Appendix 4 - Major Capital Projects Update - August 2020

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 summer period allowed minor snagging to take place at the site.

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. This allowed the removal of one of the old mobile classrooms with the second to be decommissioned shortly.

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. Negotiations are ongoing between 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	£11.565m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.149m
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 emerged to increase the hardstanding at the Glasdir site for the school in order to assist the school to operate around the existing topography of the site. The costs of the works, approximately £200k, will be absorbed from the overall allocation to the Ruthin projects in 2016 as part of Denbighshire's contribution to the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Following the completion of the feasibility and design work, the tender is now awaiting publication. This will allow for a contractor to be appointed to undertake the work.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£0.200m

21 st Century Schools Programme – Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	
Total Budget	£4.357m
Expenditure to date	£3.546m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.811
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. The sites have now been declared surplus from Education's Portfolio and handed over to the Corporate Asset Management team to consider potential future use of these sites in Clocaenog and Cyffylliog.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£0.812m

21st Century Schools Programme – Rhyl, Christ the Word School	
Total Budget	£23.558m
Expenditure to date	£23.380m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£ 0.178m
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.

Contractors completed the majority of snagging issues inside the building over the summer holidays. They will be returning during the October half term to finish the works that are required. The external works have been inspected and a snagging list issued to the contractor. The budget continues to be closely monitored as the project comes to an end.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£1.422m
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Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment	
Total Budget	£4.963m
Expenditure to date	£4.546m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.417m
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 are now clear. 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 and will be included in the demolition contract. A speculative notice was issued on Sell2Wales September 4th and we are aiming to start demolition work on site before the turn of the year.

There is currently a gap in the funding required with options being considered with various funders and additional funds will be sought from the September Cabinet. The Strategic Investment Group have recently reviewed the project and a separate report following this is included on today's Cabinet agenda.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£1.072m

Waste Service Remodelling	
Total Budget	£16.430m
Expenditure to date	£2.435m
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£0.823m
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 spring 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 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 / Winter 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	£4.953m	
Estimated remaining spend in 20/21	£7.000m	
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 continues to progress well and is on time and within budget. Rock is being delivered to the site compound at Marine Drive and transported along the promenade to the beach at Splash Point. Work has started to build the 3 new beach accesses. There have been a small number of complaints about noise and vibration, which is inevitable considering the scale of the project and the close proximity of properties. Noise and vibration is being closely monitored and complaints are being assessed on a case by case basis. Overall though, the scheme continues to receive the support of the community. A newsletter has been distributed to local residents explaining the need for tidal working, with operations starting early in the morning or finishing late in the evening for a period of about 3 weeks from 14th September.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 20/21	£11.953m