

# Appendix 1d

## Live & Work Highlight Report March 2014



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<b>Aims &amp; Objectives</b>	<b>Current Status:</b>
<p><b>We are trying to increase the desirability of Rhyl as a place in which to live, work, invest and do business.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To create neighbourhoods which people will choose to live in throughout the town, and areas in which business will choose to locate</b></li> <li><b>2. To improve access to jobs, both in the town itself including those in the growing maritime sector, and also to those at nearby centres of employment</b></li> <li><b>3. To develop a sense of pride in the town locally, and enhance its reputation further afield</b></li> </ol>	<b>ORANGE</b>
	<b>Previous Status:</b>
	<b>ORANGE</b>

### What's going well?

#### Coastal Defence (Phase 3)

The artist's impressions of the scheme will hopefully be going to the Rhyl MAG on 13th March. This follows discussions with colleagues about requirements for this section of promenade e.g. parking.

Discussions have taken place with Planning and identified agreed consultees. The scheme will be reported to Planning Committee to confirm details and to demonstrate that it satisfies planning conditions.

We have been in initial discussion with contractors about leadtimes etc.

Consultants have confirmed that there will not be a need for additional hydrological modelling work.

#### Area Renewal

##### *Phase 12/2, Nos 11a - 29 Church Street, Rhyl*

This phase is progressing well and is approx. 75% complete and due for completion on 16/05/14. The work involves the complete renovation of the external envelope of 9no. large terraced properties including internal electrical, damp proofing and heating works. B&W Builders are the main contractor.

##### *No. 3 Brighton Road, Rhyl*

This is an eyesore property in a prominent location and involves the complete renovation of the external envelope as well as internal heating and electrical works. Work has commenced on 17/02/14 and it is hoped to be completed by June 2014. Some serious structural problems have been found which are in the process of being attended to. Adever Construction Ltd are the main contractor.

##### *Phase 13/1*

This involves the complete refurbishment of the external envelope of 12 properties in Brighton Road, Bath Street and Thorpe Street and we will be carrying out initial surveys in March 2014.

We hope to commence works in the summer of 2014 subject to confirmation of Renewal Area funding for the forthcoming year.

### **Rhyl New School Project (s)**

Awaiting update

### **Green Links**

Awaiting update

## **What concerns us and what are we doing about it?**

The need to develop a more coherent and focussed approach to making Rhyl a more attractive place to live and work was recognised at the Review in November 2012. This work will be progressed through the development of a Town & Area Plan for Rhyl.

## **Outlook**

Rhyl currently fares poorly when compared with other North Wales locations as a place to choose to live or set up business. There are a number of reasons for this, including the poor image of the town and distance from the A55. That said, it has some significant assets which we are perhaps not making the most of, including an attractive setting with beach and easy access to countryside, along with affordable property prices. Activity and results in all the regeneration workstreams will be required to start to improve the situation, but there is also a need for the more focussed investment strategy for the town.

## **Completed Projects**

Rhyl Cut Fisheries

Glan Morfa Mountain Bike Track

## **Committed Projects**

*A commitment has been made to deliver the project and the necessary funding is in place.*

<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Forecast Completion</b>	<b>Delivery Confidence</b>
Rhyl High School	DCC	Sep 16	<b>GREEN</b>
Green Links	DCC	Nov 14	<b>GREEN</b>
Area Renewal	DCC	Mar 14	<b>GREEN</b>
ARBED	WG/Willmott Dixon	Mar 15	<b>YELLOW</b>

## **In Development**

*Feasibility or ongoing development of the project is underway.*

<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Coastal Defence Phase 3	DCC	The artist's impressions of the scheme will hopefully be going to the Rhyl MAG on 13th March scheme and will be reported to Planning Committee to demonstrate that it satisfies planning conditions.
Green Infrastructure Strategy	DCC	Strategy currently being developed by consultants (managed by Planning) and in

		final draft stage. This will require adoption as a policy for developments
H Bridge cycle priority scheme	DCC	Scheme has been amended to incur a traffic light system and is due to be implemented in 2014/15.
Rhyl New School Project	DCC	Final Business Case is presently scheduled to be considered by the Council in February and then the Welsh Government in March.
Live & Work Strategy development	DCC	The process for developing the Rhyl Town & Area Plan will enable consideration to be given to development of a strategy to approach to increase the desirability of Rhyl as a place in which to live, work, invest and do business.

### **Under Consideration**

Consideration is being given to potential future priority projects for this work stream as part of the process for developing the Rhyl Town & Area Plan which has been brought to the Board for further consideration.