

Major Capital Projects - Update as at November 2023



Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment	
Total Budget	£13.253m
Expenditure to date	£12.821m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£0.257m
Future Years' estimated spend	£0.175m
Funding	WG £8.060m DCC Asbestos £0.272m. DCC £4.921m
<p>Narrative:</p> <p>Construction commenced on Monday 15 August 2022 and the building is scheduled to be handed over to the Council on Friday 8th December 2023.</p> <p>The Council and Mikhail Hotel & Leisure Group have mutually agreed not to take forward the proposed partnership at the Queens Market. An alternative option to operating the Queen's Market is being developed.</p>	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	£2.709m

Waste Service Re-modelling

Total Budget	£21.992m
Expenditure to date	£13.932m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	£8.060m
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 in early 2024.
- 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 early 2024 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 complete and deliveries commences ahead of roll out in 2024.
- 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	£11.687m
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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
<p>Narrative:</p> <p>The various schemes included within Band B of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme in partnership with Welsh Government are progressing as follows.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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 £7.854m Rhyl £16.571m
Estimated remaining spend in 23/24	Prestatyn £2.884m Rhyl £13.768m
Future Years' estimated spend	Prestatyn £15.356m Rhyl £35.687m
Funding	Prestatyn: WG £22.18m; DCC £3.914m Rhyl: WG £56.122m; DCC £9.904m
Narrative:	
<p><u>Prestatyn</u> Construction has commenced by Balfour Beatty and is scheduled to finish September 2025.</p> <p>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; installation of offices at the east end of the scheme; and development of the detailed design for the refurbishment of Rhyl Golf Club.</p>	
<p><u>Rhyl</u> Construction has commenced by Balfour Beatty and is scheduled to finish October 2025.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. The current position is that costs have been agreed with both SeaQ and the various locations who will be taking the livestock on a permanent basis. None of this can happen though until a Lead Member Delegated Decision has been signed off and this is currently going through the required consultation process.</p>	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 23/24	Prestatyn £10.242m Rhyl £29.713m