

The Budget Board considered and support two business cases for capital investment, for approval by Members.

1. Recommendations of the Budget Board

- 1.1 Members approve new salt storage facilities at Corwen and Lon Parcwr, Ruthin depot sites as detailed in section 2 and in Appendix 5.1.
- 1.2 Members approve the development and construction of a new welfare, vehicle and equipment storage facilities at the Rhyl Botanical Gardens Depot as detailed in section 3 and in Appendix 5.2.

2. New salt storage facilities at Corwen and Lon Parcwr, Ruthin depot sites

- 2.1 The business case is to replace the temporary portacabin style buildings that currently serve as welfare and equipment storage at Corwen and develop new salt storage facilities at Corwen and Lon Parcwr, Ruthin depot sites with new, purpose built facilities. The Business Case and the Wellbeing Impact Assessment is included as Appendix 5.1.
- 2.2 This will involve the replacement of existing temporary buildings at Corwen and upgrade of current salt storage and drainage systems at both sites, which are not fit for purpose and do not comply with current guidelines, which has been highlighted in recent correspondence from Natural Resources Wales, (NRW).
- 2.3 The redevelopment of the sites will also allow significant improvements to be made to welfare, vehicle and equipment storage facilities, which are deemed to be inadequate and do not meet current operational requirements. The replacement buildings will be designed and developed in a way which minimises ongoing operational costs and reduces the environmental impact of the buildings, whilst also maximising the potential use of renewable

technologies, which will significantly contribute towards the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency aspirations

- 2.4 These proposals will have a significant positive impact on Highways and Environmental Services, providing appropriate and fit for purpose storage and welfare facilities. This will be beneficial and provide a more efficient, safer working environment for the staff, whilst ensuring full compliance with environmental standards, whilst providing further resilience for winter maintenance and adverse weather service delivery.

3. New welfare, vehicle and equipment storage facilities at the Rhyl Botanical Gardens Depot

- 3.1 The business case is to develop and construct new welfare, vehicle and equipment storage facilities along with the reconfiguration of the remaining site at the Rhyl Botanical Gardens Depot in order to replace the existing temporary buildings, which are no longer fit for purpose and are beyond economic repair, some of which have already been demolished due to significant safety concerns following recent storm damage. The Business Case and the Wellbeing Impact Assessment is included as Appendix 5.2.
- 3.2 The replacement buildings will be designed and developed in a way which minimises ongoing operational costs and reduces the environmental impact of the buildings, whilst also maximising the potential use of renewable technologies, which will significantly contribute towards the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency aspirations.
- 3.3 The council has recently given approval for considerable investment to be made in developing the staff office accommodation at this site, with construction works set to be completed in December 2022. The proposed development will complement this project, thereby future proofing the service's operational requirements for the site for many years to come.