

# St Austell Town Council



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget
	£	£
Administration & staff	131,525	258,810
Office costs	5,680	15,250
Elections	5,000	5,000
Allotments/grounds maintenance/weed treatment	14,500	17,100
Grants and donations	27,500	41,600
CCTV	40,000	41,000
Feast Week	2,500	3,810
Public conveniences	0	28,300
Parks and open spaces	0	40,000
Car parks	0	20,000
Libraries	0	5,000
Bus shelters	0	500
Projects	19,800	62,000
Youth Council	2,000	3,000
Contingencies/reserves	<u>3,565</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	252,070	546,370
Less income	<u>34,820</u>	<u>106,228</u>
	<u>217,250</u>	<u>440,142</u>

Council Tax (Band D) £38.82 £76.98

Number of employees (31<sup>st</sup> March) 2.4 FTE 9.0 FTE

St Austell Town Council has this year, amongst other things, supported a number of Feast Week events, supported the carnival, operated a Small Grants Scheme for local community and charitable groups, maintained footpaths, undertaken weed spraying, managed CCTV systems, helped to create a successful Townscape Heritage bid for St Austell, undertaken a number of environmental improvement projects and responded to consultations affecting the town on many issues including licensing and Cornwall Council planning strategies. The Council's Planning Committee has considered and responded to over 150 planning application consultations this year as well as facilitating large scale public meetings to give residents the opportunity to raise concerns and suggest improvements to major planning proposals in and around the Town.

Provision has been made for public conveniences and allotments to transfer from Cornwall Council to the Town Council from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, for parks and open spaces to transfer in October 2016 and for car parks and the library to transfer from April 2017. The Town Council has accepted responsibility for these services after a consultation exercise and negotiation with Cornwall Council.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £76.98 (for Band D properties) for 2016/17. This compares very favourably with the average Parish Council charge for 2015/16 in Cornwall of £86.18 for Band D properties. Councillors hope to keep any Council Tax increase in 2017/18 as low as possible.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years are available from the Town Clerk, The Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 5DP. Telephone – 01726 829854 or e-mail [david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk)

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