

Explanation of variances 2025/26 – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Stretton 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		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	6,586	9,494					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	5,800	8,805	-3,005	34.13%	YES	NO	Precept reduced by SPC resolution 2025-88, (16th January 2025). Reduced expenditure anticipated through reduced training and lower venue hire charges.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,930	166	1,764	1062.65%	YES	NO	Salary reimbursement for former clerk D M Rolfe (erroneously paid herself £1,047), return of defibrillator charity investment (£300) and contribution from HMP Stocken towards street-light costs on the approach to the Prison (£323).
4 Staff Costs	0	5,270	-5,270	100.00%	YES	NO	No clerk employment costs received for payment in the financial year 2025-2026, representing a reduction of £5,270 compared with the previous financial year.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO	
6 All Other Payments	2,924	6,609	-3,685	55.76%	YES	NO	Reduced expenditure through active review of Council expenditure, making savings on clerk salary (£3,500), clerk overtime (£250) clerk pay rise (£250), website maintenance (£360), Training, (£368), Maintenance (£100).
7 Balances Carried Forward	11,392	6,586	4,806	72.97%	YES	NO	Increased balance largely driven by increased reserves to accommodate large increase in election reserve (£3,300), defibrillator reserve £1,200, Laptop replacement (£500), contingencies (£500).
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	11,392	6,586	4,806	72.97%	YES	NO	Increased balance largely driven by increased reserves to accommodate large increase in election reserve (£3,300), defibrillator reserve £1,200, Laptop replacement (£500), contingencies (£500).
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	4,955	4,954	1	0.02%	NO	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO	