

St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

2024/2025				2025/2026		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
250	90	160	Allotments	250	50	200
94,110	0	94,110	CCTV and Security	111,880	0	111,880
11,250	0	11,250	Civic expenses including elections	47,200	0	47,200
5,750	0	5,750	Climate Change	5,750	0	5,750
314,515	22,000	292,515	General Administration	314,870	36,000	278,870
255,950	6,460	249,490	Library	274,765	5,710	269,055
30,200	0	30,200	Misc. Projects and Grants	65,250	0	65,250
435,770	2,250	433,520	Parks and Open Spaces	465,515	1,650	463,865
96,560	238,000	-141,440	Car Parks	74,815	240,000	-165,185
28,405	2,750	25,655	Public Conveniences	27,705	2,650	25,055
0	1,015	-1,015	Public Rights of Way	0	1,030	-1,030
17,790	0	17,790	Office and Depot Costs	23,150	0	23,150
21,500	10,000	11,500	The House and Youth Services	21,500	10,000	11,500
31,000	0	31,000	Town Centre Revitalisation	28,600	0	28,600
47,370	0	47,370	Transport and Plant	53,640	0	53,640
45,000	0	45,000	Contingency	43,000	0	43,000
1,435,420	282,565	1,152,855		1,557,890	297,090	1,260,800
25,065	0	25,065	Contributions to Reserves	40,300	0	40,300
	0	0	Contributions from Reserves		0	0
1,460,485	282,565	1,177,920		1,598,190	297,090	1,301,100

Estimated Reserves at: -

31st March 2025
31st March 2026

**General
Fund**

£389,500
£389,800

**Specific
Reserves**

£572,451
£607,451

		Full time	Part time
Employees at: -	31 st March 2025	13	9
	31 st March 2026	11	10

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

St Austell Library is one of the busiest libraries in Cornwall with around 270 people visiting the building every day. It is open 6 days a week and offers alongside a large offer of reading material, childrens and older persons activities, reading and writing groups, public computers, free Wi-Fi and regular drop in events from outside organisations and a variety of events organised by the Library Support Association (SALSA).

The Town Council is a real living wage employer. Inflation and National Insurance changes have increased staff costs and running expenses generally but, despite these increased costs, the Town Council has continued to improve its services.

During the year we have continued to invest in and enhance parks and play equipment and during the summer months carried out the grass cutting on the highways verges and residential areas on behalf of Cornwall Council. The Council is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and to planting and maintaining trees and pollinators across the town. Since 2017 the Town Council has planted 644 trees, created a number of wildflower areas and has re-cycled plants and shrubs where it can. The Town Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan is regularly updated to reflect the progress being made.

The Town Council has co-ordinated 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 this year funding has been obtained to replace the faded banners on the Poundland building and create a piazza and sustainable planting at the Holy Trinity Church.

The Council has worked closely with Cornwall Council, the Police and other agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour in and around the town centre. The measures undertaken include funding for security staff (jointly with St Austell BID) and the maintenance and day/night time monitoring of over 20 CCTV cameras in and around the town centre. These measures combined with other stakeholder interventions have resulted in a significant reduction in the instances of anti-social behaviour recorded in the town centre.

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 100 planning applications. The Committee meets approximately every 4-5 weeks.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £197.20 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with other large Town Councils in Cornwall. Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 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