

Agenda

Name of Meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Committee Members	Cllrs J Robertson (Chairman), P Spink (Vice-Chairman), R Downer, W Drew, J Lever, K Love, C Mosdell, C Quirk and Redrup
Co-opted Members	Simon Cooke (IWALC), Vacancy (HALC) Democratic Services Officer: Megan Tuckwell democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (If Any)**

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 20)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite councillors to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

4. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

Questions may be asked without notice, but to guarantee a full reply, a question must be put (including the name and address of the questioner) in writing or by email to Democratic Services democratic.services@iow.gov.uk, no later than two clear working days before the meeting. The deadline for submitting a written question is Thursday, 1 February 2024.



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5. **Progress Update** (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive an update on the progress against the outcomes arising from previous meetings, and to provide an update on any outstanding actions.

6. **Committee's Workplan:**

(a) Forward Plan (Pages 23 - 36)

To identify any items contained within the Council's forward plan which would benefit from early consideration by scrutiny, either before the Cabinet makes a decision or to monitor post-implementation, and should therefore be included in the Committee's work programme. The forward plan can be viewed online [here](#).

(b) Committee's Work Programme (Pages 37 - 40)

To note the content of the current work programme, and to consider the inclusion of any additional items. Members of the public are invited to submit in writing to the Committee possible items for inclusion in its workplan.

7. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-2025 and Future Years' Forecasts** (Pages 41 - 42)

To comment on the draft budget proposals for 2024-25, prior to its consideration by the Cabinet (on 8 February 2024) and the Full Council (on 28 February 2024).

8. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny - LEP Integration of functions into Upper Tier Local Authorities** (Pages 43 - 58)

To consider the report on how the Local Enterprise Partnership functions will be integrated into the Isle of Wight Council from April 2024, prior to its consideration by the Cabinet on 8 February 2024.

9. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties** (Pages 59 - 92)

To consider the report, prior to its consideration by the Cabinet (on 8 February 2024) and the Full Council (on 28 February 2024).

10. **Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report** (Pages 93 - 158)

To review the Council's performance measures for Quarter 3 of 2023-24.

11. **Members' Question Time**

Questions may be asked without prior notice, but to guarantee a full reply, a question must be submitted to Democratic Services no later than 5pm, Friday 2 February 2024.

Interests

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Minutes

Name of meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and Time	TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs J Robertson (Chairman), P Spink (Vice-Chairman), M Beston, R Downer, J Lever, K Love, C Mosdell, C Quirk and S Redrup
Co-opted	Simon Cooke (IWALC)
Also Present	Cllrs J Bacon, P Fuller, J Jones-Evans and K Lucioni, G Brodie, C Jarman, I Ward Rob Gillespie (Island Roads), Keith Herbert and Adam Wilds (Southern Water) Sharon Betts, James Brewer, Wendy Perera, Colin Rowland, Claire Shand, Megan Tuckwell and Melanie White
Also Present (Virtual)	Cllr P Jordan Christopher Potter
Apologies	Cllr W Drew

56 Apologies and Changes in Membership (If Any)

Cllr Michael Beston was in attendance as a substitute for Cllr Warren Drew.

The chairman confirmed that he had been given notice of the Regulation 10 general exception notice regarding the approval of the Fees and Charges – Inflationary Rise Garden Waste Subscriptions.

57 Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

58 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received at this stage.

59 Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

No public questions were received.

60 Progress Update

The chairman presented the report which provided an overview of the progress against actions and outcomes from previous meetings. An update was sought with regards to the request of the committee in January 2023 to receive a copy of the review of leisure centres once it had been completed. Concerns were raised regarding the time taken to reach this stage. The Cabinet Member confirmed that the report was being finalised and would be available to share with the committee in due course.

Reference was made to the request of the committee in February 2023 to receive a copy of the signed heads of agreement in relation to the proposed disposal of Kingston Marine Park. Concerns were raised regarding the time taken to reach this stage. The Cabinet Member confirmed that work was still underway, and this would be circulated to the committee once complete.

An update was sought with regards to the request of the committee in September 2023 to receive a copy of the refreshed Corporate Plan when available. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Leader had liaised with portfolio holders in respect of this and would be available to the committee in due course.

Reference was made to the request of the committee in September 2023 to receive a copy of the report setting out the findings and recommendations following the independent review of the Floating Bridge. It was confirmed that this work was underway and would be aligned with a report on the future options, both of which would be presented to the committee when available.

RESOLVED:

THAT the progress report be noted.

61 Committee's Workplan:

61a Forward Plan

61b Committee's Work Programme

Consideration was given to the committee's work programme and the committee were invited to identify any item contained within the published forward plan that would benefit from early consideration within the committee's own workplan or that of one of the policy and scrutiny committees.

It was suggested that the committee reviews at its next meeting the report on the LEP Integration of Functions into Upper Tier Local Authorities, due for decision by the Cabinet in February 2024.

Comments were made with regards to cross-Solent ferry operators, and it was agreed that the chairman would contact committee members to scope this potential agenda item for a report to be presented to the committee in May 2024.

RESOLVED:

THAT the committee's work programme, and the forward plan, be noted.

62 Flood Response

The committee received a presentation which provided detail on how the council responds to flooding in its role as the Lead Local Flood Authority, and how the council works with partner agencies with a joint approach to flood prevention and risk management. Representatives of Southern Water, Island Roads, and the Environment Agency were in attendance. It was advised that the Isle of Wight Local Flood Risk Management Strategy would be reviewed in light of the flood events in October-November 2023, and the development of this would involve public consultation and evidence gathering. It was anticipated that this would be completed within the next six months.

Questions were raised regarding the criteria for the allocation of the Community Recovery Grant for residents affected by flooding. It was requested that the committee receives further detail on how many applications had been made, how many had been successful, and details on any complaints and how they had been resolved.

Concerns were raised regarding any overlap between recently flooded areas, and those areas identified within the draft Island Planning Strategy for future development. It was assured that part of the Section 19 report work would investigate whether flooding had occurred in areas with new developments, and if so why and where that had happened.

Discussion took place regarding the actions being taken to improve communication with residents, and to strengthen relationships amongst the different agencies (including the fire and rescue service, town and parish councils, the voluntary sector, and landowners).

It was agreed that this matter would be reconsidered by the committee in six months to allow time for the Flood Risk Management Strategy and Section 19 flood reports to be completed.

RESOLVED:

THAT the presentation and update be received and noted.

63 Budget Proposals 2024-25

The committee received a statement from the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer on the updated budget position since last reported to the committee in November 2023 (Appendix 1), following the announcement of the provisional local government financial settlement. The committee expressed disappointment that the relevant Cabinet Member was not in attendance, and no comments or questions were raised at this stage.

Cllr Chris Jarman submitted a written question to the committee regarding the development of alternative budget proposals (MQ 01-24). Discussion took place regarding the council's constitution, and the ability for 'opposition groups' to develop and submit full alternative budget proposals, which require access to confidential information, data, and officer resources. Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the three statutory officers be requested to provide a written response to the written question (MQ-01/24), to be reported back to the questioner and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee within seven days.

64 Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Future Governance

The committee received the report from the Future Governance Working Group regarding the potential for the Isle of Wight Council to move to a Committee system of governance from May 2024. The chairman advised that the report was not on the agenda for Full Council in 17 January 2024 as originally anticipated. As a result of this, it was agreed that scrutinisation of the report would be deferred to the next meeting of the committee in February 2024. It was requested that the Chairman of the Council be asked to provide a full written explanation as to why the report was removed from the Full Council agenda. Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman of the Council be asked to provide a full written explanation as to why the decision was taken to remove the Future Governance Working Group report from the agenda for the Full Council on 16 January 2024, no later than midday on Friday 12 January 2024.

65 Confidentiality

The committee received the report on councillor's access to information as it related to confidentiality in terms of the council's decision-making processes, in order to understand in greater detail what information can and cannot be disclosed. Discussion took place regarding confidential information and the exclusion of the public and press. It was suggested that future decision reports with a private element should be supplemented with a note from the Monitoring Officer, outlining the category of exemption, the application of a 'public interest' balance, and the duration of that exemption status.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be received and noted.

66 Members' Question Time

Cllr Chris Jarman submitted a written question (MQ 01-24) which was dealt with under minute item 63.

Cllr Julie Jones-Evans asked an oral question with regards to Cabinet Member attendance at meetings of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. The chairman emphasised the expectation of Cabinet Members to attend meetings, particularly where there is an agenda item with relevance to their portfolio.

CHAIRMAN

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Purpose: For Information

Scrutiny Statement

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

MEETING	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	9 JANUARY 2024
TITLE	BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024-25
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

1. Statement by Section 151 Officer

- 1.1 On 7th November 2023, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee received a report setting out the following:
- The key spending and funding assumptions underpinning the Council's forecast budget deficit of £6m (+/-£5m due to uncertainty) made in February 2023 which in turn requires the Council to make savings of at least £2m p.a. for the next 3 years
 - The key spending and funding assumptions underpinning the Council's forecast Budget for 2024/25
 - The current expectation of both spending and funding assumptions and the likely impact of any changes to those assumptions affecting the Budget for 2024/25
- 1.2 For ease of reference, the Key Cost Assumptions and Key Funding Assumptions described in that report are attached at Appendix 1 and 2.
- 1.3 Since that time, the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement has been announced (18 December 2023). In summary, the Provisional Settlement across all funding areas was £0.4m worse than we had estimated when our Forecast for 2024/25 was prepared this time last year.
- 1.4 The headlines of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement are:
- ❖ Increase in Core Spending Power of £9.8m (6.0%) - This is a Government measure and includes expected increases in Government Grants, Council Tax and Business Rates. This is the lowest increase of all Unitary Authorities
 - ❖ The Increase in Core Spending Power comprises:

- Council Tax £5.2m - An increase of 5.3%
 - Business Rates £2.4m - An increase of 6.5%
 - Government Funding £2.2m (being £3.1m for Social Care offset by a reduction of £0.9m in all other Grants) - An Increase of 7.8%
- ❖ Council Tax is below inflation and 2% of the 3% relates to the ASC Precept and is passported.
 - ❖ The Business Rate Uplift is at inflation.
 - ❖ Government Funding - Social Care Funding was known and previously announced and significantly below the Social Care Pressures that the Council faces. The other Government funding is a real reduction.
 - ❖ Compared to funding forecast for the coming year and built into the approved £2m savings requirement, the Council's position is £0.4m worse (as previously mentioned)
 - ❖ The continuation of the £1m of funding that the Council secured in 2023/24 for the additional costs of providing public services on the Island, known as the "Island Deal"
- 1.5 Particularly disappointing is the lack of any uplift in the Island Deal element of the Settlement given the comprehensive evidence submission that the Isle of Wight Council made to Government. In that context it is very concerning that the Isle of Wight (alongside Thurrock Council who have been given permission to raise their Council Tax by 8%) received the lowest percentage uplift of all unitary authorities.
- 1.6 It is also deeply concerning that the increased funding for Social Care is significantly lower than the cost pressures that the Council will face next year in those Services.
- 1.7 Due to the significant increase in costs of Social Care as well as inflation more generally experienced across the current year and continuing into future years, it is inevitable that the savings requirements for 2024/25 will need to amount to at least £3m.
- 1.8 Preparation of the Budget for 2024/25 will continue until publication on 31 January 2024.

CHRIS WARD
Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer

APPENDIX 1












FORECAST 2024/25 – Key Cost Assumptions (February 2023)

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Description	Assumption	Current Expectation	Expected Impact	
Inflation				
Pay 2023/24 (shortfall)	4.0% (£2.5m)	6.6% (£4.1m)	£1.6m	↑
Pay 2024/25	3.0% (£2.0m)	??%	Each 1% ▲ = £0.7m	↑
Key Contracts	Specific Indexation (e.g. RPI) - £1.0m	?? Next OBR Forecast in Autumn Statement	Each 1% ▲ = £0.2m	↑
ASC Fee Review (Providers)	Assumes NLW of 6.3% (£2.2m)	Assumes NLW of 7.1% (£4.0m)	£1.8m	↑
Demand (Growth in cost)				
Children's Placements 2023/24 (shortfall)	£1.2m	£3.9m	£2.7m	↑
Children's Placements 2024/25	£0m	£0.0m	£0m	▬
CSC to ASC Transitions	£0.9m	£0.7	£0.2m	↓
ASC COVID Legacy	£2.1m	£2.1m	£0m	▬
Home to School Transport 2023/24 (Shortfall)	£0m	£0.3m	£0.3m	↑
Home to School Transport 2024/25	£0m	£0.5m	£0.5m	↑

APPENDIX 2

FORECAST 2024/25 – Key Funding Assumptions (February 2023)

Description		Assumption	Current Expectation	Expected Impact	
Council Tax					
	General Purposes	3.0% (£3.0m)	3.0% (£3.0m)	Each 1%  = £1.0m	
	ASC Precept	2.0% (£2.0m)	2.0% (£2.0m)	Each 1%  = £1.0m	
	Taxbase (Properties, Discounts, Exemptions, LCTS, Collection Rate)	0.2%	0.2%	Each 1%  = £1.0m	
Business Rates					
	Multiplier	5.5% (£1.6m)	6.7% (£2.0m)	£0.4m	
	Taxbase (Appeals, Growth, Mandatory Reliefs, Collection Rate)	0%	0%	£0	
Government Grants					
	All General Grants	£6.6m	£6.4m (Awaiting Local Government Finance Settlement)	£0.2	
	Island Deal	£1m	£?? (Awaiting Local Government Finance Settlement)	£??	
	Social Care Grant	£13.3m	£?? (Awaiting Autumn Statement)	£??	

Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 9 January 2024

Written question from Cllr Chris Jarman to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Background:

The current IWC Constitution of 13th October 2023 page 223 provides for the submission of multiple proposed budgets and for potential amendments to each. The relevant clause from our Constitution states: "In relation to budget proposals: (a) The Leader and Cabinet are entitled to confidential information and discussions with officers regarding options and proposals. These will remain confidential until determined by the Executive or until published in advance of Cabinet/ Committee/ Council meetings, whichever is the earlier; and (b) Opposition groups are also entitled to confidential information and discussions with officers to enable them to formulate alternative budget proposals. These will remain confidential until determined by the respective political groups or until published in advance of Cabinet/Committee/ Council meetings, whichever is the earlier. Officers giving such advice must not be named in public."

Since mid-November 2023, 'Opposition groups' have declared their intention of submitting an 'alternative budget proposal' and specifically that this would be a full budget and not merely a budget amendment. Such work necessarily requires access to confidential information and officer resources. Multiple engagements with each of the Statutory Officers has failed to establish a common understanding of the interpretation of our Constitution above with the result that the data required has not been provided. The Statutory Officers have sought, contrary to the explicit provisions in our Constitution, to limit budget submissions only to amendments to any Alliance proposal, and then only providing amendments are not substantial.

The consequence of this has been to significantly delay progress and potentially to thwart submission of an alternative budget proposal by opposition Groups, contrary to our Constitution. We are now advised that due to the delay some policy measures cannot be included as the consultation time is insufficient – for example increasing Council Tax Relief by up to 100% by combining the existing core and discretionary programmes with no net increase in budget and potential savings in management costs.

It is critical that the interpretation of our Constitution is agreed, and that Statutory Officers recognise that their actions over the past 6 plus weeks have not met the provisions of our Constitution.

Question:

Will Corporate Scrutiny therefore confirm the following?

Corporate Scrutiny confirms its interpretation of our Constitution as below and requires all Statutory Officers to now fully adhere to this interpretation and to provide all data and support required to opposition groups and/or ungrouped Members to enable them to prepare and submit full budget proposals and/or budget amendments.

1. 'Groups' is to be taken as meaning Group, Groups or ungrouped Members.
2. All Groups are entitled to submit alternative full budget proposals and/or budget amendments. This entitlement is not limited to the current Cabinet but is a right available to all Groups.
3. Officers are required to provide necessary data and support to enable such preparations and submissions.
4. The Constitution provides equal clauses of entitlement to Cabinet and to other Groups. There is no provision for limiting access only to Cabinet or to making data available to Cabinet first or to making the release of data conditional upon Cabinet permission as has been wrongly claimed by Statutory Officers. All Groups are entitled to receive factual data, officer mitigation options and all other budget preparation material concurrently and at the same time as such material is available to Officers and/or to Cabinet.
5. Budget preparations, proposed new policies, option selections and submissions by Groups will be held in confidence by Officers until published by or otherwise made public by the respective Groups.
6. Resources necessary to discussions and budget preparation will be fully available to Groups including officers' articulation of their current and future respective departmental financial pressures, discussion of mitigation options and analysis of Groups policy contributions.
7. This clarity confirms the explicit entitlement defined in our current Constitution.

Response

This matter was discussed by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 9 January 2024, under Minute item 63 - Budget Proposals 2024-25. It was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the three statutory officers be requested to provide a written response to the written question (MQ-01/24), to be reported back to the questioner and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee within seven days. (overleaf)

Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 9 January 2024

Written points from Cllr Chris Jarman to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

1. 'Groups' is to be taken as meaning Group, Groups or ungrouped Members.

Yes, agreed.

2. All Groups are entitled to submit alternative full budget proposals and/or budget amendments. This entitlement is not limited to the current Cabinet but is a right available to all Groups.

In light of the significance in law of the council's responsibility to set a Budget and follow proper process and ensuring that the Council understands the respective roles and responsibilities of forming a budget, the council has sought external legal advice from a former monitoring officer who now works within a private practice. The advice is attached in full but a summary is set out below that addresses particular aspects of the questions raised.

The cabinet, who are the council's executive, is responsible for all "executive functions", which comprise the majority of a Council's business. Non-executive functions remain the preserve of the full council, exercisable by the full council itself, or by a committee, subcommittee or officer as a delegatee. Those non-executive functions include approving the budget at the February full council budget meeting.

The Executive are a legally defined entity with specific statutory duties defined by legislation. The use of the term "administration" whilst a common shorthand can result in this crucial point being missed and the assumption arising that the group in power have rights because of their numbers / status rather than the legal position of the Executive.

However, whilst approving the budget is by law a matter for Full Council, under regulation 4(9)–(11) of Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, the cabinet must prepare and submit to the full council estimates of the amounts to be aggregated for the purposes of those calculations. The specific wording in the 2000 Regulations which states this is an executive functions is as below:

(a) the preparation, for submission to the authority for their consideration, of—

(i) estimates of the amounts to be aggregated in making the calculation or of other amounts to be used for the purposes of the calculation and estimates of the calculation; or

(ii) the amounts required to be stated in the precept;..

Therefore, the preparation of the estimates forming the submission to full council for their consideration to become the budget is the sole responsibility of the cabinet. It is for this reason that it is the Cabinet's proposed budget that forms the agenda item and against which amendments may be tabled.

Any councillor may submit alternative budget proposals/amendments to the cabinet budget, provided they are seconded, lawful and otherwise in accordance with the council procedural rules, such as being approved by the s151 officer. Those amendments may be called alternative budgets but they are nevertheless amendments to the proposal that the cabinet are by law obliged to table. Those amendments may be minor or significant and this is matter for the councillor(s).

There is no other lawful entity that has the duty or power to prepare and submit a Budget to full council, although alternative budgets may be submitted as an amendment to the degree that they have been approved as lawful.

The Council's Constitution is clear in terms of rules of procedure. The Constitution also cannot overrule a duty placed by Parliament on the Executive. Almost all councils describe opposition amendments as alternative budgets or something similar. And in moving their amendments opposition members will describe them as their alternative budget (or similar). But such alternative budgets are amendments to the budget proposals submitted by the Executive. This is made very clear in the Council's Constitution Procedure Rules. And it is a legal duty on the Executive.

3. Officers are required to provide necessary data and support to enable such preparations and submissions.

Opposition members have a right to propose alternative budget proposals/amendments to that budget and are entitled to data and access to support as set out above.

As set out above, in an executive form of governance the formation of the budget proposal is an executive function and therefore a matter for Cabinet, the practicalities of this mean that the resources available are not unlimited as capacity is not unlimited and is also timing driven.

Officers work for and serve the local authority as a whole. Nevertheless, as the majority of functions will be the responsibility of the Executive, it is likely that in practice many Officers will be working to the Executive for most of their time.

The Executive have a statutory duty to prepare in essence a budget for Full Council to approve. Opposition members have a right to propose amendments to that. Both are entitled to support but to suggest that they should be equal ignores the different status.

4. The Constitution provides equal clauses of entitlement to Cabinet and to other Groups. There is no provision for limiting access only to Cabinet or to making data available to Cabinet first or to making the release of data conditional upon Cabinet permission as has been wrongly claimed by Statutory Officers. All Groups are entitled to receive factual data, officer mitigation options and all other budget preparation material concurrently and at the same time as such material is available to Officers and/or to Cabinet.

Any councillor(s) wishing to submit alternative budget proposals/amendments to the cabinets budget are entitled to have access to finance staff, access to Directors, information as to the Council's financial position, published data on in year financial positions, and service budget details.

But what information the Executive seek, their discussions and their proposals remain confidential until they choose to disclose them or they are formally made public during the budget process prior to the meeting of the Executive on 8 February 2024.

If opposition councillors seek detailed information from officers as to what the cabinet are thinking, officers cannot supply that. But if the Opposition members happen to pursue a similar line to Cabinet' proposals, and seek information on that, that is acceptable. However, the Cabinets budgetary proposals and discussions behind that remain confidential until determined by the Cabinet or until published in advance of Cabinet/Committee/Council meetings, whichever is the earlier.

This is one reason why work on any opposition amendments is undertaken after the executive's budget proposal have been completed. As time is then tight, it is also the case that sometimes amendments have to be at least in part qualified as being subject to due diligence / financial appraisal

5. Budget preparations, proposed new policies, option selections and submissions by Groups will be held in confidence by Officers until published by or otherwise made public by the respective Groups.

Agreed.

6. Resources necessary to discussions and budget preparation will be fully available to Groups including officers' articulation of their current and future respective departmental financial pressures, discussion of mitigation options and analysis of Groups policy contributions.

This is being facilitated through meetings with Directors and Service Directors within the parameters set out in the responses to the questions above.

7. This clarity confirms the explicit entitlement defined in our current Constitution.

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Corporate Scrutiny Committee - Progress on Actions & Outcomes

Meeting Date	Agreed Action	Responsibility	Update	Actioned
Outstanding Actions				
10 January 2023	Forward Plan The committee requested a copy of the review of leisure centres once it has been completed.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure	9 January 2024: The leisure centres review is being finalised and will be available to share with the committee in due course.	
7 February 2023	Asset Management/ Property Rationalisation The heads of agreement in relation to the proposed disposal of Kingston Marine Park be circulated to the committee once they are signed.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure	9 January 2024: Discussions are still ongoing	
12 September 2023	QPMR Q1 The committee requested the Corporate Plan refresh comes to Corporate Scrutiny when available.	Chief Executive	9 January 2024: The Leader has liaised with portfolio holders in respect of refreshing the Corporate Plan and it will be available to the committee in due course.	
	Members Questions Cllr Spink asked for a written response to be provided prior to Cabinet on what the SPD does to make affordable housing affordable by residents on or below the average island wage.	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding	A response has been provided and circulated to the committee. Further questions have been asked and awaiting a response.	
Actions Completed (Since Last Meeting)				

Isle of Wight Council Forward Plan – January 2024 – Version 4

The Forward Plan is a list of all Key Decisions that are due to be considered no earlier than 28 clear working days from the date of this notice by the appropriate Decision Making Body or individual including those deemed to be key decisions.

A list of all Council Members can be found on the Council’s web site from this link

The Leader of the Council (also responsible for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) is Cllr Phil Jordan.

Other members of the Cabinet are:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance - Cllr Ian Stephens

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health – Cllr Debbie Andre

Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions – Cllr Jonathan Bacon

Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure - Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding - Cllr Paul Fuller

Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Biosphere and Waste- Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection and ICT – Cllr Karen Lucioni

* Any items highlighted in yellow are changes or additions to the previous Forward Plan

* Any decisions that are intended to be made in private with the exclusion of press and public, where for example personal or commercially sensitive information is to be considered, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012, will require the publication of specific notices, including the reason(s) for the meeting to be held in private.

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125 Year Lease of Rew Valley Sports Centre and playing fields, Ventnor to The Island Free School	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance	Not before 19th Oct 2023	Signed delegation by the Leader		Open
Rew Valley Sports Centre – grant of a new lease to the Island Free School	Councillor Ian Stephens Date 1 st added: 5 September 2023				

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<p>Acquisition of land at Pyle Street, Newport</p> <p>Purchase of land at Pyle Street, Newport</p>	<p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stephens Date 1st added: 15 December 2023</p>	<p>19 Jan 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt The report will detail the terms of a property deal that will have not been completed. As such, it would not be appropriate for some of the detail to be in the public domain before the purchase is completed.</p>
<p>To Increase Parking Tariffs and Permit Prices, and Changes to Parking Provision at Union St, Newport</p> <p>To consider a range of parking charge increases</p>	<p>Strategic Director Community Services</p> <p>Councillor Phil Jordan Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>25 Jan 2024 Approved Pending</p>	<p>Leader's Signed Authority Upcoming decision notice Report - fees and charges Appendix 1 - fees and charges Report - Union Street Appendix 1 - Union Street</p>	<p>Price increase can be undertaken via a Notice of Variation which does not require formal consultation.</p> <p>The introduction of a new chargeable area will require a new Parking Places Order which will require public consultation with stakeholders as listed above.</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Food Hygiene Inspection Programme</p> <p>This is required to confirm and agree the position in relation to the food hygiene inspection programme currently for the planned out turn of 2023/24 with the capacity of the team and advises that capacity will be considered at longer term increase in capacity for this area of work.</p> <p>This is written in response to the internal audit outcomes and required actions.</p> <p>To ensure that there is a governance processes so that the Cabinet have sufficient oversight of the risks regarding service delivery planning and delivery against the Food Standards Agency's requirements.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection and ICT</p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>26 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Leader's signed authority Upcoming decision notice Report Appendix 1 Appendix 2</p>	<p></p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>District 2 TRO Review - Newport and Carisbrooke</p> <p>TRO Proposals and public feedback</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>	<p></p>	<p>Parish and Community Councils Ward Councillors Public</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26</p> <p>To determine the Isle of Wight Council's school admissions arrangements for 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-2025 and Future Years' Forecasts</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p> <p>28 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Budget and Council Tax setting</p>	<p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>				
<p>QPMR Q3 - 2023/24</p> <p>To provide a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures for the period October 2023 to December 2023. To inform Cabinet of areas of particular success, issues requiring attention and remedial activity in place to deal with these. To provide a report on the financial position of the council for the same period</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 13 October 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>QPMR Q3 - 2023/24</p> <p>New arrangements following the government arrangements on changes to LEP functions</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>		<p>Upper Tier local authorities DHLUC Solent Partners</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties</p> <p>New Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 has given local authorities the power to implement a premium of up to 100 per cent council tax charge on any property empty or unfurnished for over 1 year. It also gives the power to implement a premium of up to 100 per cent council tax charge on any second home from the following financial year. Decision to be made as to whether the council wishes to implement such premium.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1st added: 3 January 2024</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p> <p>28 Feb 2024</p>		<p>No consultation is required for this report as it relates to legislative changes.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Sale of Plot A2, Island Technology Park, Whippingham IOW</p> <p>Sale of the last plot of employment land at this site to Island Distribution Limited</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Councillor Julie Jones-Evans Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt Appendix 2 will contain confidential agreed heads of terms</p>

