

Explanation of variances 2025/26

Name of smaller authority: South Newington 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?		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
	£	£			Is > 15%	Is > £100,000	
1 Balances Brought Forward	13,693	12,523					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	10,086	9,169	917	10.00%	NO	NO	
3 Total Other Receipts	1,472	1,216	256	21.05%	YES	NO	Explanation not required, difference less than £500
4 Staff Costs	2,042	1,425	617	43.30%	YES	NO	The Clerk worked more hours in 2025/26
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO	
6 All Other Payments	8,185	7,790	395	5.07%	NO	NO	
7 Balances Carried Forward	15,024	13,693	1,331	9.72%	NO	NO	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	15,024	13,693	1,331	9.72%	NO	NO	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	42,667	42,667	0	0.00%	NO	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	NO	