Major Capital Projects - Update as at June 2023

Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment		
Total Budget	£13.253m	
Expenditure to date	£11.678m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£1.400m	
Future Years' estimated spend	£0.175m	
Funding	WG £8.060m DCC Asbestos £0.272m. DCC £4.921m	

Narrative:

Construction commenced on Monday 15 August 2022 by Wynne Construction and was scheduled to finish July 2023. An issue has arisen with the works to energise the site ready for commissioning and testing. The works are not able to be carried out prior to the summer season streetworks embargo so will now have to take place in September. The impact of this issue is not yet fully known.

Approval to award a contract to the preferred supplier was received from June 27th 2023 Cabinet Committee. We are now working with the supplier (Mikhail Hotel and Leisure Group) to agree the contract, complete the fitout and secure vendors ready for opening next year.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	£2.709m

Waste Service Re-modelling	
Total Budget	£21.101m
Expenditure to date	£11.357m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£9.744m
Future Years estimated spend	£0
Funding	WG £12.022m, DCC £9.079m

Narrative:

A number of work streams are being taken forward including:

- Work is ongoing with Phase 2 of the construction of the new waste transfer station (WTS) at the Colomendy Industrial Estate in Denbigh. The Main Contractor on Phase 2 went into administration in February 2023. DCC has been managing the Subcontractors direct since then and a report was taken to Cabinet in May and approval given for the preferred way forward for delivering the rest of the Phase 2 works to completion which is anticipated by December. To address cost pressures related to the loss of the Main Contractor a bid for additional grant funding for £890K to Welsh Government has been successful.
- At present working towards a roll out of the new recycling collections model from spring 2024 however the precise dates for roll out of the new service from the new WTS to be confirmed in due course as it is dependent on issue of a permit to operate the WTS from NRW. In advance of the main service change, a roll out of AHP weekly collections for those who wish to sign up is being launched in a trial area from September 2023 before launching County wide in 2024.
- Specification and procurement of the new fleet required to support the new model
 has been completed with delivery of this new fleet anticipated to commence in
 autumn 2023 ahead of the roll out of the new service to allow for commissioning and
 training on the new fleet before it goes operational.
- Procurement of the new containers required for the new collections model are ongoing with procurement of the remaining containers required occurring through 2023 in the run up to the 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 23/24	£10.415m

Sustainable Communities for Learning – Band B		
Total Budget	£51.9m	
Expenditure to date	£0.956m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£1.845m	
Future Years' estimated spend	£49.099m	
Funding	WG £36.1m, DCC £15.8m	

Narrative:

The various schemes included within Band B of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme in partnership with Welsh Government are at a holding stage for a variety of reasons.

The Outline Business Case for the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn project was approved by Welsh Government and the pre planning consultation with the community on the proposed design of the new school has now taken place. The statutory notice for the proposed extension in capacity was published on the 8th November and the period for objection ran until the 5th December 2022. Two objections were received and the Cabinet approved the proposal to increase the capacity of the school in February 2023. A further meeting of the Denbigh MAG will be held shortly to consider further information regarding the sites for the school and following this a report will be presented to Cabinet to seek endorsement of the preferred site for the progression of the project. As the Denbigh High project is linked to the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn scheme this project is paused pending clarity on the way forward.

The submission of the Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant in Llangollen to the Welsh Government for funding via the Sustainable Schools Challenge was unsuccessful. The project was shortlisted but unfortunately was not selected as a pilot project. The findings of the feasibility report are now being assessed to understand the best way forward for this project moving forward.

Design and Construction are currently undertaking feasibility works for options for Ysgol Pendref and once the report is completed the findings will be presented to the Modernising Education Programme Board and the Denbigh MAG as part of the process of determining a preferred way forward for the project.

The projects under Band B will be required to meet Net Carbon Zero requirements and Welsh Government have agreed to meet these additional costs to an agreed benchmark. Discussions have also taken place with Welsh Government regarding likely cost pressures for individual projects and how this will impact on the overall programme affordability. Given timescales for delivery it is increasingly likely that the 4 Band B projects will need to be considered as part of the next phase of the delivery of Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme whereby a rolling programme of projects will need to be proposed by local authorities.

-	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	£1.848m

Central Prestatyn and Central Rhyl Coastal Defence Schemes – Construction Phase	
Total Budget	Prestatyn £26.094m Rhyl £66.026m
Expenditure to date	Prestatyn £2.063m Rhyl £4.405m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	Prestatyn £8.385m Rhyl £26.02m
Future Years' estimated spend	Prestatyn £15.646m Rhyl £35.601m
Funding	Prestatyn: WG £22.18m; DCC £3.914m Rhyl: WG £56.122m; DCC £9.904m

Narrative:

<u>Prestatyn</u>

Construction has commenced by Balfour Beatty and is scheduled to finish April 2026.

Ground monitoring equipment (inclinometers & piezometers) has been installed, as has the temporary haul road to access the beach. Works have been undertaken to the NRW culvert. Topsoil has been stripped to formation level and works have begun to place a 100mm layer of aggregate.

Rhyl

Construction has commenced by Balfour Beatty and is scheduled to finish October 2025.

Construction of the access to the promenade and a ramp to the beach from the main compound has been undertaken. Construction and installation of the promenade rock toe protection has also commenced.

Agreements with SC2 and the Kiosk owners have now concluded and the associated payments are included within the expenditure to date figure. The Kiosks were duly vacated at the beginning of June.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	Prestatyn £9.952m
	Rhyl £29.799m