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<p>Bus Service Improvement Plus Fund (BSIP+) – Local Bus Service Enhancements</p> <p>Decision to approve provide grant funding for enhancements to local bus services, through utilising Department for Transport (DfT) BSIP + funding allocation for the Island.</p>	<p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Councillor Phil Jordan Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	22 Feb 2024			Open
<p>Pay Policy</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	28 Feb 2024			Open
<p>Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Member</p> <p>To appoint an independent remuneration panel member</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added:</p>	28 Feb 2024			Open
<p>Determine School Academic Year/Term Dates for 2025/2026</p> <p>To seek approval from the Cabinet on the determination of the pattern of school term and holiday dates for the school year 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	14 Mar 2024			Open

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<p>Director of Public Health Annual Report - Childhood Obesity - Call to Action</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023/24 and to endorse any recommendations with the report.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>N/A</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of Early Years childcare sufficiency on the Isle of Wight. The LA has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient Early Years childcare places that are accessible to parents. This duty is presented through this report to elected council members and is made available to parents.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions</p> <p>Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Cowes Medina Crossing</p> <p>Following a number of technical and financial reviews the council is seeking to best understand the options and recommendation for future operating models for the chain ferry crossing at East Cowes / Cowes across the mouth of the River Medina.</p> <p>This report sets out the process of commissioning an options appraisal and a potential Commissioning Strategy for alternative technical and economical solutions to the current vessel operated by the council.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Date 1st added: 25 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Cabinet members Corporate Scrutiny Internal Council Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Island Planning Strategy</p> <p>As the Draft IPS was not agreed on 5 October, Full Council is to specify its objections and to formally refer the matter back to the Cabinet.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding</p> <p>Date 1st added: 17 March 2022</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Internal and External Full public consultation</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Concessionary Travel Reimbursement 2024-25</p> <p>The report will set out the concessionary travel arrangements on local bus services for year 2024/25, the recommended rate per concessionary journey and the associated implications.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Date 1st added: 6 December 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Negotiations with local bus operator/s via a commissioned consultant.</p>	<p>Part exempt</p> <p>The appended technical report from the commissioned consultant outlining the concessionary travel negotiations, calculations and recommended rate, will be exempt as it will contain financial information which is commercially sensitive to the local bus operator.</p>
<p>Disposal of the former Yarmouth Primary School, Yarmouth</p> <p>The sale of the former Yarmouth Primary School following a marketing campaign in 2023.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt</p> <p>One appendix will be exempt from publication which will contain information regarding the bids received, including the financial offers. This is due to commercial confidentiality.</p>

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<p>Sale of the former Weston Academy, Weston Road, Totland, Isle of Wight</p> <p>The terms of the sale and approval to sell the freehold, and approval to enter into a grant agreement with the purchaser.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance</p> <p>Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Part exempt</p> <p>Appendix 2 will contain confidential agreed heads of terms</p>
<p>Future Governance Report</p> <p>To consider moving to a Committee system for Council decision-making from May 2024</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Internal External Public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Approval of the Members' Allowance Scheme 2024 - 2025</p> <p>To approve the Members' Allowance Scheme for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025– a legal requirement [under reg. 10 (1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 as amended] for annual approval on or before 31 March. The Scheme was adopted on 19 January 2022 following the council's acceptance in full of the statutory recommendations made in the IRP's sixteenth report, and has rolled forwards each year subject to any annual adjustments required under the agreed indexation provision.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added:</p>	<p>20 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Adoption of three LCWIPs (East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; Brading, Bembridge & St Helens) as a Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt three separate Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) for East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; and Brading, Bembridge & St Helens as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) that post adoption can be used as a material consideration in planning decisions.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 1 March 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6 week public consultation in the LCWIPs will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>The adoption of the Newport Harbour Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>Whether to adopt the draft Newport Harbour Masterplan as a supplementary planning document</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure Date 1st added: 7 September 2022</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>District 4 TRO review - Alverstone, Arreton, Lake, Newchurch, Sandown and Shanklin</p> <p>TRO proposals and public feedback</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)</p> <p>Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Town and Parish Councils Ward Councillors Public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2024</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement which applies to the 2024 academic year. The Post 16 policy statement must be published annually by 31 May each year.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023 – 2025 Midway Update</p> <p>The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) to successfully deliver integrated working that best supports Island residents. The requirements of the BCF are set by NHS England (NHSE), including details on financial and contractual arrangements. The BCF has historically been a 1 year plan but the DHSC changed the BCF to a 2 year plan for 2023 to 2025. The Cabinet is asked to note the 2023/25 BCF midway Update</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health Date 1st added: 13 October 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Draft Health Contributions SPD</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt an SPD, prepared in partnership with the NHS Hampshire & IOW Integrated Care Board, that seeks financial contributions from qualifying new development towards new or extended primary care infrastructure in areas where there are existing capacity issues.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6-week public consultation on the Draft SPD will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees and the general public</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems SPD</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt an SPD that sets out the sustainable drainage principles and design solutions required from new development of all scales that will reduce the amount of surface water entering the combined sewer and help mitigate flooding.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 12 January 2024</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6-week public consultation on the Draft SPD will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees and the general public</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>District 6 TRO Review - Brighstone, Freshwater, Rookley, Shalfleet, Shorewell, Totland and Yarmouth</p> <p>TRO proposals and public feedback</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) Date 1st added: 7 November 2023</p>	<p>13 Jun 2024</p>		<p>Town and Parish Councils Ward Councillors Public</p>	<p>Open</p>

Corporate Scrutiny Committee - Workplan 2022-25

The committee is responsible for Scrutiny functions in respect of decisions and activities within the remit of the council, the Cabinet, Cabinet members, officers, and any functions not otherwise expressly delegated to another Scrutiny committee

Date	Agenda Items	Description & Background	Lead Officer/Cabinet Member
5 February 2024	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Budget Proposals for 2024-25	To comment on the draft budget proposals ahead of Full Council	Leader / Cabinet Members / Section 151 Officer
	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - LEP Integration of functions into Upper Tier Local Authorities	To consider how the Local Enterprise Partnership functions will be integrated into the Isle of Wight Council from April 2024.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties	To consider the report on whether the Council wishes to implement a premium ahead of it going to Cabinet	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance
	Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2023-24	To consider the Council's performance measures for Quarter 3 of 2023-24	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
27 February 2024	Cowes Floating Bridge	To consider the results of the recent review and possible options for moving forward ahead of a paper going to Cabinet in March	Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)
12 March 2024	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Future Governance	To consider a report from the Future Governance Working Group regarding the potential for the Isle of Wight Council to move to a Committee system of governance.	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Island Planning Strategy	To comment on the draft Island Planning Strategy ahead of submission to Cabinet and Full Council	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding

	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Disposal of the former Yarmouth Primary School	To review the report on the options following a marketing campaign in 2023 ahead of it going to Cabinet for decision.	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance
	IW Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2022-23	To consider the annual report of the partnership in accordance with the Committee's statutory function to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT
	Scrutiny Annual Report	To review the work of Scrutiny and make recommendations for improvements where appropriate.	Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee / Scrutiny Officer
7 May 2024	Pre Decision Scrutiny - The adoption of the Newport Harbour Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document	To consider the draft Newport Harbour Masterplan SPD prior to decision at Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Draft Health Contributions Supplementary Planning Document	To consider the draft Health Contributions SPD prior to decision at Cabinet	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding
	Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Draft Sustainable Drainage System Supplementary Planning Document	To consider the draft Sustainable Drainage System SPD prior to decision at Cabinet.	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding
	Perpetrator Programme	To receive a report on the lines of enquiry agreed by the committee.	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT
	Policy Framework Annual Review	To review the Council's list of policies to ensure that they are being reviewed and refreshed timely and effectively.	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
11 June 2024	Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 4 2023-24	To consider the Council's performance measures for Quarter 4 of 2023-24	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions

	Performance Management Framework	To monitor the progress made following a refresh of the framework	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
9 July 2024	Flood Risk Management	To review the progress of refreshing the Flood Risk Management strategy and completion of the Section 19 flood reports.	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding
30 July 2024 - Informal	TBC		
10 September 2024	Corporate Complaints Annual Report 2023-24	To consider the annual complaints report to ensure that this is helping to drive service improvement through lessons learnt.	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
8 October 2024			
29 October 2024 - Informal	TBC		
12 November 2024	IW Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2023-24	To consider the annual report of the partnership in accordance with the Committee's statutory function to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT
	Budget Assumptions	To review the budget assumptions that were predicted in the 2024/25 budget setting process against what they are currently.	Deputy Leader Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance
7 January 2025	Draft budget proposals 2025-26	To review what is known so far and review the planned approach to the 2025-26 budget.	Leader / Cabinet Members / Section 151 Officer
11 February 2025	Draft budget proposals 2025-26	To comment on draft budget proposals ahead of Full Council	Leader / Cabinet Members / Section 151 Officer
11 March 2025	Scrutiny Annual Report	To review the work of Scrutiny and make recommendations for improvements where appropriate.	Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee / Scrutiny Officer

	Policy Framework Annual Review	To review the Council's list of policies to ensure that they are being reviewed and refreshed timely and effectively.	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions
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Purpose: For Information

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	6 FEBRUARY 2024
Topic	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY – BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024-25

Background

1. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee will consider the detail behind the budget proposals for 2024-25.

Focus for Scrutiny

2. To consider financial assumptions, examine risks, clarify impacts of budget reductions and challenge priorities.
3. To consider whether Cabinet has an effective plan for the implementation of a reduced budget for the next financial year and any steps that the council is taking to respond to the financial situation over the next 12 to 18 months.

Outcome(s)

4. Does the committee support the proposed budget, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

Approach

5. To consider the report being submitted to Cabinet, due to be published on 31 January 2024.

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Purpose: For Information

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	6 FEBRUARY 2024
Topic	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - LEP INTEGRATION OF FUNCTIONS INTO UPPER TIER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Background

1. Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are non-statutory bodies responsible for local economic development in England. The LEP seeks to drive economic growth and act as the voice of the local business community, ensuring that the economic interests of the area are properly represented.
2. The government confirmed in August 2023 that the functions of LEPs will be transferred to local authorities in England from April 2024.
3. The government will now support upper-tier councils or combined authorities to absorb the three main functions of LEPs, which include business representation, strategic economic planning, and responsibility for the delivery of government programmes.
4. The committee to review the Isle of Wight Councils report on the new arrangements ahead of it going to Cabinet.

Focus for Scrutiny

5. The role of the committee is not to act as a 'shadow Cabinet'. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:
 - taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
 - compliance with finance, contract, and all other procedure rules
 - due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
 - impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
 - any interests are properly declared
 - decisions are properly recorded and published
 - decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
 - respect for human rights and equality impacts
 - a presumption in favour of transparency and openness

- clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- due consideration of all available options
- reasons are given for decisions

Outcome(s)

6. Does the committee support the proposed recommendations, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

Document(s) Attached

Cabinet Report – Integration of LEP Functions Into Upper Tier Local Authorities
Appendix 1 - The Proposed Governance Structure for LEP Integration

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Cabinet Report

Purpose: For Decision

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Date	8 FEBRUARY 2024
Title	INTEGRATION OF LEP FUNCTIONS INTO UPPER TIER LOCAL AUTHORITIES
Report of	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with information on the integration of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions into Upper Tier Local Authorities (UTLAs) and seek approval for the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) to work with Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and Southampton City Council (SCC) to jointly take on these integrated LEP functions and deal with the changes that result from this new approach.
2. This includes the creation of a joint Upper Tier Local Authority (UTLA) Board to take on these new responsibilities. This was proposed by the three unitary UTLAs in the integration pro-forma that was submitted to Government with proposals for taking this forward.
3. It should be noted that Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and Southampton City Council (SCC) will also be seeking similar approvals, but due to differing timeframes there will need to be work and decision making in parallel with the approval processes across the three authorities. The relevant recommendation (i) below allows for this to happen.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- a. Note that subject to meeting certain conditions, the Government is looking to integrate a number of existing LEP functions into UTLAs.
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- e. Note the proposed draft governance structure attached as Appendix 1 that shows how IWC should work with partners to achieve our economic growth ambitions which will need to be outlined in an updated Solent 2050 Strategy.
- f. Agree that subject of the agreement of all three partners, PCC are confirmed as the Accountable Body for Solent Partners.
- g. Agree that any existing LEP funding disaggregated to the three Solent UTLAs can be pooled (subject to agreement with PCC and SCC) for the benefit of economic growth of the Solent region.
- h. Agree that IWC, as one of the three UTLAs, will work with partners to develop an agreement on how Solent Partners will deliver economic growth for the functional economic area.
- i. Agree that delegated authority be jointly given to The Leader of the Council in consultation with the Chief Executive, and the Director of Finance and s151 Officer, to agree the final details of the transfer of LEP functions to the UTLAs including future governance arrangements.
- j. Agree that IWC should seek to support the creation of a Solent Economic Partnership, inviting adjacent Districts and Boroughs, Hampshire County Council, and other key public sector stakeholders, to enable Local Authorities leaders and leaders within the business community to have a regular opportunity to discuss and support economic growth in the region.
- k. Note the intention to agree disaggregation of assets held by the LEP to the Accountable Body on behalf of the UTLAs (subject to the agreement of the three councils).

Background

- 4. Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are non-statutory bodies that were created to promote economic growth and job creation. They are business led partnerships with additional representatives from local authorities, as well as academic and voluntary institutions. Thirty-eight LEPs were established across the Country in 2010-11 and the Island was part of the Solent LEP. The Solent LEP was based on the same

geography as the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH and now Partnership for South Hampshire - PfSH) with the addition of the Isle of Wight. In 2018 LEP boundaries were reviewed and, as part of this review, it was determined that a district or borough local authority could no longer be in two different LEPs.

5. This meant that the Solent LEP geography could no longer mirror the PfSH geography and so the whole of the New Forest District Council was included within the Solent LEP and the parts of Winchester City Council, Test Valley Borough Council and East Hampshire that were part of the Solent LEP were transferred to Enterprise M3 LEP.
6. A further review was undertaken by the Government between early 2021 and the publication of the February 2022 Levelling Up white paper. This led to the ministerial letter proposing LEP integration: 'Integrating Local Enterprise Partnerships into local democratic institutions, 31 March 2022'.
7. On the 4 August 2023, the Government issued a letter which confirmed their support for UTLAs and combined authorities to take on the functions currently delivered by LEPs. *'Where not already delivered by a combined authority, or in areas where a devolution deal is not yet agreed, the Government expects these functions to be exercised by upper tier local authorities, working in collaboration with other upper tier local authorities over Functional Economic Areas (FEAs) as appropriate.'*
8. In the guidance the Government state that the geography for integration of functions should either be a whole County area or a functioning economic area that has a population of at least 500k (and for some functions at least 22k businesses in the area). The Government have been clear that they will no longer fund LEPs with core funding from April 2024 and that the UTLAs will be responsible for:
 - **business representation** and in particular to *'create or continue to engage with an Economic Growth Board (or similar) made up of local business leaders and relevant representative bodies to (a) provide the view of local businesses as part of regional decision making and (b) work with local leaders to create a broad economic strategy for the area'*
 - **strategic economic planning** - areas will be expected to produce, or continue to update, economic strategies to support local decision making, building on the plans currently developed and overseen by LEPs. The Government expects areas to publish their (existing, new, or updated) strategy within six months of receiving funding and if PCC is the accountable body for future arrangements (see paragraph 4.1 below) then it will need to be published on the PCC website. There will be a need to review, update and adopt the Solent 2050 Strategy and ensure that this is an appropriate strategy for the agreed geography. The guidance also states that areas bidding for local growth funding in future may be asked to demonstrate how a proposal fits into their local economic strategy.
 - **responsibility for the delivery of government programmes where directed.** Currently these programmes would be the Growth Hubs and the Career Hubs. The Government expects these functions to be exercised by UTLAs (working in collaboration with other upper tier local authorities as appropriate) where there is not a devolution deal or a deal in the offing. Initial views from Government suggest that they envisage the current Growth Hub to be commissioned on a county wide basis although with the possibility that there could be a Solent front-end for businesses. Further guidance has however suggested a need to ensure

the delivery of government functions is coterminous with the FEA for economic strategy and business representation so further guidance is needed. This would need to be discussed and agreed with the other UTLAs across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (HIOW).

9. Whilst the Government have stated that their expectation is that the area for integration is a county area or FEA they also state that the starting point for consideration of an appropriate area should be the existing LEP geography.
10. The proposed Solent geography recognises that the two cities of Southampton and Portsmouth drive the growth of the region and have clear links to the Isle of Wight including through ferry routes. There are also key synergies across the area on key economic sectors including advanced manufacturing and the visitor economy and also on key challenges association with deprivation and coastal areas. The three Solent unitaries working together, meet the thresholds required by the Government and have sent an integration template back to Government on this proposed geography.
11. This report takes forward what was in the integration template. Assuming this approach is supported by the Government, and there has been no indication that this will not be the case. There will need to be strong and positive working relationships with Hampshire County Council who will be operating in the wider Solent area for the parts of the Solent LEP area that comprises the districts and boroughs.
12. In response to the envisaged changes to their operating environment, the Solent LEP decided to look again at their role and how they operate and decided to set up a new company limited by guarantee called Solent Partners. As Government thinking developed on the future role of LEPs it was decided by the Solent LEP Board that Solent Partners would be a good successor organisation to the Solent LEP that would enable the delivery of the functions that were being devolved to the UTLA alongside any remaining LEP functions.
13. The benefit of this approach is that this enables a focus to be maintained on the Solent which will be to the benefit of local businesses and communities. It also means that should the Government position on devolution change, before or after the next general election, then the area will be in a stronger position to make the case for devolution to the Solent area.
14. As noted in the Director of Finance's comments below, in parallel to the integration of functions from the LEP there is a need to consider the disaggregation and transfer of assets from the LEP to the UTLAs. The amount to be disaggregated between HCC, PCC, SCC and IWC remains to be agreed between the LEP and PCC, acting as the Accountable Body.
15. It is currently intended that any funding received by PCC as the AB on behalf of the three UTLAs will be pooled for the benefit of economic growth of the region. This will be subject to further agreement between the three Solent UTLAs.
16. Whilst Solent Partners can enable the delivery of LEP functions across the Solent area, it will be the UTLAs that will be held accountable for delivery of the functions and economic growth in the area. The governance arrangements detailed in section 4 below recognise this reality and so are based on a model where the 3 unitary authorities commission Solent Partners to deliver functions on their behalf assuming that Solent Partners is able to demonstrate that it is providing best value services. Whilst the Government guidance states that after the 1st April any arrangements

will need to be commissioned in line with normal practice, in reality this is also the case for any arrangements before the 1st April. How this may apply to work commissioned through Solent Partners will depend on the specific governance and function of that company in that period and the funding mechanism chosen by the 3 UTLAs.

Solent Partners and proposed governance

17. The successor body to the Solent LEP, Solent Partners, is a Company Limited by Guarantee (as is the Solent LEP). It has been proposed that the Members, and therefore owners, of the Company will be the three unitary authorities. This is different to the Solent LEP where PCC is the only Member and has this role as the accountable body for the Solent LEP. Hampshire County Council has made it clear that they do not wish to be part of Solent Partners. PCC has also agreed to be the Accountable Body for Solent Partners and / or the joint UTLA Board.
18. Alongside the Members there will be a Board of Directors of Solent Partners. These directors will be appointed in line with best practice for the appointment of Directors and currently it is envisaged that it will comprise:
 - An independent Chair, Vice-Chair and non-Executive Director from local businesses
 - A Higher Education (HE) representative
 - The chairs of the Solent Skills Advisory Panel, the Solent Business Forum, the Solent Cluster and Maritime UK Solent
 - The two Solent Partner Executive Directors
19. The requirement for representatives of the 3 Solent UTLAs to have the opportunity to observe meetings of the Board of Directors of Solent Partners will be sought to ensure clear oversight.
20. As the Accountable Body (AB) for the Solent LEP PCC has a role to make sure that the LEP Integration Process is undertaken properly and that any decisions around existing assets and liabilities are in accordance with regulations and guidance. The AB role is different to the role in relation to the decisions and wishes of PCC, and as the AB will need to work in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council and Southampton City Council to make sure that LEP Integration works successfully for the Solent region and the communities and businesses that are within our geography.
21. With Solent Partners set up to deliver functions previously undertaken by the LEP for the 3 unitary UTLAs, there will be a need to set up a commissioning body that comprises the 3 unitaries. To achieve this requirement, it is proposed that a joint UTLA Board be set up that comprises the Leader and Chief Executives of the three unitary authorities.
22. This Board would commission and hold Solent Partners, or any other future delivery partner, to account for delivery of the programmes and functions assigned to them to support the economic growth agenda across the three unitary authority area.
23. The terms of reference would need to be set so that the limit of the influence is on the areas of joint work so that the sovereignty of individual authorities is recognised, whilst also allowing for wider work that supports the devolution ambitions of the area. This Board should be set up, at least in Shadow Form, as soon as possible. The Board would also need to work with Hampshire County Council (HCC) to try to

ensure as much alignment as possible. With the proposal that the Leader and Chief Executive are on this Board it would not be appropriate for the Councils to have a Director on the board of Solent Partners Board, as currently constituted, so that there is no conflict of interest with the wider governance needed for the new LEP integration arrangements.

24. Alongside the joint UTLA Board there is a desire to set up a Solent Economic Partnership. This would cover the wider Solent geography and Hampshire County Council and the districts and boroughs within the Solent area would be invited to be part of this partnership.
25. It would comprise Leaders and Chief Executives, or their representatives, and will enable a discussion to take place on the wider geography and hopefully ensure that there is alignment across the wider geography. Other key stakeholders, such as Solent Transport and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner could also be included in this Partnership.
26. Clearly this Partnership would only be set up if there was a desire from other authorities to be part of this arrangement. With appropriate funding the partnership could also commission Solent Partners, or another delivery partner, to undertake specific related packages of work.
27. It is envisaged that Solent Partners will be commissioned by the joint UTLA Board to:
 - ensure that the Solent Functional Economic Area that comprises the three unitaries meets the requirement for business engagement such that local businesses and their representative organisations are influencing relevant decision making on the economic growth agenda
 - review, update and help prepare a new Strategic Economic Plan for the three unitary functioning economic area and help ensure it is aligned with the Hampshire County Council plan and their expectations for the parts of the wider Solent area that they are responsible for, as far as possible
 - subject to Government funding being available for the Solent area, deliver the CEC contract to run a Solent Careers Hub but ensure that it is also delivering in line with the joint UTLA Board's expectations
 - promote, and potentially run, the Growth Hub for the wider Solent area
 - deliver any other programmes or activities that the joint UTLA Board wishes it to deliver
28. **26.** Subject to legal advice, the joint UTLA Board will set out a clear commissioning plan before the start of each year and this will be used to set the LEP Integration work programme for SP. Meetings will be held quarterly to performance manage this commissioning plan. The joint UTLA Board would be in a position to change the approach, or the delivery partner, if the plan is not being achieved, subject to an agreed notice period. Informal steering groups, under the joint UTLA Board and directly engaging business representatives through Solent Partners and other stakeholders can be formed to provide guidance to key work commissioned such as Strategic Economic Planning and the work of the Careers Hub.
29. **27.** Solent Partners will also be commissioned by PCC as the AB to monitor and report on existing programmes that have ongoing monitoring arrangements, which would otherwise fall to the AB to undertake in line with current guidance.

30. Solent Partners, as an existing private company already undertakes some other current and planned activity outside of the LEP core functions which are being transferred. They have been successful in securing central additional government funding (awarded independently) to deliver relevant economic growth programmes in the region in the 2024/25 year and would continue therefore to do so.
31. The Solent LEP also undertakes some functions outside of the core functions described above. They have set up two companies to deliver specific economic aspirations in the region. The Membership of the Solent Cluster Ltd has agreed to be transferred to Solent Partners and it is anticipated that Maritime Solent (UK) Ltd will similarly transfer its membership, subject to its own internal agreement. These two companies have been provided revenue funding by the Solent LEP to operate until March 2026 and thereafter the intention is that they will move to a self-sustained ownership and financial footing. The governance connection between Solent Partners, and its Local Authority Members, and these separate companies will require further discussion.
32. The Solent LEP has also provided start-up revenue funding for the Solent Maritime Innovation Hub, providing support to March 2026. What role Solent Partners may have in this Innovation Hub during and after that period will also require further discussion and agreement.
33. Solent Partners also have a desire to take on roles in and with other bodies and panels, the most notable of these is the Skills Advisory Panel, which was set up by PUSH before transitioning to the LEP. It seeks to be a steering group for the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), a Department for Education funded plan, for which the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce is the designated employer representative body. As economic strategies are disaggregated between Hampshire and the Solent, further discussions will be needed in respect of this Panel.
34. One of the issues that is outstanding at the time of writing this report is what to do with existing LEP assets and resources and the associated implications on LEP staff. Government guidance is clear that any reserves and assets built up using public funds will remain within the public domain (i.e. transferred to the relevant local authority or authorities). All LEP employees are employed by PCC and there may be TUPE or redundancy issues that will need to be considered depending on discussions that are underway with Hampshire County Council about how programmes are delivered. PCC as the AB, working with the LEP, has to agree how to split public funds that are currently held by the LEP between the UTLAs.
35. The Solent LEP Board believe that because the funds were given for the benefit of the Solent area they should remain in the Solent area and that the best way for this to happen would be for all of the existing funding to transfer to the 3 Solent UTLAs for the benefit of Solent Partners for them to work across the existing Solent LEP Geography. An alternative approach would be for Hampshire County Council to commit to spending the proportion of the existing funding, relating to the Solent districts and boroughs, across the same geography. This latter approach is the preferred approach of the three UTLAs. Discussions regarding the disaggregation method of the existing assets are ongoing with the AB seeking to agree the disaggregation of funds with the UTLAs over the coming months.

Reasons for recommendations

36. The Government have stated that all core funding for LEPs will cease and that a number of LEP functions will transfer to democratic control. The Government have

set criteria for the return of these functions and the recommendations in this report enable an appropriate mechanism to be put in place to achieve the Government's policy requirements.

37. While current guidance is clear that LEPs can continue in a private capacity, the Solent LEP has confirmed that they intend to cease operating as soon as possible after 31st March 2024 and have set up an alternative company, Solent Partners, with aspirations to continue to support the economic development agenda in the Solent. This report therefore notes that assets and resources built up with public money will need to be retained and transferred into the public domain.

Corporate Priorities and Strategic Context

Provision of affordable housing for Island Residents

38. The provision of housing, including affordable housing is a key component of a successful regional economy. The three UTLAs will be able to make use of the economies of scale of these new arrangements to support the delivery of housing solutions on the Island.

Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere

39. The new working arrangements between the three unitaries and in partnership with the district councils in Hampshire will enhance the benefits generated through economies of scale to ensure environmentally sustainable economic growth that also safeguards the valuable natural assets of the sub region including the Island.

Economic Recovery and Reducing Poverty

40. Under the new arrangements the UTLAs will be expected to produce, or continue to update, economic strategies to support local decision making, building on the plans currently developed and overseen by the LEPs. The new arrangements will support the 3 unitary authorities commission Solent Partners to deliver economic development functions on their behalf assuming that Solent Partners are able to demonstrate that they are providing best value services.

Impact on Young People and Future Generations

41. A thriving sustainable and the resultant shared prosperity across the economic area of the Solent are key to the well being and life chances of our young people and future generations.

Corporate Aims

42. A thriving economy is a key area of activity within the council's Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025 and will be one of our main areas of focus for the lifetime of this plan which will need to be central to everything we do as a council.

Consultation and Engagement

43. Consultations have taken place with all unitary and district councils and key business and public sector stakeholders in the sub region in the formulation of the agreements set out in this report.

Financial / Budget Implications

44. Acting as the Accountable Body for the Solent LEP, PCC has an important role in agreeing the disaggregation of assets held by the LEP as at 31 March 2024 and as part of this have been working with the Solent LEP and the four UTLAs to agree a disaggregation method that is in line with the guidance published by the Government.
45. The guidance sets out that it is for the LEP and the Accountable Body to agree this method and the Accountable Body will make its judgement having reviewed the formal representations made by each of the UTLA's.
46. Fundamentally, the Accountable Body's judgement will be based on the balance of the following:
 - (i) The rationality of the decision in the public interest
 - (ii) That decisions are taken in line with the National Assurance Framework, adhering to proper governance and due diligence
 - (iii) That decisions are made in accordance with the intent and spirit of any Government Guidance
47. Following a review of the submissions and any necessary further consultation with the Solent LEP, the Accountable Body may ultimately agree or disagree with the LEP's position. In the event of a disagreement then the LEP and Accountable Body will engage with the Government to seek their view.
48. Acting as the Accountable Body for Solent Partners, PCC will ensure that any disaggregated LEP funding received is pooled, held on a separate area of its balance sheet, and used for the benefit of economic growth of the region subject to the agreement of the three UTLAs.

Legal Implications

49. The contents of this report outline the current position within the construct of the Guidance and the current disaggregation plan. What is also clear is that there will be beyond the noting stage of this process a number of legal challenges which whilst as yet to crystallise are in summary (as set out within the body of the report) the following:
 - It is recognised that the Solent Partners is of itself an independent company. The company will have a legal share membership from each of the 3 UTLA's.
 - The current model does not espouse that within Solent Partners that the UTLA's will have any director status (this is subject to a current piece of work being dealt with to look at how the independence of Solent Partners sits within the concept procurement and the PCR's.)
 - The paper alludes to the UTLA's being able within some form of construct to, amongst themselves set the "tone and focus" for how Solent Partners (or indeed any organisation that the UTLA's might wish to align) should deliver key objectives. That can be achieved via some form of "Board structure" which self-governs probably via some form of MOU.
 - There will be TUPE issues as currently the LEP staff whilst PCC paid will be subject to a material change that will engage the Regulations and potentially some restructure that may or may not lead to redundancies arising.

- There is a need to maintain clear channels of decision making and facilitation separating as far as practicable the respective roles and functions.

50. It is also worth noting that the current disaggregation model (assuming that it is agreed) will within the Solent Region provide a finite funding and a limited amount of existing loans as already lent to small and medium sized Enterprises (SME's) within the proposed area. Beyond the above the current range of recommendations are within scope, they are competent and are limited risk beyond seeking to inform and progress, set as against a fairly changeable landscape.

Equality and Diversity

51. There are no direct equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

Property Implications

52. There are no direct property implications associated with this report.

Options

53. Option 1: Cabinet is asked to:

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54. Option 2: That the new arrangements be formed on a county wide basis of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (including the PCC and SCC city areas).
55. Option 2 was not supported by the three UTLAs as in their view it ignores the clear Functioning Economic Area (FEA) across the Solent sub region which has consistently been recognised by Government (e.g. the creation of the LEP or the Solent Freeport) and as such the three unitaries are keen to work together to bring about the integration of the LEP functions on a Solent geography that comprises the three unitary authorities.

Risk Management

56. The governance arrangements detailed in section 4 of this report are based on a model where the 3 unitary authorities commission Solent Partners to deliver the economic development functions on their behalf assuming that Solent Partners are able to demonstrate that they are providing best value services.

Appendices Attached

57. Appendix 1. The Proposed Governance Structure for LEP Integration

Background Papers

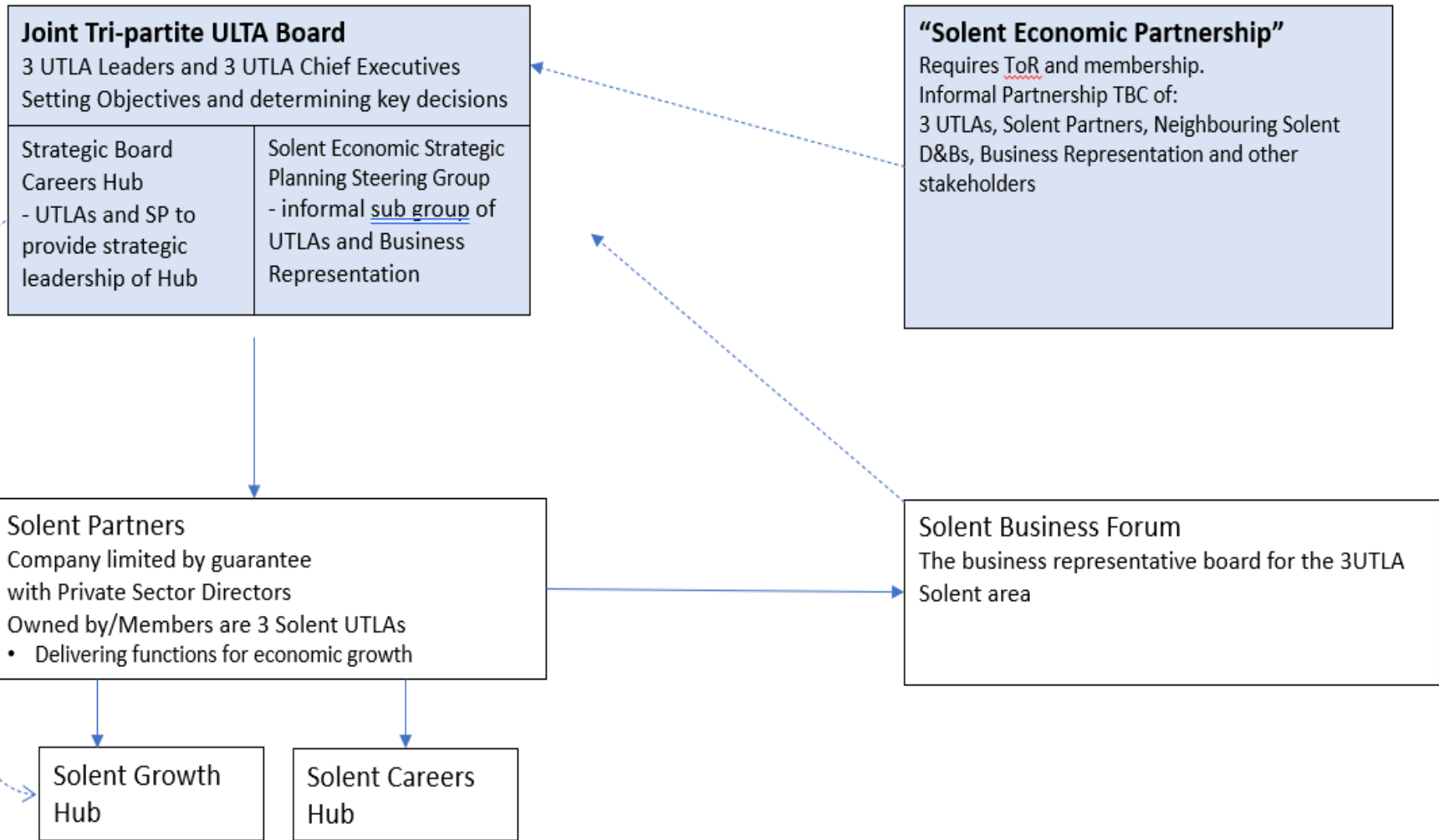
58. Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

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The Proposed Structure for LEP Integration



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Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	6 FEBRUARY 2024
Topic	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS ON SECOND HOMES AND EMPTY PROPERTIES

Background

1. The Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, which was announced in May 2022, will give Councils the power to introduce a 100% Council Tax premium on second homes. In order for the premium to be implemented in 2024, the bill must have received Royal Assent by 1 April 2023.
2. The bill received Royal Assent on 26 October 2023 which means the next date for changes to be implemented will be 1 April 2025. For this to take place a resolution must be passed by Full Council before 1 April 2024.
3. The committee will review the proposed policy ahead of it going to Cabinet and Full Council.

Focus for Scrutiny

4. The role of the committee is not to act as a 'shadow Cabinet'. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:
 - taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
 - compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
 - due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
 - impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
 - any interests are properly declared
 - decisions are properly recorded and published
 - decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
 - respect for human rights and equality impacts
 - a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
 - clarity of aims and desired outcomes
 - due consideration of all available options
 - reasons are given for decisions

Outcome(s)

5. Does the committee support the proposed recommendations, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

Document(s) Attached

Cabinet Report – Council Tax Premiums of Second Homes And Empty Properties

Appendix 1 – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 2 – Draft Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties
and determining discounts for certain dwellings

Appendix 3 – Climate and Sustainable Development Impact Assessment tool

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Cabinet Report

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Date	8 FEBRUARY 2024
Title	COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS OF SECOND HOMES AND EMPTY PROPERTIES
Report of	DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND FINANCE

Executive Summary

1. The Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill was given its first reading in the House of Commons on 11 May 2022, its aim to devolve power and give local leaders and communities, the tools they need to make better places.
2. This bill has now received Royal Assent and is set in legislation in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.
3. This legislation empowers councils to apply a council tax premium of up to 100 per cent on any home left empty for longer than a year, rather than two thereby encouraging more empty homes back into productive use.
4. The legislation also recognises the impact that high levels of second home ownerships can have in some areas and will introduce a new discretionary council tax premium on second homes of up to 100 per cent.
5. Billing authorities wishing to adopt any changes arising from the legislation are required to make a council resolution confirming their requirements at least 12 months prior to the financial year in which the changes will come into effect. This means that in order to implement the changes from 1 April 2025, the resolution must be made before 1 April 2024.
6. This paper seeks to establish Cabinet's recommendation to Full Council as to the options available.

Recommendation(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. That Cabinet recommends to Full Council the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) To adopt the power enacted in the legislation that enables local authorities to apply a premium from 1 April 2024 namely: 100 per cent premium for |
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properties which have been left empty and unfurnished for a period of between one and two years; and

- b) To adopt the power enacted in the legislation that the additional council tax premiums be applied from 1 April 2025: namely 100 per cent premium for second homes; and,
- c) To grant the council's Section 151 Officer delegated powers to amend the council's policy of premiums in line with legislative or government requirements, as and when received in conjunction with the Revenues and Benefits Managers to ensure it meets the criteria set by government and the council.

Background

8. The government encourages all billing authorities to adopt council tax premiums on empty properties with a view to incentivising property owners to bring those properties back into use. Premiums can be charged currently where properties are left unoccupied and unfurnished for periods exceeding two years.
9. In May 2022 the government published the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which has now been enacted as the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023. This includes provisions which address empty properties through the application of council tax premiums, in addition to measures that recognise the impact that high levels of second home ownership can have in some areas.
10. The legislation allows local authorities to:
 - Reduce the minimum period for the implementation of a council tax premium for empty properties from two years to one year; and
 - Allow councils to introduce a council tax premium of up to 100 per cent in respect of second homes
11. The changes outlined above will become effective from 1 April 2024 at the earliest. Local authorities are required to make a resolution confirming their intentions on the application of the premiums at least 12 months prior to the financial year in which the changes will come into effect.
12. This report seeks a decision from Full Council to agree the proposals relating to council tax premiums as set out by the legislation.
13. Recent years have seen an increase in second home/holiday home ownership and a rise in 'staycations' and short-term lets. These factors have reduced the availability of housing on the Island. Second home ownership across the Island is significant and is recognised to have a negative impact in terms of the supply of homes available to meet local housing needs.

Exceptions from the premiums (empty homes premiums and second homes premium)

14. For information, government issued a consultation paper entitled; '*Consultation on proposals to exempt categories of dwellings from the council tax premiums in England*'. The consultation (which has now ended), sought views on possible

categories of dwellings which should be dealt with as exceptions to the Council Tax premiums. It covers the empty homes premium, and also the second homes premium, provisions for which are included within the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

15. The consultation proposes that there will be circumstances where either premiums will either not apply or be deferred for a defined period of time. These are as follows:

- **Properties undergoing probate** - the government proposes that these properties should be exceptions to both the second homes and empty homes premiums for 12 months. The exception would start once probate or letters of administration is granted. This does not affect the Class F exemption or the ability for billing authorities to charge the normal rate of council tax following the expiry of the Class F exemption;
- **Properties that are being actively marketed for sale or rent** - the government proposes that this exception would apply for up to a maximum of 6 months from the date that active marketing commenced, or until the property has been sold or rented, whichever is the sooner. It will be essential that the Council will need to determine in its policy, what evidence will be required to support any exception;
- **Empty properties undergoing major repairs** - time limited to 6 months - the government proposes that empty properties undergoing major repair works or structural alternations should be an exception to the premium for up to 6 months once the exception has been applied or when the work has been completed, whichever is the sooner. The exception could be applied at any time after the property has been empty for at least 12 months, so long as the Council is satisfied that the necessary repair work is being undertaken;
- **Annexes forming part of, or being treated as, part of the main dwelling** - the government proposes that such annexes should be an exception to the Council Tax premium on second homes;
- **Job related dwellings** - currently, there is a Council Tax discount of up to 50% for properties which are unoccupied because the owner is required to live elsewhere for employment purposes. The discount applies where the dwelling is provided for the better performance of the duties of the employment, and it is one of the kinds of employment in the case of which it is customary for employers to provide dwellings for employees. The government proposes that the dwelling should also be an exception to the second homes premium. The exception will not apply to cases where someone chooses to have an additional property to be closer to work while having a family home elsewhere or where an individual is posted to a new location but maintain their previous address;
- **Occupied caravan pitches and houseboat moorings** - the government proposes that these caravans and boats should be an exception to the Council Tax premium on second homes; and
- **Seasonal homes where year-round or permanent occupation is prohibited or has been specified for use as holiday accommodation or prevents occupancy as a person's sole or main residence** - the government proposes

that properties that have restrictions or conditions preventing occupancy for a continuous period of at least 28 days in any 12-month period, or specifies its use as a holiday let, or prevents occupancy as a person's sole or main residence, should be an exception to the second homes premium.

