St Austell Town Council

Finance and General Purposes Committee

To: All Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

(Councillors: Brown, Clemo, Cohen, Gray, Kimber, Lanxon, Marshall, Nott, Preece, Rowse, Stephens, Thompson, Whitehouse and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting** of **the Finance and General Purposes Committee** to be held in **Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ** on **Monday 2nd November 2026 at 6pm.**

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27th October 2026

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   (Purpose: To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other non-registerable interests in respect of items on this agenda).

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3. Dispensations

(Purpose: To receive requests for dispensations under the Code of Conduct).

4. Minutes of meeting held on 28th September 2026 **Pages 1 - 6**

(Purpose: To agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record). (Attached).

5. Matters to Note

A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting. Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

6. Public participation (15 minutes maximum)

The Chairman will invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting.

15 minutes will be allocated for public participation (this can be extended at the Chairman's discretion). Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of three minutes.

7. Budgets 2026/27 and 2027/28 **Pages 7 - 38**

(Purpose: To update Members on work in relation to the revised budget for 2026/27 and the draft budget for 2027/28). (Report attached).

8. Budget Monitoring Report **Pages 39 - 44**

(Purpose: To review the Town Council's budget monitoring report for the period 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026). (Report attached).

9. Skateboard Park - Poltair Park

(Purpose: To approve a process for seeking tenders to improve the skateboard facilities at Poltair Park). (Verbal update).

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10. To consider excluding the press and public.

Under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified for the following item:

Items 11 and 12 are confidential because they contain sensitive commercial information.

11. CCTV Cameras

(Purpose: To approve the acquisition of two CCTV cameras utilising OPCC grant funding). (Verbal update).

12. Appointment of consultants to undertake survey work

(Purpose: To consider appointing consultants to undertake survey work for the forthcoming Neighbourhood Priority Statement). (Verbal update).

13. Re-admittance of press and public

(Purpose: To re-admit the press and public).

14. Cornwall Council – Consultation on proposed changes to Council Tax Support **Pages 45 -56**

(Purpose: To agree a response to a consultation from Cornwall Council). (Attached).

15. Library

(Purpose: To receive a verbal update on the activities of St Austell Library). (Verbal update).

16. Dates of Next Meetings

(Purpose: To note the date of next meeting – 15th February 2027).

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MINUTES of a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2026, 6pm in The Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DP.

Present: Councillors: Brown, Cohen, Gray (Chair), Kimber, Lanxon, Nott, Preece and Whitehouse.

Also present: Councillor Hamilton.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk), Annie Etheridge (Interpreter).

F/26/18) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clemo, Marshall, Stephens, Thompson and Young.

F/26/19) Declarations of Interest

None.

F/26/20) Dispensations

None.

F/26/21) Minutes of meeting held on 22nd June 2026

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

F/26/22) Matters to Note

The Town Clerk advised that negotiations for the transfer of the library have progressed and the "buy back" clause has now been deleted. Unfortunately, the library's new boiler has gone wrong and the transfer is now delayed until Cornwall Council ensures that the boiler is fully functioning. All being well, Cornwall Council's contractors should be fitting the new part tomorrow (29th September).

The Chair enquired whether Members still wanted to attend a working group to consider the printing and distribution of agendas. After discussion and the mixed views expressed, the Chair undertook to arrange a meeting of the Members nominated to the working group.

F/26/23) Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

F/26/24) Budget Timetable

The Clerk advised that as in previous years, he would like to hold a series of meetings to steer the budget setting process for the 2027/28 financial year and that a first draft budget will be available for Members to consider at the informal meeting on the 22nd October 2026.

If needed, a second informal meeting has been earmarked for 29th October 2026. It is hoped that following the informal meetings and a discussion at the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Town Council will be able to approve a budget, precept and Council Tax leaflet at their meeting on 14th December 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget timetable set out in the report.

F/26/25) Standing Orders

The Clerk advised that he has reviewed and updated the Town Council's Standing Orders to reflect the revised guidance received from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and due to a lack of time at the full Council meeting on the 1st September, the draft was referred to this Committee.

Councillor Brown circulated 19 proposed amendments to the Standing Orders as presented and the Committee went through each amendment and either AGREED or DISAGREED with each amendment proposed.

1. 1c. Add at the end "or may be moved by another councillor present" (AGREED).
2. 1g. Delete "early verbal" (AGREED)
3. 1m. leave this unchanged (AGREED)
4. 3g. Delete 2 and Insert 3 (AGREED)
5. 3m. leave this unchanged (DISAGREED)
6. 3s. Line 5 after "question" ad "or abstained from voting" (AGREED)
7. 3tii. Delete "are absence" and insert "have sent apologies" (DISAGREED)
8. 3x. Leave this unchanged (AGREED)
9. 4d. the first v delete (AGREED)
10. 4d move the second v to the place of the original first v (AGREED)
11. 4dxi Add "or combine two or more committees or sub committees" (AGREED)
12. 5h. "they" not "he" (AGREED)
13. 5j. Reinstate all three paragraphs (AGREED)
14. 7c and 7d. Capitals for Planning and Regeneration Committee, Council and Committees (AGREED)
15. 15v. Reinstate "and other residents" (AGREED)
16. 19 Capitals for Chair and Vice- Chair (AGREED)
17. 19c "Review" not "Reviews" (AGREED)
18. 26b. Delete "7" and insert "3" (DISAGREED). (AGREED to insert 5)
19. Appendix 1. Reinstate pages 45-53 (AGREED)

It was **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the above amendments, the Standing Orders should be approved.

F/26/26) Financial Regulations

The Clerk advised that the Financial Regulations had been updated to reflect agreed changes to delegation levels and changes to procurement legislation in accordance with guidance issued by NALC.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the revised Financial Regulations should be approved.

F/26/27) Dignity at Work Policy

The Clerk advised that the Dignity at Work Policy was approved in August 2022 and in line with good practice has been reviewed in line with NALC's guidance.

During discussion, Members expressed concern with regard to the composition of a grievance hearing and felt that a member of staff should be allowed to be accompanied by either a friend, fellow worker or a trade union representative to a panel meeting.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the Town Clerk clarifying the composition of a grievance hearing with the Town Council's HR advisors, the Dignity at Work Policy should be approved.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk would report back on the advice received.

F/26/28) Action Plan – 2026/27

The Clerk advised that the Town Council approved the 2026/27 Action Plan in March and in order to satisfy NALC's assessment panel for "Silver" quality status, the Action Plan has been revised with the addition of a budget column and a Red, Amber, Green (RAG) rating. He added that once the 2027/28 budget has been approved, the Action Plan will be updated to reflect the new budget and priorities of the Council.

During discussion, the following amendments were suggested:

- Page 37. (Action 8). "Counsellor" should read "Councillor"
- Page 45. (Action 39). "Coprnwall" should be "Cornwall"
- Page 47. (Action 49). "£3,5000" should be "£3,500"

In addition, the following was suggested:

- A column of "Actual Cost" be inserted onto the Action Plan
- The Action Plan be broken down into Committees and each Committee be asked to review its Actions on a regular basis.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the above amendments, the Action Plan – 2026/27 be approved.

F/26/29) Budget Monitoring Report

The Clerk explained the key variations in the report for the current financial year to 31st August 2026 and raised no concerns.

Arising from a question, the Clerk confirmed that the pay award agreed by the Unions for the 2026/27 financial year is 3.3%.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

F/26/30) Regular Payments

Arising from a question, the Clerk confirmed that the payments to Kent County Council relate to the library's energy bills which are under a favourable framework agreement used by Cornwall Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Regular Payments as set out.

F/26/31) Mayor's Chain

The Clerk advised that the Mayor's chain has a small break in one of the links and needs repairing before further breakages occur. He further advised that the chain has not had a professional clean or a valuation for a number of years and that he has taken the opportunity to obtain a quotation for the repair works, a professional clean and valuation by a firm of jewellers in Bodmin which has been returned in the sum of £5,200 ex VAT. He added that several of the local Town and Parish Councils use the jeweller for the maintenance of their mayoral chains. The Clerk advised that the alternative was to send the Mayoral chain away to be repaired, possibly using a firm in Birmingham who specialise in civic regalia.

During discussion Members raised the following:

- Expressed a preference that the work should be carried out locally;
- Acknowledged that on average the chain requires work approximately every 5 years;
- Acknowledged that in the current climate the chain requires a re-valuation.

It was **RESOLVED** by 6 votes for, 2 votes against, to authorise the Town Clerk to accept the quotation for the repair, clean and valuation of the Mayor's Chain.

F/26/32) Member Internal Audit

The Clerk advised that in between the Council's Internal Auditor auditing and inspecting the Town Council's records, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee undertake a number of spot checks on the Town Council's processes and procedures. The last spot check was undertaken in July 2026 from which there were no concerns.

