Major Capital Projects - Update as at August 2023

Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment		
Total Budget	£13.253m	
Expenditure to date	£12.517m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£0.561m	
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 is that the facility won't be handed over until mid-October.

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.

Waste Service Re-modelling	
Total Budget	£21.992m
Expenditure to date	£12.269m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£9.723m
Future Years estimated spend	£0
Funding	WG £12.022m, DCC £9.970m

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. Completion is currently anticipated by December 2023.
- 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	£11.921m

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. Meetings with the Denbigh MAG have been held to consider further information regarding the sites for the school and a report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in September 2023 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 have completed feasibility works for options for Ysgol Pendref and the findings will be presented to the Modernising Education Programme Board in September. The views of the Programme Board will then be provided to 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.

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Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	£1.848m
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Central Prestatyn and Central Rhyl Coastal Defence Schemes – Construction Phase		
Total Budget	Prestatyn £26.094m Rhyl £66.026m	
Expenditure to date	Prestatyn £5.260m Rhyl £8.999m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	Prestatyn £5.219m Rhyl £21.738m	
Future Years' estimated spend	Prestatyn £15.615m Rhyl £35.289m	
Funding	Prestatyn: WG £22.18m; DCC £3.914m Rhyl: WG £56.122m; DCC £9.904m	

Narrative:

Prestatyn

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

Aggregate has been placed to embankment. Working with the tides, rock has been installed to the new outfalls. Installation of outfall pipes under promenade and reinstatement of promenade has been undertaken. The promenade between Green Lanes and Central Lyons has been re-opened to pedestrians and cyclists. A new concrete access ramp on to beach has been constructed.

Rhyl

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

The promenade rock toe protection, eastern Rhyl has been constructed. An exclusion zone has been enforced 100m from the Seal Cove. Piling is now complete until the exclusion zone is lifted. There is a reinforced concrete toe beam being constructed from the west end of the pile installation. Construction on the promenade of the crane pad has been undertaken, as has installation of the Cofferdams for the beach access steps foundations..

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. It's likely further compensation will have to be negotiated prior to the end of the financial year.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	Prestatyn £9.983m
	Rhyl £30.111m