

Saltash Town Council Covid -19 Virus Impact on income

Saltash Town Council is fortunate in that it does not rely heavily on income generated from its other revenue income sources, which makes up 6% of the total precepted income for 20/21. This includes precepted earmarked fund reserves for projects which could be put on hold if needs be and 7% of solely operational expenditure.

If the council was unable to operate its full services for 12 weeks (which is the estimated time before services are back to normal) the total loss will be around £12,000 which is 14% of other income revenue budgeted for 20/21. This includes income loss from hire of Guildhall, Station Building & Maurice Huggins Room, library income and daily pontoon moorings. Some of this loss we will be able to recoup from the drop in expenditure of everyday maintenance and running costs.

Over the last few years Saltash Town Council has built up contingency reserves to cover for such unforeseeable events and next year 20/21 this will be a total 5 months of operational expenditure. This is mainly because that it is unable to generate revenue easily and quickly and relies on 89% of the precept to function all its council services.

To summarise, in my opinion the council is in a very strong position to be able to continue to operate as normal financially in the short and medium term. I do not foresee that the council will need to reduce any of its services or to put any projects on hold due to loss of income from other revenue sources as a result of the Covid-19 virus as it currently stands.

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