During discussion, it was suggested that spot checks of the library's financial records should be undertaken by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the July audit by the Chair and Vice Chair.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a spot check of the library's financial records be incorporated into the list of checks undertaken by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

F/26/33) Library

The Deputy Town Clerk introduced the St Austell Library newsletter and highlighted:

- Staff numbers
- Volunteers
- Work experience placements
- The successful summer reading challenge

- Education library service operational changes
- The issues with the library boiler
- Performing arts collection usage and plans for promotion
- Excellent performance during the summer with higher issues than Truro in June and July

Councillors raised a number of issues including the number of groups supported by the library, the successful Proms in the Park event utilising the library chairs, the budget for the event, the lighting in the park for the event and the potential for permanent lighting in the park.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

F/26/34) Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is scheduled to take place on 2nd November 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm

AGENDA NO: 7

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

2nd NOVEMBER 2026

BUDGETS 2026/27 AND 2027/28

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on work in relation to the revised budget for 2026/27 and the original draft budget for the 2027/28 financial year and issues which may affect these budgets.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The requirement for Town and Parish Councils to calculate a budget and set a precept each year is contained in the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Town Council is required to calculate a budget for expenditure likely to be incurred, contingency sums required, the amount required to be transferred to reserves, any income likely to be received other than precepts and any amounts of reserves anticipated to be used. The Town Council must then declare a precept for the amount of Council Tax income it wishes to receive.

Cornwall Council requires Town and Parish Councils to submit precept details for the 2027/28 financial year by the 31st January 2027. The intention was for the Town Council to formally set its budget on the 14th December 2026. This will be dependent on Cornwall Council notifying the council tax base in time.

An informal meeting of the Council took place on 22nd October 2026 to review the progress made by the Council and discuss a direction and strategy for budget setting for next year.

The Council is very reliant on car park revenue which may decline if shopping trends continue to move away from town centre retail to online and out of town retail. The Town Council's costs are likely to continue to rise faster than general inflation.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

The budget will set the resource level available to the Council and determine the extent and speed with which projects and initiatives can be delivered and improvements made. The Council has been very successful in attracting grants for projects in recent years. It is not clear yet if any Government funding will be available for town centre and other initiatives after the current financial year.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

The Council invests strives to make its services accessible to all.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Provision has been made for climate emergency measures in the budget together with many ongoing functions and services which contribute positively to the climate change agenda.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note the attached report and recommend the proposed budget and Council Tax increase (subject to updates) to the full Council.

Background

The Town Council is required to set its budget and to notify Cornwall Council, as the billing authority, of its precept requirements for the 2027/28 financial year by 31st January 2027. The precept is the total amount of council tax income required by the Town Council.

The Town Council owns and manages 17 parks and open spaces, it leases and manages two car parks, The House youth centre, the Library and the Stable Block and it maintains grass verges, roundabouts, footpaths and a number of parcels of land under an agency agreement for Cornwall Council. The Town Council is very lean with 23 (18.3 FTE) staff. Contractors are employed to provide specialist support services. The Council employs local contractors and procures locally where possible and has an annual turnover of in excess of £1.6 million.

Government policy for Council Tax setting

It is not known yet how much the council tax elements for Cornwall Council and Devon and Cornwall Police will increase next year.

It is anticipated that Cornwall Council's council tax will increase by 4.99% as in recent years. These council taxes together will account for over 93% of the council tax payable by householders. The Town Council's element is a relatively small proportion of the total bill.

The Secretary of State has the power to insist that Parish and Town Councils should hold a referendum before increasing their council tax by more than a certain percentage. Exercising this power in a fair and practical way across all parishes would be complex and difficult.

To date this power has not been invoked by the Secretary of State and it is your officer's view that referendum principles are very unlikely to be introduced for Parish and Town Councils in the foreseeable future as they would severely curtail the localism agenda.

Notwithstanding this, prudent and responsible budgeting is essential in these difficult times in order to maintain services in an efficient, cost effective and accountable manner.

Council Tax Base

The Billing Authority, Cornwall Council, has yet to advise Town and Parish Councils of the Council Tax Base for the 2026/27 financial year. It is anticipated that Cornwall Council will continue to charge a premium on second homes as they did in 2026/27. The tax base and second home charge details would normally be announced in November. However Cornwall Council has just announced a consultation exercise ending the 13th December on limits to the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme

The Tax Base for 2026/27 was 6,641.43 Band D equivalent properties. It is currently estimated that the council tax base for St Austell parish will be approximately 6,670.00 next year. A more accurate figure will be available shortly and will be used in the report to the full Council in due course.

Budget preparation

The calculations and projections for the detailed budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 are progressing well. Key assumptions which are being built into the budget projections are as follows:

- Pay awards – the nationally agreed award for April 2026 has been announced and actioned. It was a 3.3% increase across all pay grades.

A 4% cost of living rise is assumed across the board for future years. The Council is a National Living Wage employer and should strive to maintain this position;

- Office and staffing provision – allowance has been made for maternity cover (2026/27 financial year) and an additional officer as recommended by the Staffing Committee;
- General inflation is expected to remain in the range 3-5%;
- Fuel, energy and building costs will continue to increase faster than the general rate of inflation;
- Insurance cost – some increases expected to reflect increasing building costs;
- An increased provision for play equipment to reflect the need to replace end of life equipment;
- The existing agency agreements for public rights of way, grass verges, closed cemeteries, and weed treatment to continue on similar terms;
- The allotments at Landrew Road to be retained as a community garden and allotments and parks management arrangements to stay largely as at present;
- Car Parks fees to remain the same across the budget period and provision has been made to continue a programme of resurfacing and line improvements;
- A programme of events will continue in future years;
- Library management and staffing arrangements will remain largely unchanged with a comprehensive programme of community events;
- Provision has been made for the replacement of one vehicle or ride-on mower each year;
- Small grants annual provision to remain at £10,000;
- A Climate Change budget of approximately £3,000 per annum will be set for future years and reviewed periodically;
- CCTV monitoring costs to increase to better reflect the Council's share of monitoring costs and additional cameras;
- Provision has been made to increase the funding for street marshals when the funding from the OPCC ends;
- £20,000 has been set aside in reserves to help fund work in connection with the new Local Plan for Cornwall and a Neighbourhood Priority Statement for St Austell to feed into the Local Plan;
- No other significant devolution of services in 2027/28;
- An assumption that there will be decline in interest income following the use of reserves to finance the purchase of Mount Charles Social Club.

Members' views on these assumptions would be very much appreciated.

The staffing budgets assume that the Senior Projects Officer will continue to be employed beyond his current contract and that the Finance/Administrative Support Officer will return from maternity leave Jan/Feb 2027. Provision has also been made for a small allowance for staff overtime in case it is needed.

The budget includes a £12,500 provision for events, £5,000 to support a Youth Council and £15,000 for town centre projects but assumes no other significant increases in workload. The budget allows for steady progress and improvement but not for major changes or increased services or liabilities.

Members have identified the control of anti-social behaviour across the town as a very high priority. The increased monitoring and fairer funding arrangement agreed with Newquay Town Council for CCTV monitoring has been reflected in the budget. Members earmarked £29,000 for security personnel in 2025/26 and 2026/27. Currently security patrols have been increased from approximately 25 hours per week to 44 hours per week utilising grant funding from the OPCC. This funding came to an end in September 2026 and provision has been made to make good this loss of grant.

The latest draft budgets reflecting the above assumptions are attached. Work will continue to refine these figures and they may change before the Council approves the formal budget but are unlikely to change significantly.

Priorities

At the informal meeting held on the 22nd October 2026 members scored their priorities. A summary of these is attached at Appendix 1.

The top priorities identified were playground equipment replacement as it wears out, securing suitable premises for the Council, influencing the development of the Cornwall Local Plan, addressing anti-social behaviour, engaging with Cornwall Council regarding properties and place shaping, an events programme, town centre revitalisation, grant funded projects, playground equipment, St Austell Library and environmental activities. These priorities have been taken into account when calculating budgets.

Town Centre Revitalisation Project

In recent years a lot of officer time has been directed towards the town centre revitalisation project and working with the Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership.

This has generated over £500,000 grant income over the last 4-5 years but unfortunately the Cornwall Council and Government funding has now dried up. The Town Council delivered:

- A town centre improvement masterplan;
- A rooftop garden design and feasibility report;
- Holy Trinity Church piazza phase 1 design;
- Holy Trinity Church piazza phase 1 construction;
- Town centre banner exhibition and new banners;
- High Cross Street student and key worker accommodation feasibility study;
- Highways improvement feasibility report;
- Duke Street public realm design;
- Viaduct lighting feasibility report;
- A pump track at the Meadows Park;
- Improved signage at Priory Car Park;
- Screening of the Old Fire station site;
- Improved planting in Old Vicarage Place;
- Holy Trinity Church piazza phase 2 design;
- Improvements to railings and planting outside the Baptist Church in Trinity Street;

These projects put the town in a very strong position to bid for any future funding streams and will complement the Town Council's efforts to improve pride in place and other major investments locally such as the redevelopment of Cornwall College, St Austell football pitch, the new health hub and the Blantyre extra care scheme.

Reserves

The Council maintains three earmarked reserves; a projects reserve to help smooth spending from year to year, an elections reserve and a play equipment reserve.

The projects reserve stands at £444,584 and is used to smooth expenditure between years and align grants and liabilities.

In 2026/27 it is proposed to take £198,108 from the reserve to help fund Poltair Park improvements and the purchase of the new office.

The election reserve is £35,000 and it is proposed to keep this to help with future election costs.

Provision has been made within the budget for repairs of play equipment and for the replacement of small areas of safety surfacing each year.

It is hoped also to make a contribution in years when it can be afforded to a reserve for the replacement of aging play equipment to save up for the major bills which are inevitable in the near future. An exercise has been completed which demonstrates that a significant proportion of the Council's play equipment will need replacement in the next 5-7 years and it is important to save up for this eventuality. Currently the Play Equipment Reserve has a balance of £439,676. If opportunities arise further sums should be saved into this reserve.

The Council's earmarked reserves which are set aside for known liabilities including projects, elections and play equipment amount to £919,261.

The Council's general fund or working balance is approximately £421,000 which equates to about 3 months expenditure. The level of reserves held by the Council is adequate but less than many comparable councils. It is anticipated that total reserves including earmarked reserves will reduce in the current financial year from £1,340,143 to £1,140,222. The reserves held are shown in Appendix 4.

Conclusion

The Council's costs are increasing with inflation. This budget allows for only limited growth. The Council's precept is expected to increase by £187,000 in 2027/28 from £1,420,600 to £1,607,600. Inflation accounts for approximately £80,000, expenditure on ASB mitigation will increase by £25,000, an extra £75,000 per annum has been set aside for investment in play equipment and interest on investments is projected to reduce by £20,000 as a result of a reduction in reserves.

It is important to maintain services during this difficult economic time and to help maintain the health and well-being of residents. The latest projections suggest that the Council Tax for 2027/28 needs to increase by in the region of £27.12 per annum (for Band D) or 12.68% and will require a Band D Council Tax of in the region of £241.02. Most residents in St Austell are in Band A or Band B. A Band B property would pay £21.09 extra a year. Those entitled to council tax support would pay less.

The Council has started from a low budget base and is spending well below the level of comparable towns in Cornwall. A summary of the council tax and precepts of other town councils is attached at Appendix 2 for information.

Detailed budget projections are shown at Appendix 3. Members are asked to note these budget projections and recommend them to the Council subject to amending the tax base and other provisions when better information is received.

DAVID POOLEY
TOWN CLERK

Appendix 1

ASSESSMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE DRAFT BUDGET 2027/28				
	High	Medium	Low	Score
POTENTIAL PRIORITIES				
Playground equipment replacement as it wears out	10	3		118
Anti social behaviour mitigation measures (Security Guards, CCTV)	10	2	1	114
Influence the development of the new Cornwall Local Plan	9	4		114
Maintain a good standard of environmental activities (grass cutting, flower beds, roundabouts)	7	6		106
Continue to provide well researched comments into Planning Applications	6	7		102
Engage with Cornwall Council with regard to property reviews/place shaping	6	7		102
Secure suitable premises for the Town Council	8	3	1	100
Continuation of the Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership and town centre projects	8	2	2	96
An events programme across the Parish	6	6		96
Neighbourhood Priority Statement	5	7	1	94
New Skateboard Park, Poltair Park	7	2	4	90
Increase the visiblity of the Town Council through press releases, social media and reels	5	6	2	90
Support for a Youth Council	5	6	1	88
Secure the devolution of The Library and The House buildings	5	5	3	86
New Accessible Play Equipment	5	4	4	82
Increase in management resource	4	6	3	82
Debt Advice Services such as Cornwall Citizens Advice	4	6	2	80
St Austell Library improvements	4	5	4	78
Church Piazza - Phase 2	3	7	3	78
Re-lining/surfacing/improvement of Priory Car Park	3	6	4	74
White River Project (River improvements, re-wilding, flooding mitigation)	3	6	3	72
Climate change initiatives	3	5	5	70
Highways improvements around the church	3	3	6	60
Duke Street improvements	1	6	6	58
Stop chemical weed treatment and permit weed growth on footways	2	3	7	52
Councillor training	1	4	8	50
Allotments	1	3	9	46

Others (Please specify)				
Improve kerb access around Holy Trinity Church	1			10
Permanent ramp for church access	1			10
Seek to encourage commercial investment in town	1			10
4				0
5				0

Appendix 2

2026/27 City and Town Council Precepts

Council	Precept 2026/27 £	Band D Council Tax £
Falmouth	4,057,218.43	488.15
Truro	3,527,562.00	459.89
Newquay	3,387,796.00	349.10
Penzance	2,528,957.00	328.07
Bodmin	2,021,355.00	389.90
Camborne	1,882,805.00	281.75
Redruth	1,836,162.00	384.74
St Ives	1,764,670.00	287.74
Saltash	1,661,881.00	286.96
Bude-Stratton	1,490,743.00	333.88
St Austell	**1,420,600.00**	**213.90**
Launceston	1,291,190.00	389.83
Helston	1,111,440.00	290.87
Hayle	1,101,935.00	334.52

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL - SUMMARY BUDGET **APPENDIX 3**

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2030/31 Projected £
Income									
Car Park Income	265,360	281,068	265,000	171,990	277,000	265,000	265,000	250,000	240,000
Interest Income	52,082	50,412	38,000	22,419	44,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Library Income	6,079	7,655	5,600	5,370	7,200	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Other Grants and Contributions	208,404	204,025	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0
Other Income	3,411	31,357	2,550	24,638	24,650	2,900	4,900	4,900	4,900
Precept Payments	1,177,920	1,301,100	1,420,600	1,420,600	1,420,600	1,607,600	1,740,600	1,740,600	1,740,600
Public Convenience Charges	2,372	1,711	2,400	1,089	2,100	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
Rent Received	10,360	10,385	10,435	5,660	10,660	10,660	10,660	10,660	10,660
Total Income	1,725,987	1,887,713	1,744,585	1,661,766	1,796,210	1,919,310	2,054,310	2,039,310	2,029,310
Gross Income	**1,725,987**	**1,887,713**	**1,744,585**	**1,661,766**	**1,796,210**	**1,919,310**	**2,054,310**	**2,039,310**	**2,029,310**
Less Operating Expenses									
Employee Expenses									
Recruitment	160	106	1,300	0	800	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Salaries / Wages	730,522	791,852	879,795	437,856	805,925	861,325	897,315	933,215	970,540
Training	3,631	2,253	4,850	4,627	6,450	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250
Total Employee Expenses	**734,312**	**794,211**	**885,945**	**442,483**	**813,175**	**867,875**	**903,865**	**939,765**	**977,090**
Premises Expenses									
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	20,322	21,784	22,295	11,202	22,500	32,180	31,160	32,710	34,320
Electricity/Gas	21,653	22,412	41,035	12,724	35,940	30,535	29,205	30,995	33,045
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	27,135	26,387	26,500	17,328	25,850	26,400	27,660	28,990	30,390
Play Equipment	55,281	11,888	50,000	22,747	193,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Rates	42,180	67,402	83,015	30,294	79,490	77,490	73,490	73,490	73,490
Rent / Room Hire	5,541	5,944	11,761	6,058	12,015	5,300	0	0	0
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	49,290	52,741	47,250	38,406	71,750	348,750	54,250	54,750	55,250
Water	2,093	2,783	5,290	2,037	5,885	7,670	7,480	7,790	8,130
Total Premises Expenses	**223,495**	**211,341**	**287,146**	**140,794**	**446,430**	**653,325**	**348,245**	**353,725**	**359,625**
Supplies and Services									
Books and Publications	119	149	150	0	150	150	150	150	150
Contract Payments	150,909	194,589	193,455	125,541	208,850	218,235	221,605	231,605	241,800
Election Expenses	0	7,944	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	35,000	1,000
Grants	65,250	69,304	74,750	56,023	94,250	111,250	111,250	111,250	111,250
Subscriptions	8,055	8,543	9,300	7,770	8,720	9,070	9,435	9,810	10,200
Insurances	11,519	12,093	12,695	12,940	13,440	16,000	16,750	17,540	18,360
IT / Communications	26,426	23,535	24,580	15,334	28,425	36,285	36,865	37,790	38,760
Mayors Allowances	0	100	750	201	750	750	750	750	750
MembersAllowance	0	643	0	1,086	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
Miscellaneous Expenses	171,247	303,670	82,415	17,813	288,350	88,315	73,290	73,775	74,270
Office Supplies	4,500	3,218	2,980	1,635	3,300	8,200	5,600	5,600	5,600
Printing and Stationery	3,063	4,808	4,105	2,485	4,030	4,530	4,740	4,860	4,960
Protective Clothing	2,594	2,583	2,990	741	2,800	2,940	3,090	3,240	3,400
Publicity	586	2,129	3,420	1,058	3,800	3,860	4,020	4,160	4,280
Small Grants Scheme	7,936	6,775	10,000	4,259	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Supplies and Services	**452,205**	**640,082**	**422,590**	**246,886**	**668,615**	**512,335**	**500,295**	**547,280**	**526,530**
Transport Related Expenses									
Contract Hire and Operating Leases	855	1,812	1,000	312	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fuel	11,238	11,253	12,980	9,811	16,000	16,500	17,000	17,500	18,000
Other Transport/plant expenses	27,541	27,801	29,210	760	27,850	29,210	30,650	32,170	33,760
Repairs/ Maintenance-Vehicles/Plant	16,283	15,927	7,990	2,738	6,000	7,500	8,000	8,500	9,000
Road Fund / Taxes	1,350	959	1,490	1,088	1,200	1,250	1,300	1,350	1,400
Transport Insurance	4,530	4,789	5,030	4,398	4,789	5,030	5,280	5,540	5,820
Travel and Subsistence	927	722	980	694	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
Total Transport Related Expenses	**62,724**	**63,262**	**58,680**	**19,801**	**57,919**	**61,570**	**64,310**	**67,140**	**70,060**
Total Operating Expenses	**1,472,736**	**1,708,896**	**1,654,361**	**849,964**	**1,986,139**	**2,095,105**	**1,816,715**	**1,907,910**	**1,933,305**
Contingency	**0**	**0**	**50,000**	**0**	**10,000**	**50,000**	**50,000**	**50,000**	**50,000**
Net Surplus/ Deficit (-)	**253,252**	**178,817**	**40,224**	**811,802**	**-199,929**	**-225,795**	**187,595**	**81,400**	**46,005**
Contributions to Reserves	225,575	220,000	40,000	0	0	0	175,000	50,000	40,000
Contributions from Reserves	10,998	43,764	0	0	198,108	226,000	0	0	0
Adjusted Surplus/Deficit (-)	**38,675**	**2,581**	**224**	**811,802**	**-1,821**	**205**	**12,595**	**31,400**	**6,005**
Precept	1,177,920	1,301,100	1,420,600		1,420,600	1,607,600	1,740,600	1,740,600	1,740,600
Council Tax Base	6,522.42	6,597.76	6,641.43		6,641.43	6,670.00	6,680.00	6,680.00	6,680.00
Council Tax - Band D	180.60	197.20	213.90		213.90	241.02	260.57	260.57	260.57
Increase £ per annum	16.23	16.61	33.30		33.30	27.12	19.55	0.00	0.00
Increase £ per week	0.31	0.32	0.64		0.64	0.52	0.38	0.00	0.00
Increase %	9.88%	9.20%	8.47%		8.47%	12.68%	8.11%	0.00%	0.00%

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SUMMARY BUDGET PROJECTIONS

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2030/31 Projected £
Community Committee:									
Allotments	50	39	-525	50	-550	-550	-550	-550	-550
CCTV and security	-86436	-119525	-132700	-82037	-150600	-175150	-186210	-191275	-196335
Events	-322	-10529	-22565	-8574	-15000	-16000	-16100	-16200	-16300
Misc. Projects and Grants	-28298	-28471	-37500	-19603	-50750	-37500	-37500	-37500	-37500
Parks and Open Spaces	-384398	-415882	-487860	-251075	-605325	-560450	-577970	-596145	-615035
Public Conveniences	-32849	-37565	-27860	-20207	-32055	-33190	-34415	-35685	-37015
Public Rights of Way	1017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The House/Youth Services	-10718	-10000	-11500	-6575	-12000	-14000	-14000	-14000	-14000
Sub Total	**-541954**	**-621933**	**-720510**	**-388020**	**-866280**	**-836840**	**-866745**	**-891355**	**-916735**
Finance and Gen. Purposes Committee									
Civic Expenses	-7953	-15425	-11100	-7089	-17065	-12700	-12680	-46860	-13040
General Admin.	-248249	-259225	-323520	-143461	-284070	-334170	-348230	-363130	-378610
Library	-237209	-270635	-277421	-151669	-264465	-277385	-289835	-301755	-314355
Priory Car Park	186682	183102	154030	99993	144960	157130	155140	138175	126160
Stable Block/Pondhu House	-17186	-3157	-62505	-211	-45345	-24265	0	0	0
New Headquarters	0	0	0	-957	-202500	-365000	-57750	-58540	-59360
Transport and Plant	-61124	-55374	-57350	-18765	-56489	-60140	-62880	-65710	-68630
Tregonissey Lane End Car Park	-499	-1036	-1250	-316	-1275	-1275	-1275	-1275	-1275
Sub Total	**-385538**	**-421750**	**-579116**	**-222475**	**-726249**	**-917805**	**-617510**	**-699095**	**-709110**
Planning and Regeneration Committee									
Town Centre Revitalisation Project	2823	-78099	-25000	0	-15000	-25000	-15000	-15000	-15000
Sub Total	**2823**	**-78099**	**-25000**	**0**	**-15000**	**-25000**	**-15000**	**-15000**	**-15000**
Climate and Environment Committee									
Climate and Environment	0	-500	-5750	0	-3000	-3750	-3750	-3750	-3750
Sub Total	**0**	**-500**	**-5750**	**0**	**-3000**	**-3750**	**-3750**	**-3750**	**-3750**
Contingency	**0**	**0**	**-50000**	**0**	**-10000**	**-50000**	**-50000**	**-50000**	**-50000**
	-924668	-1122282	-1380376	-610495	-1620529	-1833395	-1553005	-1659200	-1694595
Contributions to Reserves	225,575	220,000	40,000	0	0	0	175,000	50,000	40,000
Contributions from Reserves	10,998	43,764	0	0	198,108	226,000			
	-1,139,245	-1,298,518	-1,420,376	-610,495	-1,422,421	-1,607,395	-1,728,005	-1,709,200	-1,734,595
Precept	1,177,920	1,301,100	1,420,600	1,420,600	1,420,600	1,607,600	1,740,600	1,740,600	1,740,600
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	38,675	2,582	224	810,105	-1,821	205	12,595	31,400	6,005

Allotments

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Income									
Rent Received	50	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50
Total Income	50	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50
Gross Income	**50**	**75**	**75**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Grounds Maintenance Supplies		36.03	50	0	50	50	50	50	50
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	0		500	0	500	500	500	500	500
Total Premises Expenses	**0**	**36.03**	**550**	**0**	**550**	**550**	**550**	**550**	**550**
Supplies and Services									
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		50	0	50	50	50	50	50
Printing and Stationery									
Total Supplies and Services	**0**	**0**	**50**	**0**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**
Total Operating Expenses	**0**	**36.03**	**600**	**0**	**600**	**600**	**600**	**600**	**600**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**50**	**38.97**	**-525**	**50**	**-550**	**-550**	**-550**	**-550**	**-550**

Committee Community Committee
Budget Officer SG/SS

CCTV and Security

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Other Grants and Contributions	0		0	10000	10000	0	0	0	0	
Other Income	0	518	0	0						
Total Income	0	518	0	10000	10000	0	0	0	0	
Gross Income	**0**	**518**	**0**	**10000**	**10000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Employee Expenses										
Training					0					
Total Employee Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Premises Expenses										
Electricity	1033	831	1150	762	1000	1150	1210	1275	1335	
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	0		1000	0	500	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Total Premises Expenses	**1033**	**831**	**2150**	**762**	**1500**	**2150**	**2210**	**2275**	**2335**	
Supplies and Services										
Contract Payments	53625	85301	85000	55667	77000	85000	96000	101000	106000	1
Miscellaneous Grants	26000	28054	29500	29773	48000	65000	65000	65000	65000	2
IT / Communications	5777	5793	6050	5835	8000	13000	13000	13,000	13000	
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	64	10000	0	26100	10000	10000	10000	10000	3
Total Supplies and Services	**85402**	**119212**	**130550**	**91275**	**159100**	**173000**	**184000**	**189000**	**194000**	
Total Operating Expenses	**86436**	**120043**	**132700**	**92037**	**160600**	**175150**	**186210**	**191275**	**196335**	
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-86436**	**-119525**	**-132700**	**-82037**	**-150600**	**-175150**	**-186210**	**-191275**	**-196335**	

Notes:
1. Assumes 3 year phased increase in monitoring costs
2. Security patrols (may need to increase)
3. Provides for new cameras in 2025/26

Committee: Community Committee
Budget Officer: DP

Civic Ceremonial/Members

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Grants and Contributions									
Other Income		20		0	0				
Total Income	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**0**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Employee Expenses									
Training	20	544	600	133	400	500	500	500	500
Total Employee Expenses	**20**	**544**	**600**	**133**	**400**	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**
Premises Expenses									
Rent / Room Hire	0	474	300	385	430	200	0	0	0
Total Premises Expenses	**0**	**474**	**300**	**385**	**430**	**200**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Supplies and Services									
Election Expenses	0	7944	1000	0	0	1000	1000	35000	1000
IT / Communications	1176	1104	1200	1104	1105	1150	1200	1250	1300
Mayors Allowances	0	100	750	201	750	750	750	750	750
Members Allowance	0	643	0	1086	1750	1750	1750	1750	1750
Miscellaneous Expenses	5892	3920	6000	3741	11500	6200	6300	6400	6500
Printing and Stationery	253	324	530	258	530	530	540	550	560
Publicity	352	360	420	0	400	420	440	460	480
Total Supplies and Services	**7673**	**14394**	**9900**	**6390**	**16035**	**11800**	**11980**	**46160**	**12340**
Transport Related Expenses									
Travel and Subsistence	260	33	300	181	200	200	200	200	200
Total Transport Related Expenses	**260**	**33**	**300**	**181**	**200**	**200**	**200**	**200**	**200**
Total Operating Expenses	**7953**	**15445**	**11100**	**7089**	**17065**	**12700**	**12680**	**46860**	**13040**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-7953**	**-15425**	**-11100**	**-7089**	**-17065**	**-12700**	**-12680**	**-46860**	**-13040**

1. One contested election in 2025

Committee F & GP Committee
Budget Officer SG

CLIMATE CHANGE

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Grants and Contributions	0								
Other Income	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Employee Expenses									
Training	0	0	500	0	250	500	500	500	500
Total Employee Expenses	**0**	**0**	**500**	**0**	**250**	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**
Premises Expenses									
Grounds Maintenance Supplies									
Total Premises Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Supplies and Services									
Miscellaneous Grants	0	500	250	0	250	250	250	250	250
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	5000	0	2500	3000	3000	3000	3000
Total Supplies and Services	**0**	**500**	**5250**	**0**	**2750**	**3250**	**3250**	**3250**	**3250**
Total Operating Expenses	**0**	**500**	**5750**	**0**	**3000**	**3750**	**3750**	**3750**	**3750**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**0**	**-500**	**-5750**	**0**	**-3000**	**-3750**	**-3750**	**-3750**	**-3750**

Committee: Climate and Environment
Budget Officer: DP

Events

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Interest Income	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Other Grants and Contributions	6500			0	0	0	0	0	
Other Income	0			500	500	0	0	0	
Rent Received	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Total Income	6500	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**6500**	**0**	**0**	**500**	**500**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Employee Expenses									
Recruitment	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Salaries / Wages	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Employee Expenses	**0**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Premises Expenses									
Grounds Maintenance Supplies				19					
Rent / Room Hire	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Repairs / Maintenance Premises				0					
Total Premises Expenses	**0**		**0**	**19**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	0			531	0	0	0	0	0
Insurances	0	59	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	6588	8951	20000	6950	12000	12500	12500	12500	12500
Miscellaneous Grants				1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Office Supplies	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing and Stationery	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective Clothing	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Publicity	234	1519	2500	383	2500	2500	2600	2700	2800
Small Grants Scheme									
Total Supplies and Services	**6822**	**10529**	**22565**	**8864**	**15500**	**16000**	**16100**	**16200**	**16300**
Transport Related Expenses									
Contract Hire and Operating Leases				190					
Travel and Subsistence	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Transport Related Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**190**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Operating Expenses	**6822**	**10529**	**22565**	**9074**	**15500**	**16000**	**16100**	**16200**	**16300**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-322**	**-10529**	**-22565**	**-8574**	**-15000**	**-16000**	**-16100**	**-16200**	**-16300**

Committee: Community Committee
Budget Officer: SG

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General Adminstration

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Interest Income	52082	50412	38000	22419	44000	24000	24000	24000	24000	
Other Grants and Contributions	7811		0	0		0	0	0		
Other Income	1	4		0	0	0	0	0		
Rent Received	0			0	0	0	0	0		
Total Income	59894	50416	38000	22419	44000	24000	24000	24000	24000	
Gross Income	**59894**	**50416**	**38000**	**22419**	**44000**	**24000**	**24000**	**24000**	**24000**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Employee Expenses										
Recruitment	80	0	500	0	0	500	500	500	500	
Salaries / Wages	258644	254146	309900	126772	275010	303685	315735	328365	341500	
Training	1196	1051	1500	3614	3750	2000	2000	2000	2000	
Total Employee Expenses	**259920**	**255197**	**311900**	**130386**	**278760**	**306185**	**318235**	**330865**	**344000**	
Premises Expenses										
Rent / Room Hire	0	0	660	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Premises Expenses	**0**	**0**	**660**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Supplies and Services										
Books and Publications	119	149	150	0	150	150	150	150	150	
Contract Payments	3962	3775	4500	2125	3850	4000	4200	4350	4510	1
Subscriptions	8055	8543	9300	7770	8720	9070	9,435	9,810	10200	2
Insurances	11519	12034	12630	12940	13440	15000	15750	16540	17360	
IT / Communications	17180	15791	16500	8001	16000	16500	17080	17940	18840	3
Miscellaneous Expenses	2199	9474	1575	809	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	
Office Supplies	3093	1896	1680	1231	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	
Printing and Stationery	1575	1972	1575	1515	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	
Publicity	0	250	500	675	900	940	980	1000	1000	
Total Supplies and Services	**47703**	**53883**	**48410**	**35067**	**48560**	**51235**	**53245**	**55515**	**57860**	
Transport Related Expenses										
Travel and Subsistence	520	561	550	427	750	750	750	750	750	
Total Transport Related Expenses	**520**	**561**	**550**	**427**	**750**	**750**	**750**	**750**	**750**	
Total Operating Expenses	**308143**	**309641**	**361520**	**165880.02**	**328070**	**358170**	**372230**	**387130**	**402610**	
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-248249**	**-259225**	**-323520**	**-143461**	**-284070**	**-334170**	**-348230**	**-363130**	**-378610**	

1. Confidential waste recycling, audit and payroll
2. CALC,SWC, SLCC, Worknest,CIPD and PMA.
3. Telephones, internet, software licences and IT support

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Library

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Grants and Contributions									
Other Income	189	744	150	188	200	200	200	200	200
Library Income	6079	7655	5600	5370	7200	7000	7000	7000	7000
Rent Received	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Income	6278	8410	5760	5568	7410	7210	7210	7210	7210
Gross Income	**6278**	**8410**	**5760**	**5568**	**7410**	**7210**	**7210**	**7210**	**7210**
Less Operating Expenses									
Employee Expenses									
Recruitment	80	106	500	0	500	500	500	500	500
Salaries / Wages	186944	219033	224915	134345	213935	224820	235405	244825	254615
Training	150	570	500	76	300	500	500	500	500
Total Employee Expenses	**187174**	**219709**	**225915**	**134421**	**214735**	**225820**	**236405**	**245825**	**255615**
Premises Expenses									
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	12872	13142	13750	6851	13750	14430	15160	15920	16710
Electricity/Gas	12383	11132	13100	5234	12500	13100	13850	15200	16800
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	860		500	114	500	500	500	500	500
Rates	15101	15101	15100	6518	15100	15100	15100	15100	15100
Rent / Room Hire	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	8213	8063	7500	535	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
Water	906	1205	1100	1115	1800	1980	2180	2380	2600
Total Premises Expenses	**50337**	**48643**	**51051**	**20367**	**51150**	**52610**	**54290**	**56600**	**59210**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	2931	5607	3675	1118	3500	3675	3860	4050	4250
IT / Communications	260	260	260	130	260	260	260	260	260
Miscellaneous Expenses	1439	3442	1000	712	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Office Supplies	1207	1257	1100	404	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100
Protective Clothing	0		50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supplies and Services	**5837**	**10566**	**6085**	**2364**	**5860**	**6035**	**6220**	**6410**	**6610**
Transport Related Expenses									
Travel and Subsistence	139	127	130	86	130	130	130	130	130
Total Transport Related Expenses	**138.93**	**126.9**	**130**	**86**	**130**	**130**	**130**	**130**	**130**
Total Operating Expenses	**243487**	**279045**	**283181**	**157237**	**271875**	**284595**	**297045**	**308965**	**321565**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-237209**	**-270635**	**-277421**	**-151669**	**-264465**	**-277385**	**-289835**	**-301755**	**-314355**

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Misc. projects and grants

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Other Grants and Contributions	0									
Other Income	0									
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gross Income	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Supplies and Services										
Contract Payments	461	946	500	0	750	500	500	500	500	
Grants	19250	20750	25000	15250	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	1
Miscellaneous Expenses	650		2000	94	15000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2
Small Grants Scheme	7936	6775	10000	4259	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	
Total Supplies and Services	**28298**	**28471**	**37500**	**19602.8**	**50750**	**37500**	**37500**	**37500**	**37500**	
Total Operating Expenses	**28298**	**28471**	**37500**	**19603**	**50750**	**37500**	**37500**	**37500**	**37500**	
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-28298**	**-28471**	**-37500**	**-19603**	**-50750**	**-37500**	**-37500**	**-37500**	**-37500**	

Notes:
1. Christmas lights, Arts Centre, Youth Council and others
2. Speed camera

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New Headquarters

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Income		0		0	0	500	2500	2500	2500
Rent Received	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	500	2500	2500	2500
Gross Income	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**500**	**2500**	**2500**	**2500**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	15000	15750	16540	17360
Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	3500	5000	5000	5000
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	9000	9000	9000	9000
Rent / Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	0	0	0	0	0	300000	10000	10000	10000
Water			0	0	0	3000	3000	3000	3000
Total Premises Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**330500**	**42750**	**43540**	**44360**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IT / Communications	0	0	0	0	2500	5000	5000	5000	5000
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	957	200000	25000	10000	10000	10000
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	5000	2500	2500	2500
Total Supplies and Services	**0**	**0**	**0**	**957**	**202500**	**35000**	**17500**	**17500**	**17500**
Total Operating Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**957**	**202500**	**365500**	**60250**	**61040**	**61860**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-957**	**-202500**	**-365000**	**-57750**	**-58540**	**-59360**

Parks And Open Spaces

Inc. Poltair, Bethel and Truro Road Parks

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Other Grants and Contributions	20005	75270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Income	2204	3147	2400	6137	6140	2200	2200	2200	2200	1
Rent Received	300	300	350	600	600	600	600	600	600	
Total Income	22509	78717	2750	6737	6740	2800	2800	2800	2800	
Gross Income	**22509**	**78717**	**2750**	**6737**	**6740**	**2800**	**2800**	**2800**	**2800**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Employee Expenses										
Recruitment	0	0	300	0	300	300	300	300	300	
Salaries / Wages	265178	296144	344980	176739	316980	332820	346175	360025	374425	
Training	2265	88	1750	805	1750	1750	1750	1750	1750	
Total Employee Expenses	**267443**	**296232**	**347030**	**177544**	**319030**	**334870**	**348225**	**362075**	**376475**	
Premises Expenses										
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	0		250	73	250	250	250	250	250	
Electricity	7424	7469	8110	3436	7800	8110	8435	8780	9130	
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	25550	26287	25350	17214	24800	25350	26610	27940	29340	
Play Equipment	55281	11888	50000	22747	193000	125000	125000	125000	125000	
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	12816	28746	14500	9638	14000	14500	15000	15500	16000	
Water	453	445	770	327	735	770	810	850	890	
Total Premises Expenses	**101526**	**74835**	**98980**	**53435**	**240585**	**173980**	**176105**	**178320**	**180610**	
Supplies and Services										
Contract Payments	29587	36649	37000	24252	45000	46800	48675	50620	52640	
IT / Communications	1773	295	310	199	300	310	325	340	360	
Miscellaneous Expenses	3310	84005	4000	1299	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	
Protective Clothing	2594	2583	2940	741	2800	2940	3090	3240	3400	
Total Supplies and Services	**37265**	**123532**	**44250**	**26492**	**52100**	**54050**	**56090**	**58200**	**60400**	
Transport Related Expenses										
Other Transport/plant expenses	673		350	341	350	350	350	350	350	
Total Transport Related Expenses	**673**	**0**	**350**	**341**	**350**	**350**	**350**	**350**	**350**	
Total Operating Expenses	**406907**	**494599**	**490610**	**257812**	**612065**	**563250**	**580770**	**598945**	**617835**	
Net Profit	**-384398**	**-415882**	**-487860**	**-251075**	**-605325**	**-560450**	**-577970**	**-596145**	**-615035**	

Notes:
1. Sponsorship and insurance claims received.

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Priory Car Park

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Car Park Income	265360	281068	265000	171990	277000	265000	265000	250000	240000	
Other Income				612	610					
Total Income	265360	281068	265000	172602	277610	265000	265000	250000	240000	
Gross Income	**265360**	**281068**	**265000**	**172602**	**277610**	**265000**	**265000**	**250000**	**240000**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Premises Expenses										
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	725		500	0	500	500	500	500	500	
Rates	26418	51640	52250	23460	48700	48700	48700	48700	48700	
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	14387	2346	12000	24976	37000	12000	12000	12000	12000	1
Total Premises Expenses	**41530**	**53986**	**64750**	**48436**	**86200**	**61200**	**61200**	**61200**	**61200**	
Supplies and Services										
Contract Payments	31362	34449	37180	19296	35750	37180	38670	40215	41820	2
Miscellaneous Expenses	4550	7019	7040	4166	9200	7490	7790	8100	8420	
Printing and Stationery	1236	2512	2000	712	1500	2000	2200	2310	2400	3
Total Supplies and Services	**37148**	**43980**	**46220**	**24174**	**46450**	**46670**	**48660**	**50625**	**52640**	
Transport Related Expenses										
Repairs/ Maintenance-Vehicles/Plant	0				0	0	0	0		
Total Transport Related Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Total Operating Expenses	**78678**	**97966**	**110970**	**72609**	**132650**	**107870**	**109860**	**111825**	**113840**	
Net Surplus/Deficit	**186682**	**183102**	**154030**	**99993**	**144960**	**157130**	**155140**	**138175**	**126160**	

1. Resurfacing works etc
2. Cale Briparc - maintenance and sim cards, G4S cash collection, CC enforcement, phone app fees.
3. Tickets

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Public Conveniences

	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Actual	2026/27 Original	Actual to 20.10.26	2026/27 Revised	2027/28 Original	2028/29 Projected	2029/30 Projected	2028/30 Projected
Income	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Convenience Charges	2372	1711	2400	1089	2100	2150	2150	2150	2150
Total Income	2372	1711	2400	1089	2100	2150	2150	2150	2150
Gross Income	**2372**	**1711**	**2400**	**1089**	**2100**	**2150**	**2150**	**2150**	**2150**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Electricity	612	614	675	301	640	675	710	740	780
Rates	162	162	165	0	165	165	165	165	165
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	12435	11291	5000	1527	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Water	733	1134	1420	595	1350	1420	1490	1560	1640
Total Premises Expenses	**13942**	**13201**	**7260**	**2423**	**7155**	**7260**	**7365**	**7465**	**7585**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	21280	26074	23000	18873	27000	28080	29200	30370	31580
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Supplies and Services	**21280**	**26074**	**23000**	**18873**	**27000**	**28080**	**29200**	**30370**	**31580**
Total Operating Expenses	**35222**	**39275**	**30260**	**21296**	**34155**	**35340**	**36565**	**37835**	**39165**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-32849**	**-37565**	**-27860**	**-20207**	**-32055**	**-33190**	**-34415**	**-35685**	**-37015**

1. Cleaning contract

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Stable Block

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Income		19758		17201	17200	0	0	0	0
Rent Received	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	19758	0	17201	17200	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**0**	**19758**	**0**	**17201**	**17200**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	7449	8642	8295	4277	8500	2500	0	0	0
Electricity	0	2366	18000	2991	14000	4000	0	0	0
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	0	64	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates	0	0	15000	0	15000	4000	0	0	0
Rent / Room Hire	5540	5469	10800	5673	11585	5100	0	0	0
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	921	1759	5000	155	5000	5000	0	0	0
Water			2000	0	2000	500	0	0	0
Total Premises Expenses	**13910**	**18299**	**59195**	**13096**	**56085**	**21100**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	2700	1788	2100	4209	5500	2500	0	0	0
IT / Communications	260	292	260	65	260	65	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	117	2471	750	42	500	500	0	0	0
Office Supplies	199	65	200	0	200	100	0	0	0
Total Supplies and Services	**3276.03**	**4615.85**	**3310**	**4316**	**6460**	**3165**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Operating Expenses	**17186**	**22915**	**62505**	**17412**	**62545**	**24265**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**-17186**	**-3157**	**-62505**	**-211**	**-45345**	**-24265**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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The House/Youth Services

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Rent Received	10000	10000	10000	5000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
Total Income	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Gross Income	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**5,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Electricity/Gas	200		0	0					
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	518		1500	1575	2000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Water									
Total Premises Expenses	**718**	**0**	**1500**	**1575**	**2000**	**3000**	**3000**	**3000**	**3000**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments									
Grants and Subscriptions	20000	20000	20000	10000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
Insurances						1000	1000	1000	1000
Miscellaneous Expenses	0					0			
Total Supplies and Services	**20000**	**20000**	**20000**	**10000**	**20000**	**21000**	**21000**	**21000**	**21000**
Total Operating Expenses	**20718**	**20000**	**21500**	**11575**	**22000**	**24000**	**24000**	**24000**	**24000**
Net Surplus/Deficit	**-10718**	**-10000**	**-11500**	**-6575**	**-12000**	**-14000**	**-14000**	**-14000**	**-14000**

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Planning (inc.Town Centre Revitalisation)

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	
Income										
Other Grants and Contributions	174088	128754	0	0	0					
Total Income	174088	128754	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gross Income	**174088**	**128754**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Less Operating Expenses										
Employee Expenses										
Salaries / Wages	19755	22530	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Employee Expenses	**19755**	**22530**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Supplies and Services										
Contract Payments	5000		0	0	10000	10000	0	0		1
Miscellaneous Expenses	146502	184324	25000	0	5000	15000	15000	15000	15000	
Total Supplies and Services	**151502**	**184324**	**25000**	**0**	**15000**	**25000**	**15000**	**15000**	**15000**	
Transport Related Expenses										
Travel and Subsistence	8									
Total Transport Related Expenses	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Total Operating Expenses	**171264**	**206854**	**25000**	**0**	**15000**	**25000**	**15000**	**15000**	**15000**	
Net Surplus/Deficit(-)	**2823**	**-78099**	**-25000**	**0**	**-15000**	**-25000**	**-15000**	**-15000**	**-15000**	

1. NPS

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Transport and Plant

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Other Income	0	7167		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	7167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**0**	**7167**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Supplies and Services									
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supplies and Services	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Transport Related Expenses									
Contract Hire and Operating Leases	855	1812	1000	312	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Fuel	11238	11253	12980	9811	16000	16500	17000	17500	18000
Other Transport/plant expenses	26868	27801	28860	419	27500	28860	30300	31820	33410
Repairs/ Maintenance-Vehicles/Plant	16283	15927	7990	2738	6000	7500	8000	8500	9000
Road Fund / Taxes	1350	959	1490	1088	1200	1250	1300	1350	1400
Transport Insurance	4530	4789	5030	4398	4789	5030	5280	5540	5820
Total Transport Related Expenses	**61124**	**62541**	**57350**	**18765**	**56489**	**60140**	**62880**	**65710**	**68630**
Total Operating Expenses	**61124**	**62541**	**57350**	**18765**	**56489**	**60140**	**62880**	**65710**	**68630**
Net Surplus/Deficit (-)	**-61124**	**-55374**	**-57350**	**-18765**	**-56489**	**-60140**	**-62880**	**-65710**	**-68630**

