

St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2013/14 Budget	2014/15 Budget
	£	£
Administration	126,905	129,280
Accommodation	5,180	5,680
Elections	25,000	5,000
Allotments/grounds maintenance/weed treatment	3,150	18,650
Grants and donations	28,775	27,500
CCTV	28,500	39,355
Projects	30,300	21,800
Contingencies/reserves	-17,205	2,555
	230,605	249,820
Less income	43,695	41,570
	<u>186,910</u>	<u>208,250</u>

Council Tax (Band D)	£34.82	£38.07
Number of employees (31 st March)	2.8 FTE	2.8 FTE

St Austell Town Council was created in June 2009, has 20 councillors and two full-time and one part-time staff. The Town Council has this year, amongst other things, supported a number of Feast Week events, supported the carnival, operated a Small Grants Scheme for local community and charitable groups, maintained footpaths, led on the creation of a new Conservation Area for St Austell, undertaken a number of environmental improvement projects and responded to consultations affecting the town on many issues including licensing, public conveniences and Cornwall Council planning strategies. The Council's Planning Committee has considered and responded to over 150 planning application consultations this year as well as facilitating large scale public meetings to give residents the opportunity to raise concerns and suggest improvements to major planning proposals in and around the Town. In 2014/15 Cornwall Council will transfer responsibility for CCTV cameras and equipment and roadside weed treatment to the Town Council at additional costs of approximately £10,000 and £14,000 per annum respectively.

Councillors have agreed to absorb some of these additional costs through savings and set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £38.07 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with the average Parish Council charge for 2013/14 in Cornwall of £69.72 for Band D properties.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years are available from the Town Clerk, Room 231, St Austell One Stop Shop, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DR. Telephone – 01726 223327 or e-mail dpooley@staustelltc.cornwall.gov.uk

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