<u>Appendix 5 - Major Capital Projects Update – June 2020</u>

21 st Century Schools Programme – Ysgol Llanfair	
Total Budget	£5.051m
Expenditure to date	£4.872m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.179m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.000m
Funding	WG £0.180m; DCC £4.871m

Narrative:

This scheme is within the Band A proposals for 21st Century Schools Programme. The project has provided a new school building on a new site in Llanfair DC.

The school Moved in to the new site in February this year. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the settling in period for the school has been disrupted, however the school have settled in to the new site and are reaping the benefits of the new environment. The contractor has been very responsive where possible to any teething issues supporting the school to run with no disruptions.

The Coronavirus pandemic has impacted on the decommissioning of the former site. Plans are now in place to resume the decommission process in the coming weeks, now that lockdown restrictions have been eased to allow work on site to resume with the correct social distancing controls in place.

The swap in land whereby the Church in Wales St. Asaph Diocese will receive the footprint of the land at the new school site and the Council will receive ownership of the land in Diocese ownership at the former school site is currently still in progress. Negations are ongoing between the both parties and it is hoped that a completion can be reached shortly. Once the former site is in the Council's possession, discussions on the future use for the former school site will commence.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£0.236m
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21 st Century Schools Programme – Glasdir	
Total Budget	£11.714m
Expenditure to date	£11.514m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.200m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.000m
Funding	DCC £3.066m; WG £8.648m

This project has delivered a new shared school building site for Rhos Street School and Ysgol Penbarras at Glasdir, Ruthin which has been used by the schools since April 2018.

The final account has now been settled.

Following discussions with Governors at Rhos Street School a proposal has emerged to increase the hardstanding at the Glasdir site for the school. The project delivered hard standing that met the overall size requirements but due to the topography and layout of the site this provision provided significant challenges for the school. Feasibility work has been undertaken on proposals to convert a grassed area near to Foundation Phase classrooms to hardstanding. This work has been mindful to ensure that this additional hardstanding complies with the overall flood risk measures developed as part of the project. The works will have to be commissioned separately as the main project has now been completed. The costs of the works, approximately £200k, can be absorbed from the overall allocation to the Ruthin projects in 2016 as part of Denbighshire's contribution to the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£0.200m

21 st Century Schools Programme – Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	
Total Budget	£4.357m
Expenditure to date	£3.545m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.812
Future Years estimated spend	£0.000m
Funding	WG £0.221m; DCC £4.136m

This scheme is within the Band A proposals for 21st Century Schools Programme. The project has provided a new school building on a new site in Clocaenog to allow the two sites located in Cyffylliog and Clocaenog to be declared surplus.

The school successfully moved into the new building and opened on the 4th June 2019. Following the school taking occupancy of the site, any defects and teething issues have been logged via the defect recording process. The contractor has responded quickly to attempt to resolve any issues which has resulted in minimal disruption for the school. The Defect period has now finished and currently the contractor is completing any outstanding works. With the current restrictions in place with the Coronavirus pandemic, this has impacted on the completion of some aspects of this work, but DCC and the contractor are progressing the works where possible to ensure the safety of contractors, staff and pupils during the pandemic.

Work to decommission the old sites has now been completed. Over the coming months the sites will be declared surplus and considered as part of the corporate asset management strategy.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£0.812m
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21 st Century Schools Programme – Rhyl, Christ the Word School	
Total Budget	£23.558m
Expenditure to date	£22.403m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£ 1.155m
Future Years estimated spend	£ 0.000m
Funding	WG £5.541m; DCC £18.017m

This scheme is within the Band A proposals for 21st Century Schools Programme.

The external areas were handed over to the school on 16th June 2020.

Officers continue to work alongside the Contractor and the school to deal with any snagging issues as they arise. Contractors will be working at the school over the summer holidays in order to complete the outstanding snags before the pupils return in September.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£1.422m

Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment	
Total Budget	£4.963m
Expenditure to date	£4.438m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.525m
Future Years estimated spend	£0.000m
Funding	WG £2.811m (Additional £2.5m subject to formal confirmation. DCC Asbestos £0.252m. DCC £1.900m

The Council completed the acquisition of the former Savoy Hotel and the Queen's Market, Theatre and Hotel in Rhyl on 11th March 2019 after formally accepting a £2.5m grant from the Welsh Government.

All existing tenants from the Market Hall have now vacated either to alternative premises or ceased trading, and it is not accessible by the public. All buildings will finish being cleared in the next few weeks. Asbestos has been removed from the Savoy and Queen's Hotel, but a substantial amount of sprayed asbestos has been identified above the Arcade. This will be very time consuming and costly to remove, which the asbestos team are working on options for currently. A number of updates took place during June with Cabinet Briefing, Rhyl MAG, the MP and AM, prior to commencing consultation with the public in August. Aiming to start demolition work on site before the turn of the year. There is currently a gap in the funding required which options being considered with various funders to fill.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£1.072m

Waste Service Remodelling	
Total Budget	£16.430m
Expenditure to date	£2.375m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.883m
Future Years estimated spend	£13.172m
Funding	WG £9.345m , DCC £7.085m

Work is ongoing in preparation for a change to the household waste collection model. The new service model will see a move to weekly collection of kerbside sorted recyclable material with a 4 weekly collection of residual/non-recyclable waste. Weekly food waste collection will continue as at present and additional services around collection of absorbent hygiene products (AHP), textiles, small electricals and batteries will also be available and will be introduced in the run up to or during the main roll out of the new service.

A number of work streams are being taken forward to include:

- Development of a new single central waste transfer station depot on land adjacent to the Colomendy Industrial Estate in Denbigh. Purchase of the site was completed late March 2020 and Planning for the development was granted at Planning Committee on March 11th with issue of Decision Notice on May 18th following completion of S106 Agreement. Work is ongoing on detailed design with aim to issue a Tender for the works in Autumn 2020 with a site start in early 2021.
- Specification of the new fleet required to support the new model is now completed following a number of trials/tests with the aim to undertake a procurement exercise for the new waste collection vehicles required towards the end of 2020 / early 2021 with delivery of the new fleet anticipated in the three months leading up to the planned new service roll out.
- An Options Appraisal exercise with key stakeholders and interested parties on the detail of the new recycling container design is now due to be undertaken in Autumn 2020 prior to formal approval of a preferred option, followed by a subsequent tender and delivery schedule in time for roll out associated with proposed service change. A number of mobilisation and communication activities are ongoing to prepare for the service change and include developing the new collection routes; planning for any staffing changes/requirements and ongoing engagement and communication with stakeholders and residents.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£1.000m

East Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme		
Total Budget	£27.528m	
Expenditure to date	£3.851m	
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£8.102m	
Future Years estimated spend	£15.575m	
Funding	WG £23.400m; DCC £4.128m	

This planned coastal defence scheme at East Rhyl will provide an appropriate standard of flood protection for around 1650 properties.

Work on site is progressing well and is on time and within budget. The site perimeter fences have been set up and work is underway to construct a haul road on top of the existing promenade, which has been suitably protected. A diversion route for pedestrians and cyclists will be in place for the next 2 years while the promenade is closed. A Public Liaison Officer has been appointed, who will be based at the newly opened site visitor centre.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£11.953m