

**Sandon and Burston Parish Council - Statement of Variances - Year ended 31 March 2026**

**Instructions for completing this template:**

1. Enter figures per the AGAR in the cells highlighted in light blue. This will automatically calculate a difference and a percentage change between years.
  2. If the variance is within 15%, no explanation is required (except fixed assets). However, if it is outside this threshold, the percentage difference will highlight in yellow and an explanation is required.
  3. Explanations should be entered in each section, quantified to show the figures for each year. This will automatically calculate the remaining difference and the percentage unexplained.
  4. Once a sufficient explanation has been given to bring the percentage within 15% between years, the percentage difference cell will highlight as 'green' in the 'adjusted' line.
- Please note that for fixed assets, regardless of the percentage change in the figure, an explanation is required for the movement.**

Item	2024-25	2025-26	Difference	%	Additional comments / explanations
<b>Box 2: Precept or Rates and levies</b>	16,742.00	20,254.00	3,512.00	21.0%	
			-		Created a General Reserves Policy, increased Precept to ensure Reserves available
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<b>Box 2: Precept or Rates and levies (adjusted)</b>			3,512.00	21.0%	Further explanation needed
<b>Box 3: Total other receipts</b>	1,465.00	1,985.00	520.00	35.5%	
			-		Received £100 compensation from NatWest
			-		
			-		Received £330 VAT reclaim for Transport Report
			-		
<b>Box 3: Total other receipts (adjusted)</b>			520.00	35.5%	Further explanation needed
<b>Box 4: Staff costs</b>	4,149.00	5,469.00	1,320.00	31.8%	
			-		In 2024 only salary entered into Box 4 as no pension
			-		In 2025 Salary, Pension, homeworking allowance added
			-		Salary - 4215.44
			-		Pension - 1,253.64
			-		
<b>Box 4: Staff costs (adjusted)</b>			1,320.00	31.8%	Further explanation needed
<b>Box 5: Loan interest/capital repayments</b>	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
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<b>Box 5: Loan interest/capital repayments (adjusted)</b>			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed
<b>Box 6: Other payments</b>	3,912.00	7,898.00	3,986.00	101.9%	
			-		£1,000 on Lengthsman Projects - verge/hedge - NEW
			-		£120 Homeworking Allowance
			-		£1650 Transport Report
			-		£735 Asset maintenance
			-		£289 - Community projects/donation
<b>Box 6: Other payments (adjusted)</b>			3,986.00	101.9%	Further explanation needed
<b>Box 9: Fixed assets plus long-term investments</b>	9,808.00	9,948.00	140.00	1.4%	
			-		£139 - T wo Drawer lockable filing cabinet
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<b>Box 9: Fixed assets plus long-term investments (adjusted)</b>			140.00	1.4%	Further explanation needed
<b>Box 10: Total borrowings</b>	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
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<b>Box 10: Total borrowings (adjusted)</b>			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed