

West Suffolk Council summary of car park costs 2020-21

Expenditure	Actuals
Employees	£255,033.62
Premises	£1,955,282.11
Transport	£5,290.70
Supplies and services	£144,841.83
Third party payments	£136,134.61
Support services	£130,544.48
Asset rents - depreciation	£77,734.94
Total expenditure	£2,704,862.29
Income	
Parking fees	£1,926,047.63
Other income	£475,555.11
Total income	£2,401,602.74
Net deficit	-£303,259.55

West Suffolk 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 of where any car parking surplus might usually be spent:

	2020-21 actuals
Street cleansing	£2,287,974
District highways services	£534,806
Street furniture	£301,681
Land drainage and associated works	£84,164
CCTV	£484,087
	£3,692,711

Car parking charges were temporarily ceased in March 2020 in order to support key workers at the start of the first COVID-19 lockdown. The charges were reinstated in June 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact on usage of West Suffolk's off-street car parks, leading to substantially reduced income.