16. It is understood that regulations or guidance (which has to be followed in accordance with the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act) will be in line with government's proposal in the above consultation, however no such regulations have been published at the time of this paper. In view of this, the Council will need to ensure that any charging policy is in line with legislation. It is therefore recommended that the Council's Section 151 Officer is granted delegated powers to amend the Council's policy of premiums in line with legislative or government requirements, as and when received in conjunction with the Revenues and Benefits Managers.
17. Full details of the premiums can be found in the draft Isle of Wight Council's Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties and determining discounts for certain dwellings, at Appendix 2.
18. Initial analysis shows that the application of a 100 per cent premium on second homes could generate in excess of £4.2m (from 1 April 2025) and £88k for empty properties (from 1 April 2024) in additional council tax revenue for the council as detailed in the tables below.
19. Table 1: Potential additional council tax revenue generated from a 100% premium on second homes (figures correct as at November 2023)

Properties	Number of properties	Current Council Tax Charge £	Value with 100% premium £
Band A	383	1,211.74	464,096.42
Band B	527	1,413.7	745,019.9
Band C	535	1,615.65	864,372.75
Band D	566	1,817.61	1,028,767.26
Band E	439	2,221.52	975,247.28
Band F	246	2,625.44	645,858.24
Band G	175	3,029.35	530,136.25
Band H	23	3,635.22	83,610.06
Sub total			5,337,108.16
Total	2894		£4,269,686*

*The above excludes second homes which are likely to be exempt and makes adjustments for further exemptions and losses of 20%

20. Table 2: Potential **additional** council tax revenue generated from a 100 per cent premium on properties empty more than one year but less than two years (figures correct as at November 2023)

Properties	Number of properties	Current Council Tax Value £	Value with 100% premium £
Band A	14	1,211.74	16,964.36
Band B	10	1,413.7	14,137
Band C	17	1,615.65	27,466.05
Band D	11	1,817.61	19,993.71
Band E	7	2,221.52	15,550.64
Band F	3	2,625.44	7,876.32
Band G	3	3,029.35	9,088.05
Band H	0	3635.22	0
Sub total			111,076.13
Total			£88,860*

*The above excludes second homes which are likely to be exempt and makes adjustments for further exemptions and losses of 20%

21. For the financial year 2023/24, the council tax precept was approximately broken down as follows: -
- Isle of Wight Council – 81 per cent
 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner – 11 per cent
 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire Authority 3 per cent
 - Town, parish, and community councils – 5 per cent.
22. Income generated from the premium would be shared across all preceptors.
23. A number of concerns have been raised in regard to whether the application of a second homes premium might encourage council tax ‘avoidance’, for instance by the owners of such properties transferring the property to business rates. Given that the council tax rates for second homes mirror those of main residences, there may also be issues with the current classification of properties within each district’s council tax system, and the application of a second home premium may prompt owners to reclassify properties for genuine reasons; reducing the potential revenue that might be derived from the premium and the figures quoted in the tables detailed above. Paragraphs 3.17 and 3.18 below provide further detail on the checks that are in place to ensure that the classification of properties remains accurate according to its use and therefore is charged appropriately.
24. Properties available to let for more than 20 weeks (140 days) in a calendar year can be rated as business rates by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA). From April 2023, these claims must be supported by evidence of an advertisement for let for the property. The owners must demonstrate that the property was available to let for

more than 20 weeks in the previous year as well as evidence that the property was actually let for short periods totalling at least 70 days. The burden of providing evidence to support future changes will be the owner's and will be verified by the VOA. This change should ensure that any properties transferring from council tax to business rates relate to genuine circumstances where the property is being utilised for business purposes.

25. Another concern that has been mooted is that couples who own second homes may claim that they are living separately and are single occupants of each respective property. If such cases arise, there will be mechanisms available to the council to check the circumstances giving rise to any discount or exemption claimed, including single person discounts. These circumstances can be verified against the information that has been supplied to the council to claim the reduction. Financial penalties can be imposed where false information is provided and will assist in ensuring that data held is accurate.
26. Legislation to apply a 100 per cent premium on second homes was introduced in Wales in 2017/18 and the premium was applied to 24,873 properties in the 2021/22 year. This number has increased across Wales by 2,005 from the number recorded at the outset of the scheme in 2017/18. Some areas, which historically had the highest number of second homes have seen a downward adjustment to the number of recorded second homes and the maximum recorded reduction in any area is 9 per cent. It is uncertain whether these downward trends have been triggered by avoidance loopholes or are evidence that the premiums have achieved one of the intended outcomes of bringing second homes back into use as mainstream housing provision.
27. The second homes figures in Wales suggest that regardless of any avoidance issues that might remain within the system there should be sufficient incentive for the council to consider a council tax premium on second homes in order to help address the issues caused by second home ownership within the area.

Corporate Priorities and Strategic Context

Provision of affordable housing for Island Residents

28. The Island faces a housing crisis. Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, over 80 per cent of its private rented stock has become unavailable for long term lets. Approximately 15,000 households struggle to accommodate themselves in the local housing market. Those on the lowest incomes and highest needs struggle to afford current market rents and prices, well below the Government's accepted standard definition of affordable housing. Hence, by reducing the amount of time a property can be empty and introducing a premium on second homes, the council can encourage the empty properties back into use sooner and increase the charge for second homes thereby discouraging their use and the impact it has on local residents' housing needs.

Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere

29. The proposed draft Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties and determining discounts for certain dwellings aligns with socio-economic factors including the reduction of poverty on the Island by assisting in the equal access for people in poverty to have affordable homes which they could rent. By applying a premium to empty properties and second homes, it discourages owners from leaving them empty, thus freeing them up for local people to rent or buy.
30. A Climate and Sustainable Development Impact Assessment (CSDIA) has been completed in full for the proposed draft Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties and determining discounts for certain dwellings with the score visible below. As described above, there is a positive outcome for the socio-economic area of No Poverty. The full rationale and scoring can be found at Appendix 3.

Impact Assessment

Socio-economic Outer Ring	Scores
No Poverty	5
Zero Hunger	3
Good health and wellbeing	3
Quality Education	3
Gender Equality	3
Clean Water and Sanitation	3
Affordable and clean energy	3
Decent work and economic growth	3
Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	3
Reduced inequalities	3
Sustainable cities and communities	3
Responsible consumption and production	3
Climate Action	3
Life below water	3
Life on land	3
Peace, justice and strong institutions	3
Partnerships for the Goals	3

Environment Inner Ring	Scores
Transport	3
Energy	3
Housing	3
Environment	3
Offset	3
Adaptation	3



Economic Recovery and Reducing Poverty

31. The council intends to take full advantage of the power within legislation to gain additional revenue to fund services for Island communities in order to support its most vulnerable residents. Many of these residents are affected by the limited rental housing market on the Island and are experiencing financial difficulty in trying to find suitable affordable rented accommodation.

Impact on Young People and Future Generations

32. A decision to implement the council tax premiums on empty homes and second homes would have an impact on young people who may be entering the rental housing market in the future as it is designed to assist with properties being left vacant and unused, therefore creating opportunities for future generations to rent on the Island.

Corporate Aims

33. Application of these council tax premiums aligns with the council's core value of being community focused and putting the needs of our residents first, wherever possible. The council tax premium would assist with the housing needs of Island residents.
34. It also aligns with the council's aspirations to keep the council solvent and take all measures to improve the financial position of the council and to invest as much council money on the Island as possible. The council tax premium would generate income for the council which could be used towards providing services to local residents.
35. The premium also relates to providing greater support to those on low incomes, as these residents are often those with housing needs.
36. The council also aspires to prioritise truly affordable housing for Island residents and wherever possible, bring appropriate empty buildings back into use for affordable housing, in line with its Empty Property Strategy.

Consultation And Engagement

37. There is no requirement for any consultation to take place for this change.

Financial / Budget Implications

38. Implementing the powers provided by the new legislation will increase revenue. So far, it is currently estimated that:
- The implementation of a 100 per cent premium for properties empty for more than one year but less than two will result in an increase of council tax in the sum of £88k per year; and,
 - Applying a second home premium of 100 per cent is estimated to generate additions income in excess of £4.2m per year.

Legal Implications

39. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 makes provision, amongst other things, for the payment and liability for council tax.
40. The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018 enabled local authorities to charge a premium on long-term empty dwellings that were empty and unfurnished more than 2 years.

41. Under amendments to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, made by the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 which come into force on 1 April 2024, the definition of long-term empty property is changed to one year instead of two. The Act provides that from 1 April 2024, a property can be charged an empty homes premium of 100% after one year, even if it becomes empty before 1 April 2024.
42. Where the recommendations are accepted, a resolution is to be made by Full Council. The decision needs to be published in at least one local newspaper within 21 days of the date the decision is made and must be done before the start of the new financial year.
43. Due to the changes in the legislation, the Council will be required by statute to be mindful of any guidance issued by the Secretary of State and any secondary legislation relevant to the powers. At the date of this paper no regulations or statutory guidance were published.

Equality And Diversity

44. An Equality Impact Assessment can be found at Appendix 1.

Property Implications

45. There are no property implications for the council if the recommended council tax premiums are applied.

Options

46. The options for Cabinet to consider recommending to Full Council are as follows:
47. OPTION 1 - To adopt, commencing the billing period starting 1 April 2024, a council tax premium of 100 per cent for all long-term empty properties as defined by amendments to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in force on that date;
48. OPTION 2 - To adopt, commencing the billing period starting 1 April 2025, a council tax premium of 100 per cent for all dwellings occupied periodically as defined by amendments to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in force on that date (second homes);
49. OPTION 3 - To adopt council tax premium/s at a lower percentage rate;
50. OPTION 4 - To adopt council tax premium/s commencing a different billing period;
51. OPTION 5 – Not to adopt a council tax premium as provided in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;
52. OPTION 6 – that the council's Section 151 Officer be delegated authority to amend the council's policy of premiums in line with secondary legislation and/or statutory

guidance as and when published in conjunction with the Revenues and Benefits Managers to ensure it meets the criteria set by government and the council.

Risk Management

53. By not taking advantage of the legislation afforded to the council to increase council tax collection, it is not maximising the opportunity to collect further income to fund local services to meet the needs of its residents. The financial implications of such a decision are detailed at paragraph 6 of this report.
54. There is the risk that liable parties for council tax will try and avoid these premiums, but there are processes and checks in place to ensure that fraud is not being committed.
55. There is a risk that if council does not adopt this power before 1 April 2024, it will not be able to apply the empty property premium until 1 April 2025 and the second home premium until 1 April 2026 at the earliest.

Evaluation

56. The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 has granted additional powers for councils to implement premiums for empty properties and second homes in order to improve outcomes for local people by means of providing more housing or to generate more income to support local services where empty properties and second homes are retained. It would be remiss of the council not to take advantage of the ability to raise additional revenue for the good of Island residents.

Background Information

57. [Consultation on proposals to exempt categories of dwellings from the council tax premiums in England](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-to-exempt-categories-of-dwellings-from-the-council-tax-premiums-in-england)
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Appendices Attached

58. Appendix 1 – Equality Impact Assessment
59. Appendix 2 – Draft Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties and determining discounts for certain dwellings
60. Appendix 3 – Climate and Sustainable Development Impact Assessment tool

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Equality Impact Assessment Template

Before carrying out an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA), you should familiarise yourself with the [guidance](#). This document should be in **plain English**, include **Stakeholder** involvement and be able to stand up to **scrutiny** (local and/or court) if/when challenged to ensure we have met the councils public sector equality duty.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) should be completed when you are considering:

- developing, reviewing or removing policies
- developing, reviewing or removing strategies
- developing, reviewing or removing services
- developing, reviewing or removing a council function/system
- commencing any project/programme

Assessor(s) Name and job title:

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Directorate and Team/School Name:

Corporate Services, Council Tax

Name, aim, objective and expected outcome of the programme/ activity:

Name: Council Tax Premiums Policy

Aim: To implement changes to the existing empty homes premium regimes and implement new premiums on second homes

Objective: To bring empty properties back into use and to encourage the use of dwellings as a main residence.

Reason for Equality Impact Assessment (tick as appropriate)

This is a **new** policy/strategy/service/system function proposal

This is a proposal for a **change** to a policy/strategy/service/system function proposal function (*check whether the original decision was equality impact assessed*)

Removal of a policy/strategy/service/system function proposal

Commencing any project/programme

X

Equality and Diversity considerations

Describe the ways in which the groups below may be impacted by your activity (**prior to mitigation**). The impact may be negative, positive or no impact.

Protected Characteristic	Negative, positive or no impact (before mitigation/intervention) and why?	Does the proposal have the potential to cause unlawful discrimination (is it possible that the proposal may exclude/restrict this group from obtaining services or limit their participation in any aspect of public life?)	How will you advance the equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not.	What concerns have been raised to date during consultation (or early discussions) and what action taken to date?	What evidence, analysis or data has been used to substantiate your answer?	Are there any gaps in evidence to properly assess the impact? How will this be addressed?	How will you make communication accessible for this group?	What adjustments have been put in place to reduce/advance the inequality? (<i>Where it cannot be diminished, can this be legally justified?</i>)
Page 74 Age (restrictions/difficulties both younger/older)	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically.	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation.	N/A	N/A
Disability a) Physical b) Mental health	No impact because the legislation would affect	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its	N/A	N/A

(must respond to both a & b)	any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically			consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.		powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation		
Race (including ethnicity and nationality)	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation	N/A	N/A
Page 75 Religion or belief (different faith groups/those without a faith)	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation	N/A	N/A
Sex (Including Trans and non-binary – is your language inclusive of	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers	N/A	N/A

trans and non-binary people?)	council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically			as this change is subject to a change in legislation.		under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation		
Sexual orientation (is your language inclusive of LGB groups?)	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation	N/A	N/A
Page 76 Pregnancy and maternity	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation	N/A	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the	N/A	N/A

	or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically			change is subject to a change in legislation.		legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation		
Gender reassignment	No impact because the legislation would affect any person liable for council tax on an empty or second home, and therefore does not impact any protected characteristics specifically	No	N/A	There is no requirement for any consultation as this change is subject to a change in legislation.	N/A	If the council wishes to utilise its powers under the legislation at the earliest opportunity, this will not allow time for a public consultation	N/A	N/A

H. Review

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H. Sign-off

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Legal sign off & date:	Name: Danielle Harris Date: 24 January 2024

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1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The following policy outlines the Council's approach to the levying of empty homes premium and second homes premiums.
- 1.2 Premiums were also introduced by government from 1 April 2013 by the with a view to encouraging homeowners to occupy homes and not leave them vacant in the long term.
- 1.3 The legislation introducing premiums is S11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 was inserted by the Local Government Finance Act 2012.
- 1.3 Initially premiums could only be charged on long-term empty dwellings. An empty dwelling is one which is 'unoccupied' and 'substantially unfurnished'. The definition of long-term is where the dwelling has been empty for a continuous period of at least 2 years.
- 1.4 Initially the maximum level of premium was set by government at 50% of the amount of Council Tax chargeable. Each Council could determine the level of premium up to the maximum and this is charged in addition to the amount determined by the Council as payable for an empty dwelling¹
- 1.5 Certain classes of dwellings cannot be charged a premium namely:
 - a dwelling which would be the sole or main residence of a person but which is empty while that person resides in accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence by reason of their employment i.e., service personnel posted away from home²; or
 - dwellings which form annexes in a property which are being used as part of the main residence or dwelling in that property³.
- 1.6 In 2018 the Rating of Property in Common Occupation and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act allowed authorities to increase the level of premiums on empty dwellings with effect from 1 April 2019 as follows;
 - Dwellings left unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for 2 years or more, - from 1 April 2019 a premium can be levied up to 100%;
 - Dwellings left unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for 5 years or more, - from 1 April 2020 a premium can be levied up to 200%; and
 - Dwellings left unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for 10 years or more, - from 1 April 2021 a premium can be levied up to 300%.
- 1.7 It should be noted that premiums are charged in addition to the 100% Council Tax payable on empty premises.

¹ Under the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwelling)(England) Regulations 2003 and amended by the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwelling)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 - Classes C & D.

² Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwelling)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 - Classes E

³ Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwelling)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 - Classes F

- 1.8 Government, together with local authorities (including the Council) has unfortunately seen a rise of in the number of empty homes together with a growth in second homes.
- 1.9 Inconsistencies in the legislation have also been identified whereby a premium can be avoided by the taxpayer merely furnishing an empty premises, when it would become a 'second home' which currently has a maximum charge of 100% with no premium.
- 1.10 In order to address these inconsistencies, and also to bring more dwellings into use, government has introduced sections within the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (the Act).
- 1.11 This policy details the Council's approach in the charging of premiums as allowed within the new legislation.
- 1.12 The continued pressure on local authority finances (both the Council and the Major Preceptors) together with the need to encourage all owners of domestic premises to bring them back into use, makes it essential that the Council changes its approach to empty homes. The new legislation for second home premiums will encourage the use of dwellings as primary residences.

2. Empty homes premiums (From 1 April 2024)

- 2.1 Section 79 (1) (b) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 permits the Council to impose an empty homes premium after one year instead of two years. Section 80 of the Act provides that from 1 April 2024, a property can be charged an empty homes premium at 100% after one year, even if it became empty before 1 April 2024.
- 2.2 The Council has resolved to implement the change with effect from 1 April 2024
- 2.3 The legislation requires the Council to be mindful of any guidance or further regulation in relation to the implementation of the premiums and this is detailed in Section 4 of this policy.

3. Introduction of premiums for second homes (From 1 April 2025)

- 3.1 The definition of a second home for Council Tax purposes is a dwelling which has "no one resident" but is "substantially furnished".
- 3.2 Section 80 (2) of the Act inserts a new section 11C into the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This permits the Council to apply a premium on second homes.

The maximum Council Tax charge in these cases would be a standard 100% charge plus a premium of 100% making a total Council Tax charge of 200%.

- 3.3 Unlike empty dwellings, there is no requirement for a property to have been used as a second home for a fixed period of time before the premium can apply.
- 3.4 As with other changes introduced by the Act, section 11C (3) requires that the first decision to impose this class of premium must be taken at least 12 months before the financial year to which it would apply. In effect this means that premiums for second homes will not take effect until the 2025-26 financial year at the earliest.
- 3.5 The Council has resolved to charge second home premiums and has given the required notice.
- 3.6 The Act provides that a dwelling cannot be subject to both a second homes premium and an empty homes premium imposed under section 11B of the 1992 Act, and that an existing empty homes premium would cease to apply to a property which became subject to a second homes premium.

4. Exceptions from the premiums (empty homes premiums and second homes premium)

- 4.1 At the time of writing this policy, government has issued a consultation (which has now ended), seeking views on possible categories of dwellings which should be dealt with as exceptions to the Council Tax premiums. Regulations are expected to cover the exceptions for both empty homes premium, and also the second homes premiums.
- 4.2 **The Council has included the proposed exceptions below however; it should be noted that these MAY CHANGE when the new regulations are commenced.**
- 4.3 The consultation proposes that there will be circumstances where either premiums will either not apply or be deferred for a defined period of time. These are as follows:
 - **Properties undergoing probate** - the government proposes that these properties should be exceptions to both the second homes and empty homes premiums for a **maximum of 12 months**. The exception would start once probate or letters of administration is granted. This will not affect the Class F Council Tax exemption or the ability for the Council to charge its determined rate of Council Tax following the expiry of the Class F exemption;
 - **Properties that are being actively marketed for sale or rent** - the government proposes that this exception will apply for up to a **maximum of 6 months** from the date that active marketing commenced, or until the property has been sold or rented, whichever is the sooner. The Council, in

determining whether this exemption applies will require the following evidence:

- (a) evidence that the dwelling is being **actively** marketed for sale or rent through a recognised agent (evidence can include contracts with agents, advertisements in recognised newspapers or marketing websites);
- (b) where the premises are being self-marketed by the owner or landlord, evidence that the premises is being **actively** marketed (evidence can include advertisements in recognised newspapers or letting websites);
- (c) where for sale, evidence that the premises are being sold at a true market level for the size and type of dwelling within the area in which it is situated. Where the dwelling is for let, that the rent requested is at a true market level for the size and type of dwelling within the area in which it is situated.

The above list is not exhaustive and the Council reserves the right to request further evidence to support any claim for exemption. The exemption will only apply once to any taxpayer or taxpayers if they are jointly and severally liable;

- **Empty properties undergoing major repairs** - this is time limited to 6 months. The government proposes that empty properties undergoing major repair works or structural alternations should be an exception to the premium for up to 6 months once the exception has been applied or when the work has been completed, whichever is the sooner. The exception will be applied at any time after the property has been empty for at least 12 months, so long as the Council is satisfied that the necessary repair work is being undertaken. As with all other exemptions to the premiums, the Council will require the taxpayer to provide such evidence as is required to support their application;
- **Annexes forming part of, or being treated as, part of the main dwelling** - the government proposes that such annexes should be an exception to the Council Tax premium on second homes;
- **Job related dwellings** - currently, there is a Council Tax discount of up to 50% for properties which are unoccupied because the owner is required to live elsewhere for employment purposes. The discount applies where the dwelling is provided for the better performance of the duties of the employment, and it is one of the kinds of employment in the case of which it is customary for employers to provide dwellings for employees. The government proposes that the dwelling should also be an exception to the second homes premium. **The exception will not apply to cases where someone chooses to have an additional property to be closer to work while having a family home elsewhere or where an individual is posted to a new location but maintain their previous address;**
- **Occupied caravan pitches and houseboat moorings** - the government proposes that these caravans and boats should be an exception to the Council Tax premium on second homes; and
- **Seasonal homes where year-round or permanent occupation is prohibited or has been specified for use as holiday accommodation or prevents occupancy**

as a person's sole or main residence - the government proposes that properties that have restrictions or conditions preventing occupancy for a continuous period of at least 28 days in any 12-month period, or specifies its use as a holiday let, or prevents occupancy as a person's sole or main residence, should be an exception to the second homes premium.

- 4.4 It is understood that regulations will be issued late 2023 or early 2024 and the Council will need to ensure that any charging policy is in line with legislation. Therefore, the Council's Section 151 Officer is granted delegated powers to amend this policy in line with legislative or government requirements.

5. Outcome expected and 'safety net'.

- 5.1 The expected outcomes of this policy are as follows:
- (a) Taxpayers will be encouraged, through the implementation of the premiums, to bring empty properties into use and to revert the use of second homes to primary residences;
 - (b) The reduction of empty homes and second homes within the Council's area in line with the Council's Empty Property Strategy; and
 - (c) Increased Council Tax income from empty homes and second homes.
- 5.2 There may be circumstances where the implementation of these changes may cause exceptional hardship to a taxpayer. In such cases, the Council will consider applications for a reduction in liability under its Section 13A (1)(C) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Reduction in Council Tax liability policy.
- 5.3 Where such an application is received, it will be considered on an individual case basis taking into account the circumstances of the taxpayer and the situation regarding the level of Council Tax charged. Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by any decision of the Council a further right of appeal will be with the independent Valuation Tribunal.

6. Legislation

- 6.1 The legislation that covers this report and the recommendations made is as follows:
- S11A & S11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
 - S11C of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as introduced by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023);
 - The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023; and
 - S13A(1)(C) Local Government Finance Act 1992 (reduction in liability).
- 6.2 Due to changes in the legislation, the Council will be required to amend this policy, at any time, in line with statute.

7. Finance

- 7.1 Any amount of premium received will be part of the Council's Collection Fund and will be shared between the Council and Major Precepting authorities in line with their share of the Council Tax.
- 7.2 Any reduction granted under S13A(1)(c) will be financed through the Council's general fund and do not form part of the Collection Fund.

8. Notification

- 8.1 Where a taxpayer is granted an exemption, a revised demand notice will be issued. Where an exemption is applied for but not granted, the Council will provide a notification of its decision.

9. Appeals

- 9.1 Appeals against the Council's decision may be made in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 9.2 **The taxpayer must in the first instance write to the Council outlining the reason for their appeal. Once received the council will then consider whether any additional information has been received which would justify a change to the original decision and notify the tax payer accordingly.**
- 9.3 Where the taxpayer remains aggrieved, a further appeal can then be made to the Valuation Tribunal. This further appeal should be made within 2 months of the decision of the Council not to grant any reductions. Full details can be obtained from the Council's website or from the Valuation Tribunal Service website.

10. Delegated Powers

- 10.1 This policy for the Council Tax premiums has been approved by the Council. However, the Revenues and Benefits Manager is authorised to make technical amendments to ensure it meets the criteria set by government and the Council.

11 Fraud

- 11.1 The Council is committed to protecting public funds and ensuring that premiums are correctly charged.
- 11.2 A taxpayer who tries to reduce their Council Tax liability by falsely declaring their circumstances, providing a false statement or evidence in support of their application, may have committed an offence under The Fraud Act 2006.

11.3 Where the Council suspects that such a fraud may have been committed, this matter will be investigated as appropriate and may lead to criminal proceedings being instigated.

12. Complaints

12.1 The Council's complaints procedure (available on the Council's website) will be applied in the event of any complaint received about this policy.

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Rationale Template

Update the score(s) in the following tables only.

Outer Wheel Socio-Economic Impact Areas	Score	Link
<u>No Poverty</u>	5	Click here to view
<u>Zero Hunger</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Good health and wellbeing</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Quality Education</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Gender Equality</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Clean Water & Sanitation</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Affordable and clean energy</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Decent work and economic growth</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Reduced inequalities</u>	3	Click here to view
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<u>Climate Action</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Life below water</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Life on land</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Peace, justice and strong institutions</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Partnerships for the Goals</u>	3	Click here to view

Inner Wheel Environmental Impact Areas	Score	Link
<u>Transport</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Energy</u>	3	Click here to view
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<u>Environment</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Offset</u>	3	Click here to view
<u>Adaptation</u>	3	Click here to view

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Outer Wheel Socio-Economic Impact Areas

No Poverty

Score: 5

The draft *Council Tax Policy for Second Homes, Long Term Empty Properties and determining discounts for certain dwellings* would have a long-term positive impact on Island residents because the policy seeks to encourage empty properties to be brought back into use, creating available homes for residents, including those who may currently be in temporary or unsuitable accommodation.