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Tregonissey Lane End Car Park

	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Actual £	2026/27 Original £	Actual to 20.10.26 £	2026/27 Revised £	2027/28 Original £	2028/29 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £	2029/30 Projected £
Income									
Car Park Income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Less Operating Expenses									
Premises Expenses									
Electricity	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Rates	499	499	500	316	525	525	525	525	525
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	0	537	250	0	250	250	250	250	250
Water									
Total Premises Expenses	**499**	**1036**	**750**	**316**	**775**	**775**	**775**	**775**	**775**
Supplies and Services									
Contract Payments	0		500	0	500	500	500	500	500
Miscellaneous Expenses									
Total Supplies and Services	**0**	**0**	**500**	**0**	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**
Total Operating Expenses	**499**	**1036**	**1250**	**316**	**1275**	**1275**	**1275**	**1275**	**1275**
Net Surplus/Deficit (-)	**-499**	**-1036**	**-1250**	**-316**	**-1275**	**-1275**	**-1275**	**-1275**	**-1275**

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RESERVES SUMMARY 2025/26, 2026/27 AND 2027/28

APPENDIX 4

		Actual			Estimates			Estimates		
	1.4.25	Additions	Reductions	31.3.26	Additions	Reductions	31.3.27	Additions	Reductions	31.3.28
PROJECTS RESERVE TOTALS	268348.68	220000.00	43764.00	444584.68	0.00	188100.00	256484.68	0.00	226000.00	30484.68
ELECTIONS RESERVE	35000.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00
PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIR & RENEWALS	439676.50	0.00	0.00	439676.50	0.00	10000.00	429676.50	0.00	0.00	429676.50
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES	743025.18	220000.00	43764.00	919261.18	0.00	198100.00	721161.18	0.00	226000.00	495161.18
GENERAL RESERVE	418327.83	2553.65	0	420881.48	0.00	1821.00	419060.48	205.00	0.00	419265.48
TOTAL RESERVES	1161353.01	222553.65	43764.00	1340142.66	0.00	199921.00	1140221.66	205.00	226000.00	914426.66

AGENDA NO: 8

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

2nd NOVEMBER 2026

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an update on income and expenditure to the 30th September 2026 and a copy of the Council's latest bank reconciliation statements.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

It is a legal requirement for the Town Council to set a budget annually and it is good practice to monitor that budget at regular intervals. The Town Clerk monitors budgets monthly and provides regular budget monitoring reports to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. It is part of the remit of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to monitor and manage budgets on behalf of the Town Council.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

None outside of existing budgets.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

None.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

None.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note the attached budget monitoring reports and bank reconciliation statement.

The budget variance report for August 2026 and the financial year to the 31st August 2026 is attached for information. Income and expenditure is generally within acceptable limits.

Significant variances are explained below:

- **Car park income** is better than predicted possibly because of road closures
- **Other grants and contributions –** money received from OPCC for CCTV cameras
- **Other income** – Cornwall Council recharges re: telecommunications and footpaths
- **Contract payments** – CCTV repairs and changing places toilet service plan
- **Electricity** – seasonal savings
- **Miscellaneous expenses** – CCTV cameras not yet purchased
- **Miscellaneous grants** – grants to BID and Mayor's charities
- **Other transport/plant expenses** – new vehicle not yet purchased.
- **Rates** – reduced rateable values
- **Repairs/Maintenance Premises** – Priory Car Park wall repairs
- **Salaries and Wages** – maternity leave and vacancies

DAVID POOLEY - TOWN CLERK

Budget Variance

St Austell Town Council
For the month ended 30 September 2026

	SEPT 2026	SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %	APR-SEPT 2026	APR-SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Trading Income								
Car Park Income	29,650.15	22,083.00	7,567.15 ↑	34.27% ↑	152,848.05	132,498.00	20,350.05 ↑	15.36% ↑
Interest Income	4,345.72	3,167.00	1,178.72 ↑	37.22% ↑	19,019.75	19,002.00	17.75 ↑	0.09% ↑
Library Income	814.38	467.00	347.38 ↑	74.39% ↑	4,599.88	2,802.00	1,797.88 ↑	64.16% ↑
Other Grants and Contributions	-	-	- —	- —	10,000.00	-	10,000.00 ↑	- —
Other Income	127.00	212.00	(85.00) ↓	-40.09% ↓	25,056.21	1,272.00	23,784.21 ↑	1,869.83% ↑
Precept Payments	710,300.00	710,300.00	- —	- —	1,420,600.00	1,420,600.00	- —	- —
Public Convenience Charges	143.65	200.00	(56.35) ↓	-28.18% ↓	969.48	1,200.00	(230.52) ↓	-19.21% ↓
Rent Received	2,500.00	870.00	1,630.00 ↑	187.36% ↑	5,635.00	5,220.00	415.00 ↑	7.95% ↑
Total Trading Income	**747,880.90**	**737,299.00**	**10,581.90**	**1.44%**	**1,638,728.37**	**1,582,594.00**	**56,134.37**	**3.55%**
Gross Profit	**747,880.90**	**737,299.00**	**10,581.90**	**1.44%**	**1,638,728.37**	**1,582,594.00**	**56,134.37**	**3.55%**
Operating Expenses								
Books and Publications	-	-	- —	- —	-	100.00	(100.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	1,884.61	1,858.00	26.61 ↑	1.43% ↑	11,154.40	11,148.00	6.40 ↑	0.06% ↑
Contract Hire and Operating Leases	94.00	83.00	11.00 ↑	13.25% ↑	502.00	498.00	4.00 ↑	0.80% ↑
Contract Payments	35,016.83	16,121.00	18,895.83 ↑	117.21% ↑	120,672.05	96,726.00	23,946.05 ↑	24.76% ↑
Election Expenses	-	-	- —	- —	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓

	SEPT 2026	SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %	APR-SEPT 2026	APR-SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Electricity	642.38	3,070.00	(2,427.62) ↓	-79.08% ↓	8,818.77	18,420.00	(9,601.23) ↓	-52.12% ↓
Fuel	1,739.64	1,082.00	657.64 ↑	60.78% ↑	9,060.17	6,492.00	2,568.17 ↑	39.56% ↑
Gas	166.00	350.00	(184.00) ↓	-52.57% ↓	1,190.09	2,100.00	(909.91) ↓	-43.33% ↓
Grounds Maintenance Supplies	1,306.04	2,208.00	(901.96) ↓	-40.85% ↓	16,535.01	13,248.00	3,287.01 ↑	24.81% ↑
Insurances	636.33	-	636.33 ↑	- —	12,940.42	12,695.00	245.42 ↑	1.93% ↑
IT / Communications	1,318.68	2,048.00	(729.32) ↓	-35.61% ↓	14,859.37	12,288.00	2,571.37 ↑	20.93% ↑
Mayors Allowances	-	62.00	(62.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	200.93	372.00	(171.07) ↓	-45.99% ↓
MembersAllowance	90.00	-	90.00 ↑	- —	906.35	-	906.35 ↑	- —
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,316.34	6,868.00	(3,551.66) ↓	-51.71% ↓	17,514.06	41,208.00	(23,693.94) ↓	-57.50% ↓
Miscellaneous Grants	500.00	6,229.00	(5,729.00) ↓	-91.97% ↓	51,289.00	37,374.00	13,915.00 ↑	37.23% ↑
Office Supplies	87.78	248.00	(160.22) ↓	-64.60% ↓	1,435.10	1,488.00	(52.90) ↓	-3.56% ↓
Other Transport/plant expenses	175.75	2,434.00	(2,258.25) ↓	-92.78% ↓	760.57	14,604.00	(13,843.43) ↓	-94.79% ↓
Play Equipment	1,771.00	4,167.00	(2,396.00) ↓	-57.50% ↓	22,746.91	25,002.00	(2,255.09) ↓	-9.02% ↓
Printing and Stationery	390.18	342.00	48.18 ↑	14.09% ↑	2,226.59	2,052.00	174.59 ↑	8.51% ↑
Protective Clothing	-	249.00	(249.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	741.43	1,494.00	(752.57) ↓	-50.37% ↓
Publicity	352.30	285.00	67.30 ↑	23.61% ↑	1,058.30	1,710.00	(651.70) ↓	-38.11% ↓
Rates	5,049.00	6,918.00	(1,869.00) ↓	-27.02% ↓	30,294.15	41,508.00	(11,213.85) ↓	-27.02% ↓
Recruitment	-	108.00	(108.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	-	648.00	(648.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓
Rent / Room Hire	810.40	980.00	(169.60) ↓	-17.31% ↓	4,950.17	5,880.00	(929.83) ↓	-15.81% ↓
Repairs / Maintenance Premises	155.00	3,938.00	(3,783.00) ↓	-96.06% ↓	33,840.27	23,628.00	10,212.27 ↑	43.22% ↑

	SEPT 2026	SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %	APR-SEPT 2026	APR-SEPT 2026 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Repairs/ Maintenance-Vehicles/Plant	950.42	666.00	284.42 ↑	42.71% ↑	2,491.03	3,996.00	(1,504.97) ↓	-37.66% ↓
Road Fund / Taxes	-	124.00	(124.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	1,087.50	744.00	343.50 ↑	46.17% ↑
Salaries / Wages	75,228.35	73,316.00	1,912.35 ↑	2.61% ↑	400,439.30	439,896.00	(39,456.70) ↓	-8.97% ↓
Small Grants Scheme	1,000.00	833.00	167.00 ↑	20.05% ↑	3,509.00	4,998.00	(1,489.00) ↓	-29.79% ↓
Subscriptions	3,264.48	775.00	2,489.48 ↑	321.22% ↑	7,770.20	4,650.00	3,120.20 ↑	67.10% ↑
Training	-	404.00	(404.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	3,727.58	2,424.00	1,303.58 ↑	53.78% ↑
Transport Insurance	-	419.00	(419.00) ↓	-100.00% ↓	4,397.60	2,514.00	1,883.60 ↑	74.92% ↑
Travel and Subsistence	59.28	82.00	(22.72) ↓	-27.71% ↓	459.52	492.00	(32.48) ↓	-6.60% ↓
Water	490.36	441.00	49.36 ↑	11.19% ↑	1,872.36	2,646.00	(773.64) ↓	-29.24% ↓
Total Operating Expenses	**136,495.15**	**136,708.00**	**(212.85)**	**-0.16%**	**789,450.20**	**834,043.00**	**(44,592.80)**	**-5.35%**
Net Profit	**611,385.75**	**600,591.00**	**10,794.75**	**1.80%**	**849,278.17**	**748,551.00**	**100,727.17**	**13.46%**

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT: **30.9.26**

	£	£	
Business Current Account		414,194.23	
Mayor's Charity Account		167.00	
Business Direct Reserve Account		382,451.09	
Treasury Deposit Account		458,382.21	
Petty Cash		19.52	
Library Float		100.00	
Total in Bank		1,255,314.05	
Total Unpresented Cheques		0.00	
		1,255,314.05	
Outstanding receipts			
		0.00	
		0.00	
		1,255,314.05	
Accounting System Bank Balance:			
Opening Bank Balance		**312,827.41**	1
Expenditure to date		1703214.1	
Income to date		2645700.74	2
		1,255,314.05	
Accounting System Receipt not recorded			
Accounting System Bank Balance		**1,255,314.05**	0.00 balanced

Note:
Attach Accounting Statement and remember to adjust for the Outstanding Accounting System Entries after balancing.

Reconciliation Completed: Date: 7.10.26

Reviewed: Date: 7.10.26

1. Includes NW Treasury account (investment)
2. Adjusted for NW treasury account transfer and interest

Have your say on proposed changes to Council Tax Support

Cornwall Council has to consider each year whether or not to make changes to any of its Council Tax Reduction schemes.

On Wednesday 14 October the Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council, Cllr Adam Paynter, agreed to start a consultation to get views on possible changes to the Council Tax Support scheme for working age people.

NB. The pension age Council Tax Support scheme follows rules set by Government and will not change.

The consultation will run until 13 December 2026. Any changes to the scheme would need to be approved by Full Council in January 2027 and, if approved, would come into effect on 1 April 2027.

Why change?

Since 2013 all local authorities are responsible for their own working age Council Tax Support schemes. The Council Tax Support scheme for working age adults has not changed since 2013. Given the current financial pressures, we need to consider reducing the overall cost of the scheme.

The Council's current Financial Plan, approved by the Council in February 2026, set the task of reviewing Council Tax discounts and support so as to reduce their costs to the Council by £5m from 2027/28.

In Cornwall there are currently around 36,000 households that receive Council Tax Support. Of those, 19,009 households receive the working age Council Tax Support scheme. Currently, a maximum discount of 75% is available and 91% of claimants (17,218 households) receive this discount.

The overall cost of providing the working age scheme is £21 million, expected to rise to £22,2 million next year if no changes are made.

What are we consulting on?

The Council is consulting on options for changing the current 75% maximum discount available to claimants of working age Council Tax Support from April 2027 onwards. No decisions have been taken at this point.

The options for consultation range from no change (75% maximum) to reducing the discount by 5% (70% maximum), 10% (65% maximum), 15% (60% maximum) or 20% (55% maximum discount).

More information is available on the dedicated consultation page on Let's Talk Cornwall https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/council-tax-support

If the level of support were to be reduced, all households receiving working age Council Tax Support would be impacted. To help affected households, the Council would work with partner organisations to provide them with budgeting advice and support.

We are sending emails or letters this week to current recipients to ask for their feedback about these proposals and will be widely promoting the consultation through our usual channels.

We would welcome your support in promoting this consultation to residents locally.

Do these proposals impact on Parish Precepts?

Changes to the scheme will not have a direct impact on the 2027/28 precept amount which you will soon be in the process of setting. However, please note that a reduction in the level of Council Tax Support would have the effect of **increasing** the taxbase. This therefore potentially leads to a lower parish charge to raise that precept amount, than if Council Tax Support remained at the existing level.

As an example:

2027/28 precept of £100,000 divided by the parish taxbase of 1,000 = Band D charge of £100

2027/28 precept of £100,000 divided by the parish taxbase of 1,100 = Band D charge of £90.91

At the current time we are not able to provide you with calculations for the potential increase of the taxbase for your parish under these options. As it becomes available, further information will follow in due course We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by this.

Your views

As a precepting organisation, we would also welcome your views on these proposals.

To submit the views of your council, please use our consultation questionnaire for precepting organisations. The deadline for responses is 13 December 2026.

Please find a reference copy of the questionnaire.

Council Tax Support Consultation Questionnaire - Precepting Organisations

Please complete our short survey to give your views on proposals to change Council Tax Support for working age adults. This survey will close on 13 December 2026.

Privacy Notice

We will use the information you provide to inform our Council Tax Reduction schemes for 2027-28 onwards.

The Data Controller for the information you provide in this survey is Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY. Data Protection Registration Number: Z1745294. Once the survey has closed, your data will be held within Cornwall Council's secure network and premises for up to 2 years. Where we ask you to supply personal data on this form, we will only make access to this data available to authorised members of staff who are required to process it for the purposes outlined in this privacy notice. Please note that other information you provide, such as responses to open questions, may be published in full.

For more information, please see our full privacy policy.

0% answered

Please provide contact details below.

1. Name of your organisation:

Maximum 255 characters 0/255

2. Your name and position:

Maximum 255 characters 0/255

3. Is your response the formal response of your organisation?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

4. Please provide your email address here if you would like a record of your consultation response.

name@example.com

Next

5. Of these options, which is your organisation's preferred level of Council Tax discount for low-income households in Cornwall?

- ◯ 75% (current level)
- ◯ 70%
- ◯ 65%
- ◯ 60%
- ◯ 55%
- ◯ Don't know

6. Why is this your organisation's preferred level of Council Tax discount for low-income households in Cornwall?

Maximum 5,000 characters 0/5,000

Support for affected households

To help affected households, the Council would work with partner organisations to provide affected residents with budgeting advice and support. This could include:

- Advice to help residents maximise their income by ensuring they are receiving all benefits, discounts and exemptions they are entitled to.
- Budgeting and money management support to help households manage increased household costs and prioritise essential expenditure.
- Debt advice and support for residents experiencing financial difficulties, including help with managing Council Tax arrears and other debts.
- Referral to local advice agencies and voluntary sector organisations that provide welfare, financial capability and household support services.
- Access to employment, training and skills support services that may help households increase their income.
- Assistance with applications to hardship schemes, discretionary support funds and other sources of financial assistance where available.
- Advice on reducing household expenditure, including energy efficiency, utility costs and access to affordable utility tariffs.

The exact package of support would be developed following consultation and would be subject to available resources and funding. Any investment in additional support services would need to be balanced against the savings achieved through changes to the Council Tax Support scheme.

7. How useful would these measures be to help households cope with paying a larger share of your Council Tax?

Advice to help residents maximise their income by ensuring they are receiving all benefits, discounts and exemptions they are entitled to.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Budgeting and money management support to help households manage increased household costs and prioritise essential expenditure.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Debt advice and support for residents experiencing financial difficulties, including help with managing Council Tax arrears and other debts.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Referral to local advice agencies and voluntary sector organisations that provide welfare, financial capability and household support services.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Access to employment, training and skills support services that may help households increase their income.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Assistance with applications to hardship schemes, discretionary support funds and other sources of financial assistance where available.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

Advice on reducing household expenditure, including energy efficiency, utility costs and access to affordable utility tariffs.

◯ Very useful ◯ Somewhat useful ◯ Not very useful ◯ Not at all useful ◯ Don't know

8. Are there other support measures we should consider?

Maximum 5,000 characters 0/5,000

9. Please use the space below if you have any other comments on our proposals:

Maximum 5,000 characters 0/5,000