

West Suffolk Council summary of car park costs 2019-20

Expenditure	Actuals
Employees	£258,750
Premises	£1,437,523
Transport	£6,185
Supplies and services	£231,725
Third party payments	£228,996
Support services	£272,979
Asset rents - depreciation	£83,128
Total expenditure	£2,519,285
Income	
Excess charges	£245,210.00
Parking fees	£4,646,193.57
Internal recharges	£123,000.00
Other income	£404,310.34
Total income	£5,418,713.91
Net surplus	£2,899,428.68

West Suffolk District Council uses car parking charges from its off-street parking to make sure its car parks can be improved, create new facilities, ensure efficient management of the flow of traffic on our streets, provide safe places for vehicles and a proper balance between short and long stay places so there are spaces when and where people need them.

The income from our car parks, once the costs of running them are taken into account, is put into the council's general fund from which we pay for many services related to the use of roads and transport. Below are some examples:

	2019-20 actuals
Street cleansing	£2,365,767
District highways services	£552,485
Street furniture	£283,398
Land drainage and associated works	£85,040
CCTV	£520,420
	£3,807,110

Due to a revaluation and reclassification of car park assets after the 2018-2019 audit, depreciation reduced from the budgeted £1,248,000 to £83,128 for 2019-2020. This is an accounting adjustment only but which artificially inflates the net surplus above in comparison with previous years.