St Austell Town Council

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

2020/2021				2021/2022		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
250	275	-25	Allotments	250	155	95
51,600	0	51,600	CCTV	53,615	0	53,615
6,675	0	6,675	Civic expenses	4,975	0	4,975
0	0	0	Elections	25,000	0	25,000
11,000	0	11,000	Climate Change	5,000	0	5,000
248,100	3,001	245,099	General Administration	240,230	4,751	235,479
202,060	11,010	191,050	Library	200,935	5,010	195,925
28,000	0	28,000	Misc. Projects and Grants	35,500	0	35,500
310,775	250	310,525	Parks and Open Spaces	327,195	14,615	312,580
110,765	295,000	-184,235	Car Parks	98,725	200,000	-101,275
29,000	4,300	24,700	Public Conveniences	24,395	1,500	22,895
900	600	300	Public Rights of Way	1,000	600	400
17,430	0	17,430	Office and Depot Costs	17,330	0	17,330
23,300	10,000	13,300	The House and Youth Services	22,000	10,000	12,000
27,480	0	27,480	Transport and Plant	27,680	0	27,680
11,000	0	11,000	Contingency	5,000	0	5,000
1,078,859	**324,436**	**753,899**		**1,088,830**	**236,631**	**852,199**
	31,066	-31,066	Council Tax Support Grant		30,200	-30,200
40,125		40,125	Contributions to Reserves	0		0
	0	0	Contributions from Reserves		28,649	-28,649
1,118,460	**355,502**	**762,958**		**1,088,830**	**295,480**	**795,350**

		General Fund	Specific Reserves
Estimated Reserves at: -	31st March 2021	£359,618	£201,997
	31st March 2022	£337,369	£176,997
		Full time	Part time
Employees at: -	31st March 2021	11	10
	31st March 2022	11	10

The Town Council owns 17 parks and open spaces, has entered into an agency agreement with Cornwall Council to maintain grass verges and roundabouts, cemeteries and a number of other parcels of land and is responsible for Priory and Tregonissey Lane End car parks, allotments, the library and The House youth centre. St Austell Town Council also manages CCTV systems in the town centre, maintains footpaths on behalf of Cornwall Council and undertakes weed spraying on highways and pavements across the town. The Coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on the Council's income including the income from Priory Car Park. Members of the public are encouraged to use the Priory Car Park when visiting the town centre as this helps to support the Town Council with the provision of services across the town.

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 and a re-deployable CCTV camera. 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 when they are completed.

The Council's Planning Committee has considered and responded to over 100 planning consultations this year. 11 grants have been awarded during the year to date under the Town Council's small grants scheme. These grants have helped local organisations fund various community projects and services in and around the town. Other organisations who have benefited from a Town Council grant include St Austell BID, St Austell Arts Centre and Young People Cornwall who facilitate educational opportunities and counselling for young people at The House.

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.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £128.98 (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 2020/21 and 2021/22 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

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