

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL
County area (local councils and DERBYSHIRE

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);
- New from 2020/21 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	55,152	45,994				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	60,785	96,500	35,715	58.76%	YES		The Borough Council withdrew the Concurrent Functions (CF) grant to parishes from 1/4/24 (£22,046) The Precept was therefore increased to safeguard services. Consultancy fees were paid to a Chartered Surveyors company to resolve a Cemetery boundary dispute that found in favour of the council (£3,650). Scheduled headstone testing was required (£3,476). Planning consultancy fees finalised a Neighbourhood Plan (£1,500). Increased costs were needed for increased tree work on parks and burial grounds (£1,450). Play area inspections and necessary repairs amounted to an additional £1,113. Salary costs were increased to meet a backdated increase in the pay scale from April 24 and raised NIC's (£904). In addition, other costs were increased to meet need or be in-line with inflation: Grounds maintenance (£292), litter picking (£266), new grit bin (£346), meeting room hire for new After School Club (£244), office premises facilities checks increased (£591). The overall increase in Precept was 16% taking into account recovery of withdrawn grant funding.
3 Total Other Receipts	50,307	30,670	-19,637	39.03%	YES		Bank interest £1,264. Cemetery income £13,226. Final CF payment from the Borough Council £2,000. FCC Communities Foundation refund £2,953 for reduced costs of park perimeter footpath. E-on wayleave payment £8.05. VAT refund £11,219
4 Staff Costs	26,927	27,831	904	3.36%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	93,323	117,861	24,538	26.29%	YES		Emergency structural repairs to section of ancient church wall for future stability £11,716. Cemetery & Burial Grounds maintenance costs: £17,272.
7 Balances Carried Forward	45,994	27,472				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	45,994	27,472				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	411,698	415,763	4,065	0.99%	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