

# St Austell Town Council



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2014/15 Budget	2015/16 Budget
	£	£
Administration	129,280	131,525
Office costs	5,680	5,680
Elections	5,000	5,000
Allotments/grounds maintenance/weed treatment	18,650	14,500
Grants and donations	27,500	27,500
CCTV	39,355	40,000
Projects	21,800	22,300
Youth Council	0	2,000
Contingencies/reserves	2,555	3,565
	249,820	252,070
Less income	41,570	34,820
	<u>208,250</u>	<u>217,250</u>

Council Tax (Band D) £38.07 £38.82

Number of employees (31<sup>st</sup> March) 2.8 FTE 2.4 FTE

St Austell Town Council was created in 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, helped to create a Townscape Heritage bid for St Austell, undertaken a number of environmental improvement projects and responded to consultations affecting the town on many issues including licensing and Cornwall Council 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. The Town Council has an important representative role in public inquiries for planning appeals by developers. In 2014/15 Cornwall Council transferred responsibility for CCTV cameras and equipment and roadside weed treatment to the Town Council.

Councillors have agreed to absorb some of these additional costs through savings and set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £38.82 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with the average Parish Council charge for 2014/15 in Cornwall of £77.30 for Band D properties.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 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](mailto:dpooley@staustelltc.cornwall.gov.uk)

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