

St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

2018/2019				2019/2020		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
200	250	-50	Allotments	250	275	-25
45,100	0	45,100	CCTV	45,600	0	45,600
3,500	300	3,200	Civic expenses inc. elections	3,425	350	3,075
241,072	2,500	238,572	General Administration	240,550	3,001	237,549
184,869	13,200	171,669	Library	194,040	11,001	183,039
56,000	0	56,000	Misc. Projects and Grants	40,000	0	40,000
264,924	0	264,924	Parks and Open Spaces	298,970	250	298,720
117,256	315,000	-197,744	Car Parks	118,590	300,000	-181,410
27,961	5,220	22,741	Public Conveniences	22,919	4,300	18,619
750	430	320	Public Rights of Way	615	600	15
16,330	0	16,330	Office and Depot Costs	20,000	0	20,000
20,000	0	20,000	The House and Youth Services	24,800	10,000	14,800
25,300	0	25,300	Transport and Plant	25,100	0	25,100
1,003,262	336,900	666,362		1,034,859	329,777	705,082
	29,782	-29,782	Council Tax Support Grant		32,422	-32,422
0		0	Contributions to Reserves	140		140
	45,080	-45,080	Contributions from Reserves		0	0
1,003,262	411,762	591,500		1,034,999	362,199	672,800

		General Fund	Specific Reserves
Estimated Reserves at: -	31 st March 2019	£234,586	£124,300
	31 st March 2020	£234,726	£124,300
Employees at: -	31 st March 2019	Full time 11	Part time 8
	31 st March 2020	11	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 with a successful 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 95 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.

17 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, Whitegold Festival 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 £109.78 (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 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 www.staustell-tc.gov.uk