,801	10,508					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,419	9,149	1,270	13.88%	NO	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	602	1,662	-1,060	63.78%	YES	NO		24/25 - Grant for £225 from OCC Cllr Priority Fund for broadband installation in the Parish Hall, Insurance claim of £1,437.18 from Zurich Municipal in respect of the damaged Village Gate in Sandford St Martin. 25/26 - VAT 126 refund of £601.70
4 Staff Costs	5,166	4,992	174	3.49%	NO	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,227	5,526	-299	5.41%	NO	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,429	10,801	628	5.81%	NO	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,429	10,801	628	5.81%	NO	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	8,651	8,137	514	6.32%	NO	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO		