

INFORMATION REPORT BY THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE (RTPI) WALES PLANNING AWARD 2017

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to alert Planning Committee to the news that, at the RTPI Cymru annual dinner held in Cardiff on 17th November 2017, the new Rhyl High School project won the prestigious Wales Planning Award for 2017.

2. BACKGROUND.

- 2.1. Denbighshire County Council working in partnership with AHR Architects, Willmott Dixon, A&B Engineering, Ramboll and SRL submitted the replacement Rhyl High School project for the Wales Planning Awards for 2017.
- 2.2. The project brought together a number of colleagues from within the Council at the initial concept stage, through to consultation and to completion. Officers within the Education, Property and Planning and Public Protection Service worked with the Headmistress and staff at Rhyl High School and all the aforementioned partners in order to deliver the 21st Century new school.
- 2.3. The Rhyl High School project was up against some tough competition for the award from across Wales but ultimately came out on top. The judges were particularly impressed with the *"nature and extent of the consultation process and its results in terms of engaging a community which had historically felt marginalised and overlooked."* They went on to emphasise that this consultation *"process has ensured community ownership of the building and together with its well thought through design achieves its aim of providing a place of inspiration, which reinforces the key message that learning improves confidence and helps transform lives."*
- 2.4. Officers originally presented the Rhyl High School planning application proposal to Planning Committee back in April 2014 where it was unanimously approved.
- 2.5. Further details of the project submission can be found in the awards Brochure attached in the link below.

http://www.rtpi.org.uk/media/2603008/dinner_brochure_awards_2017_web.pdf

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. That Members note the information report.