

St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

2023/2024				2024/2025		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
250	135	115	Allotments	250	90	160
77,020	0	77,020	CCTV and Security	94,110	0	94,110
11,900	0	11,900	Civic expenses including elections	11,250	0	11,250
10,500	0	10,500	Climate Change	5,750	0	5,750
311,200	7,001	304,199	General Administration	314,515	22,000	292,515
236,095	6,730	229,365	Library	255,950	6,460	249,490
24,000	0	24,000	Misc. Projects and Grants	30,200	0	30,200
401,700	1,925	399,775	Parks and Open Spaces	435,770	2,250	433,520
89,785	245,000	-155,215	Car Parks	96,560	238,000	-141,440
24,550	3,000	21,550	Public Conveniences	28,405	2,750	25,655
1,000	850	150	Public Rights of Way	0	1,015	-1,015
16,090	0	16,090	Office and Depot Costs	17,790	0	17,790
21,500	10,000	11,500	The House and Youth Services	21,500	10,000	11,500
60,000	0	60,000	Town Centre Revitalisation	31,000	0	31,000
26,060	0	26,060	Transport and Plant	47,370	0	47,370
30,000	0	30,000	Contingency	45,000	0	45,000
1,341,650	274,641	1,067,009		1,435,420	282,565	1,152,855
211	0	211	Contributions to Reserves	25,065	0	25,065
	0	0	Contributions from Reserves		0	0
1,341,861	274,641	1,067,220		1,460,485	282,565	1,177,920

		General Fund	Specific Reserves
Estimated Reserves at: -	31 st March 2024	£370,715	£424,566
	31 st March 2025	£370,780	£449,566
Employees at: -	31 st March 2024	Full time 13	Part time 8
	31 st March 2025	13	8

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 is a real living wage employer. Inflation has increased staff costs and running expenses generally. The Council is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and planting and maintaining trees and pollinators across the town. It has a Climate Emergency Action Plan which is updated regularly to reflect the progress being made.

The Town Council has commenced an extensive town centre improvement project with a partnership representing businesses, councillors and the voluntary sector with funding from Cornwall Council. An improvement plan has been completed and further funding is being sought to progress the projects identified.

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 funding for security staff and investment in improved CCTV camera systems.

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 110 planning applications. The Committee meets approximately every 4-5 weeks and is made up of 13 Town Councillors.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £180.60 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with other large Town Councils in Cornwall.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 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