St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

| 2021/2022 | | | 2022/2023 | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Gross Expenditure £ | Income £ | Net Expenditure £ | | Gross Expenditure £ | Income £ | Net Expenditure £ |
| 250 | 155 | 95 | Allotments | 250 | 135 | 115 |
| 53,615 | 0 | 53,615 | CCTV | 53,770 | 0 | 53,770 |
| 4,975 | 0 | 4,975 | Civic expenses | 9,375 | 0 | 9,375 |
| 25,000 | 0 | 25,000 | Elections | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | Climate Change | 11,000 | 0 | 11,000 |
| 240,230 | 4,751 | 235,479 | General Administration | 264,670 | 3,151 | 261,519 |
| 200,935 | 5,010 | 195,925 | Library | 206,575 | 5,010 | 201,565 |
| 35,500 | 0 | 35,500 | Misc. Projects and Grants | 200,250 | 158,750 | 41,500 |
| 327,195 | 14,615 | 312,580 | Parks and Open Spaces | 360,835 | 1,315 | 359,520 |
| 98,725 | 200,000 | -101,275 | Car Parks | 104,520 | 220,000 | -115,480 |
| 24,395 | 1,500 | 22,895 | Public Conveniences | 24,955 | 3,650 | 21,305 |
| 1,000 | 600 | 400 | Public Rights of Way | 1,500 | 600 | 900 |
| 17,330 | 0 | 17,330 | Office and Depot Costs | 17,340 | 0 | 17,340 |
| 22,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 | The House and Youth Services | 22,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 |
| 27,680 | 0 | 27,680 | Transport and Plant | 26,890 | 0 | 26,890 |
| 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | Contingency | 25,000 | 0 | 25,000 |
| 1,088,830 | 236,631 | 852,199 | | 1,328,930 | 402,611 | 926,319 |
| | 30,200 | -30,200 | Council Tax Support Grant | | 15,238 | -15,238 |
| 0 | | 0 | Contributions to Reserves | 4,439 | | 4,439 |
| | 26,649 | -26,649 | Contributions from Reserves | | 10,000 | -10,000 |
| 1,088,830 | 293,480 | <u>795,350</u> | | 1,333,369 | 427,849 | 905,520 |

| | | General Fund | Specific Reserves |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Estimated Reserves at: - | 31 st March 2022 31 st March 2023 | £362,974 £366,853 | £294,730 £371,853 |
| Employees at: - | 31 st March 2022 31 st March 2023 | Full time 10 10 | Part time 11 10 |

St Austell Town Council owns or manages:

- 17 parks and open spaces
- 11 play areas
- 2 car parks at Priory Road and Tregonissey Lane End
- 21 CCTV cameras mainly around the town centre
- St Austell Library
- The House Youth Centre

It also manages the following services for Cornwall Council:

- Grass verges, roundabouts and some parcels of land
- Weed control on highways and pavements
- Some formal public rights of way

The Town Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to planting and maintaining trees and pollinators across the town. It is also exploring ways in which it can reduce its carbon footprint and has a Climate Emergency Action Plan which is updated regularly to reflect the progress that we are making. The Town Council has also supported the St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF) with their ceramics and greening initiatives and has agreed to take on the maintenance of many of the projects completed.

The Council has worked closely with Cornwall Council, the Police and other agencies to reduce the anti-social behaviour in and around the town centre. The measures undertaken include increased agency patrols, funding for security staff and a redeployable CCTV camera.

The Town Council's Planning and Regeneration Committee is consulted on planning applications by Cornwall Council, the local Planning Authority and in the last year has responded to over 140 planning applications. The Committee meets approximately every 3 weeks and is made up of 13 Town Councillors. It is also helping to manage a £165,000 grant that has been awarded by Cornwall Council to the Town to plan improvements to the town centre in preparation for a bid for Government funding for the works identified. This will be a major exercise and involve widespread consultation and public engagement.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £141.81 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with other large Town Councils and is less than the average for all Parish and Town Councils in Cornwall.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years are available from the Town Clerk, The Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DP. Telephone: 01726 829859 or e-mail david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk

More details about the Town Council are available on our website at www.staustell-tc.gov.uk