Major Capital Projects - Update as at October 2023

Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment		
Total Budget	£13.253m	
Expenditure to date	£12.670m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£0.408m	
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. Issues with getting the required approvals in place have meant that the work cannot commence until mid-October. The impact of this is that the facility won't be handed over until November 24th.

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	£21.992m
Expenditure to date	£13.483m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£8.509m
Future Years estimated spend	£0
Funding	WG £12.022m, DCC £9.970m
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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 go live of the new recycling collections model in June 2024 subject to progress by NRW on issuing a Permit for the new WTS and recruitment of new Staff required to serve the new model. In advance of the main service change, a roll out of AHP weekly collections for those who wish to sign up has been launched at the end of September 2023 in an initial Pilot area 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	£1.118m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£0.475m
Future Years' estimated spend	£50.307m
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 progressing as follows.

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 Cabinet approved the proposal to increase the capacity of the school in February 2023. In September 2023 Cabinet approved to proceed to submit a planning application for development on the Ystrad Road site. Work on the project is progressing with a view to a formal submission of the planning application.

The Denbigh High project is linked to the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn scheme. The design brief is currently being developed with the view of commissioning concept designs for the site. As part of the process discussions are taking place with the school.

The findings of the feasibility report for Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant in Llangollen have been assessed and a way forward for this project identified. Further design work is being commissioned in the context of the constraints regarding phosphates around the Dee Valley area which could impact on planning approvals.

Design and Construction have completed initial feasibility works that identified and assessed options for Ysgol Pendref. The findings were presented to the Modernising Education Programme Board in September. Further feasibility work has now been commissioned on the potential options which will involve input from the school with a view to a creating a concept design which identifies the preferred solution for the project.

The projects under Band B are 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. 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 submitted to Welsh Government in early 2024.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	£0.640m

Central Prestatyn and Central Rhyl Coastal Defence Schemes – Construction Phase		
Total Budget	Prestatyn £26.094m Rhyl £66.026m	
Expenditure to date	Prestatyn £7.226m Rhyl £14.192m	
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	Prestatyn £3.495m Rhyl £16.956m	
Future Years' estimated spend	Prestatyn £15.373m Rhyl £34.878m	
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 September 2025.

Aggregate has been placed to embankment. There was a design requirement that after the first metre of fill had been placed there was then a nine-month period to allow for settlement before re-commencing with fill operations. As there has been no settlement this requirement has now been waived which should, ultimately create a saving on the overall contract time and cost. Other works undertaken include: remedial works to the existing promenade stepped revetment; construction of manhole and connection to the NRW culvert; and installation of offices at the east end of the scheme.

<u>Rhyl</u>

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. Other works undertaken include construction of revetment mass concrete and stone foundations and the installation of the precast stepped revetment units has commenced.

Works within the exclusion zone are still suspended but will hopefully be able to restart in January 2024 but if this isn't possible then there will be an inevitable delay to the contract with a consequent increase in costs.

Agreements with SC2 and the Kiosk owners have now concluded and the associated payments are included within the expenditure to date figure. It's likely further compensation will have to be negotiated prior to the end of the financial year in respect of the SeaQuarium as these discussions reach a conclusion.

Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	Prestatyn £10.225m
	Rhyl £30.522m