St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

2017/2018				2018/2019		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
50	90	-40	Allotments	200	250	-50
58,045	10,000	48,045	CCTV	45,100	0	45,100
26,400	335	26,065	Civic expenses inc. elections	3,500	300	3,200
205,842	3,450	202,392	General Administration	241,072	2,500	238,572
106,905	22,200	84,705	Library	184,869	13,200	171,669
52,900	0	52,900	Misc. Projects and Grants	56,000	0	56,000
228,584	8,000	220,584	Parks and Open Spaces	264,924	0	264,924
112,325	315,000	-202,675	Car Parks	117,256	315,000	-197,744
26,870	5,220	21,650	Public Conveniences	27,961	5,220	22,741
650	420	230	Public Rights of Way	750	430	320
18,805	0	18,805	Office and Depot Costs	16,330	0	16,330
22,000	0	22,000	The House and Youth Services	20,000	0	20,000
34,695	730	33,965	Transport and Plant	25,300	0	25,300
894,071	365,445	528,626		1,003,262	336,900	666,362
	36,832	-36,832	Council Tax Support Grant		29,782	-29,782
11,558		11,558	Contributions to Reserves	0		0
	40,776	-40,776	Contributions from Reserves		45,080	-45,080
<u>905,629</u>	<u>443,053</u>	<u>462,576</u>		<u>1,003,262</u>	<u>411,762</u>	<u>591,500</u>

		General Fund	Specific Reserves
Estimated Reserves at: -	31 st March 2018 31 st March 2019	£221,560 £220,415	£148,161 £104,300
Employees at: -	31 st March 2018 31 st March 2019	Full time 11 11	Part time 7 8

St Austell Town Council after consulting widely in 2015 decided to accept the transfer of services from Cornwall Council to the Town Council as part of one of the largest devolution packages in the country. During 2016, public conveniences, two sets of allotments and seventeen parks and open spaces transferred to the Town Council together with responsibility for cutting grass on highways verges and maintaining roundabouts and a number of other small areas of land. Priory and Tregonissey Lane End car parks transferred to the Town Council in April 2017, and the St Austell Library came across in September 2017. This has been a major undertaking for the Town Council and has required new office accommodation, new computer systems and the recruitment of additional staff. Already improvements have been made to many of the parks and open spaces across the town and the library.

In addition to the new functions, St Austell Town Council has continued to manage CCTV systems in the town centre, maintained footpaths on behalf of Cornwall Council and undertaken weed spraying across the Town. The Council has helped to create a Townscape Heritage funding 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's 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.

19 grants have been awarded during the year to date under the Town Council's Small Grants Scheme. These grants have helped local organisations to fund various community projects and events in and around the town. Other organisations who have benefitted from a Town Council grant include the Torchlight Carnival, St Austell Sea Cadets and Young People Cornwall who facilitate educational opportunities and counselling for young people at "The House".

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of $\pounds 97.75$ (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with the average for Parish and Town Councils in 2017/18 in Cornwall of $\pounds 110.53$ for Band D properties.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 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 <u>www.staustell-tc.gov.uk</u>