Equally, by charging a premium on the council tax accounts of empty and second homes, it will generate more income for the council to be able to spend on providing services in the long-term for Island residents, assisting with ongoing poverty-related issues.

Zero Hunger

Score: 3

Good health and wellbeing

Score: 3

Quality Education

Score: 3

Gender Equality

Score: 3

Clean Water & Sanitation

Score: 3

Affordable and clean energy

Score: 3

Decent work and economic growth

Score: 3

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Score: 3

Reduced inequalities

Score: 3

Sustainable cities and communities

Score: 3

Climate & Sustainable Development Impact Assessment (CSDIA) Tool

Responsible consumption and production

Score: 3

Climate Action

Score: 3

Life below water

Score: 3

Life on land

Score: 3

Peace, justice and strong institutions

Score: 3

Partnerships for the Goals

Score: 3

Inner Wheel Environmental Impact Areas

Transport

Score: 3.

Energy

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Housing

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Environment

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Offset

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Adaptation

Score: 3

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Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	6 FEBRUARY 2024
Topic	QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 2023-24

Background

1. Each quarter Cabinet is provided with a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures, to inform Cabinet of areas of particular success, issues requiring attention and remedial activity in place to deal with these.
2. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to review the content of these reports and can make recommendations to Cabinet for their consideration in determining any action, if any, to be taken in response.

Focus for Scrutiny

3. As detailed in the councils Performance Management Framework, the role and responsibility of scrutiny is to:
 - Hold the Executive to account for performance outcomes.
 - Provide constructive challenge on progress against performance targets.
 - Inspect, examine, and enquire into performance data and reporting.
 - Identify, suggest, and make recommendations to the Executive on the possible courses of action that may assist in securing successful outcomes.
 - Encourage resident engagement in the performance of the council.

Document(s) Attached

Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report Quarter Ended 31 December 2023
Appendix 1: Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships.
Appendix 2: Adult Social Care and Public Health.
Appendix 3: Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions.
Appendix 4: Climate Change, Biosphere and Waste.
Appendix 5: Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure.
Appendix 6: Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding.
Appendix 7: Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT.
Appendix 8: Housing and Finance.
Appendix 9: Revenue Budget Monitor.

Appendix 10: Capital Budget Monitor.

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Scrutiny Report

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	6 FEBRUARY 2024
Title	QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT Q3 QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
Report of	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND FINANCE

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a) Provide a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures for the period October to December 2023 (unless otherwise stated and shown in detail in appendices 1-10)
 - b) Inform Scrutiny Committee of any exceptions in reporting, including issues requiring attention and remedial action in place to deal with these.
2. **This report reflects the performance position as at the 31 December 2023 and therefore refers to the cabinet members/portfolio holders who were appointed at that time. Any changes to cabinet and responsibilities after December 2023 will be reflected in the Q4 2023/2024 report.**

Background

3. On 17 November 2021, Full Council approved a Corporate Plan which set out the council's vision and strategic priorities for the period 2021 to 2025 and the performance metrics from that plan are the ones included within the appendices to the report.

Exception Report for Position of Q3 2023-24

4. The following areas are drawn from the attached appendices for particular attention:

- The number of foot passengers using the floating bridge remains lower than the comparison period in the previous two years, although it continues to follow the same seasonal trend (Appendix 1).
- The number of vehicles using the floating bridge reduced significantly during quarter 3, with a total of 39,733 vehicles recorded in Q3, compared to 59,141 in the same period of the previous year (2022-23) (Appendix 1).
- The percentage of children becoming subject to a second or subsequent Child Protection Plan (within two years of the previous plan ending) is now at the lowest figure recorded in any of the current or previous two years. This figure is currently 5.2% (Appendix 3).
- The percentage of children referred within 12 months of a previous referral remains consistent but continues to be higher in the current period than in the comparison years. The Quality Improvement Plan for 2024 aims to make improvements in this area (Appendix 3).
- The average speed of processing new benefit claims is amber in the current quarter (previously green) due to an increase in demand. Despite this however, the year-to-date projection continues to be below target (Appendix 3).
- The number of One Cards in issue remains amber. Despite a steady increase throughout Q2 and again during October and November of Q3, the total in issue at the end of the quarter remains below target (Appendix 5).
- The number of major planning applications received continues to be lower than in previous years, however of those applications submitted, some are larger in scale (Appendix 6).
- During Q3, an average of 97% of all planning applications were dealt with in timescales (Appendix 6).
- The average number of people on the housing register remains red, with numbers consistent month on month. At the end of Q3 the number remains higher than the two previous years (Appendix 8).

Appendices Attached

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Background Papers

5. [Corporate Plan 2021-2025](https://iow.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s5213/Appendix_1.pdf)
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6. [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](https://sdgs.un.org/goals)
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Chief Executive

COUNCILLOR IAN STEPHENS
*Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for
Housing and Finance*

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Appendix 1 - 2023/24 Q3

LEADER - TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HIGHWAYS PFI AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY, STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

Cabinet Member: Councillor Phil Jordan

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Strategic Oversight
- Integrated Care System (ICS)
- County Deals and Evolution
- Civic Affairs and Events
- Communications and Design
- Covid Recovery
- Transformational Change
- Parking Services
- Floating Bridge
- Harbours
- Concessionary Fares
- Subsidised Bus Services
- Highways PFI Contract
- Highways Authority

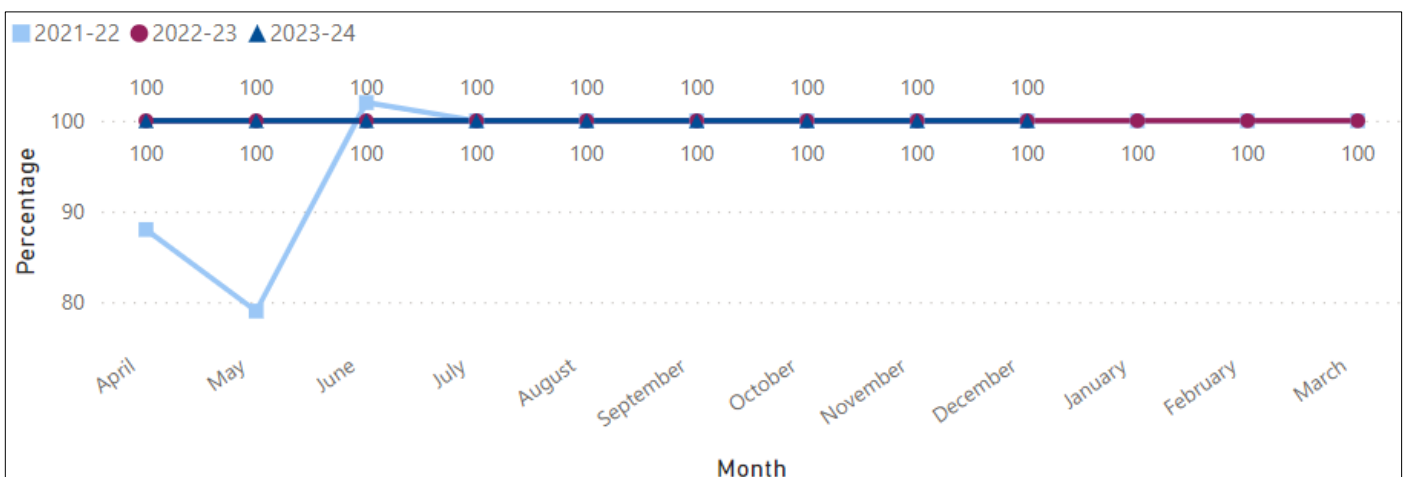
Performance Measures

Percentage of Category 1 Emergency Responses within 2 hours (hazardous potholes, fallen trees, street lighting etc.)

Aim: 100 percent Category 1 Emergency Responses within 2 hours.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



- Category 1 defects require remedial action within two hours to ensure the highway remains safe.
- 2-hour defects may include:
 - Potholes
 - Fallen Trees / Branches
 - Damaged Street furniture (vandalism or vehicular collision)
 - Street Light outage
 - Damaged Kerbing

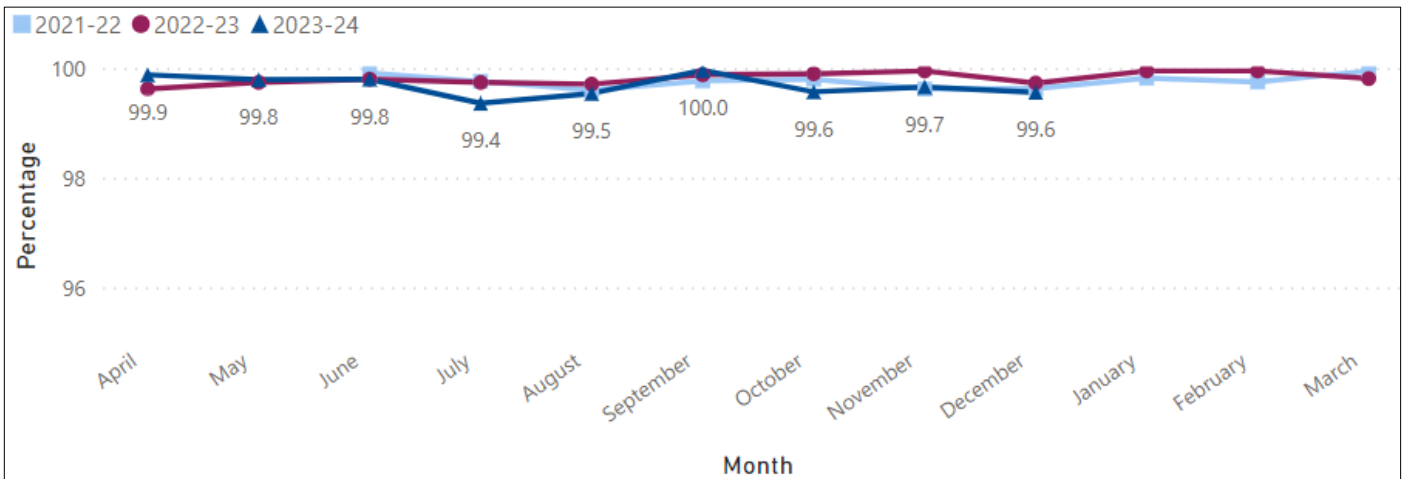
- Damaged Tactile Crossing
- Island Roads have attended 131 Category 1 defects and achieved 100 percent of occurrences within two hours.
- Category 1 defects are notified to Island Roads and recorded in their asset management system. These are reviewed for compliance with contract by Commercial Manager.

Percentage of highways inspections undertaken (Sec 58 Highways Act Compliance)

Aim: 100 percent of highways inspections undertaken.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



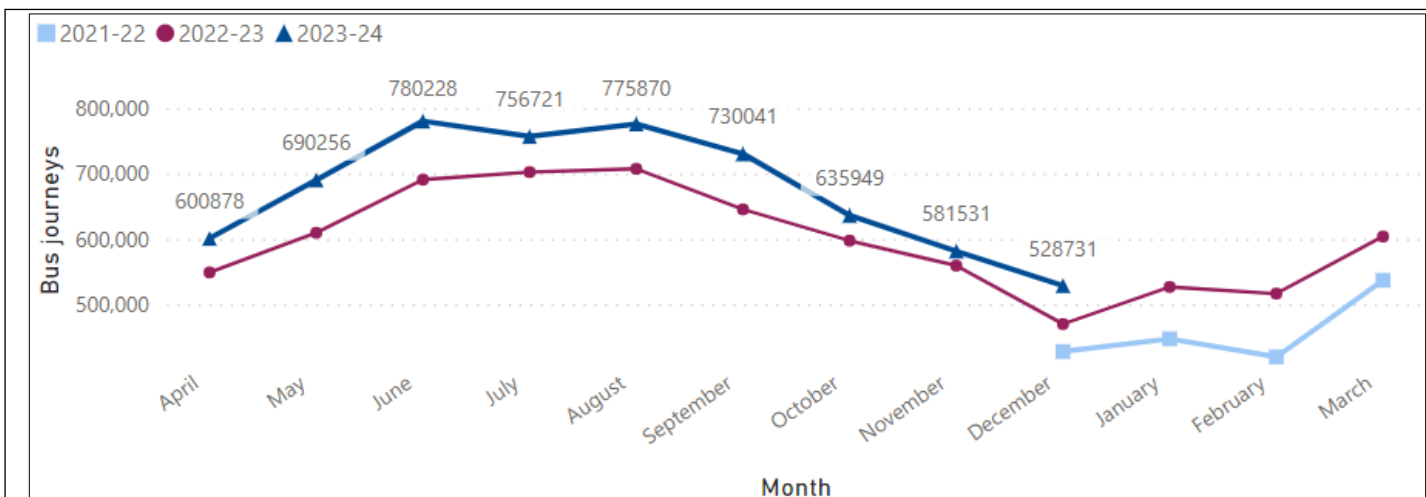
- Currently IWC audits a percentage of Island Roads inspections to ensure the district stewards are identifying and rectifying defects in line with code of practice and contractual requirements.
- There was one inspection not done on time and this relates to one road that requires further investigation as these are routinely behind schedule.
- Island Roads have a target of 1,826 in December and have undertaken 1,818 in the timeframe expected.
- The average number of safety inspections per month is 2,119 with an average performance of 99.74%.

Number of public transport users

Aim: Increase in the number of public transport users.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- Data for Bus travel on the island is provided by Southern Vectis.
- Only Southern Vectis figures are available currently due to various data issues.
- Public transport users, travelling by bus are consistently higher in 2023-2024 than in previous years.

Car parking utilisation

Aim: Increase in car parking utilisation.

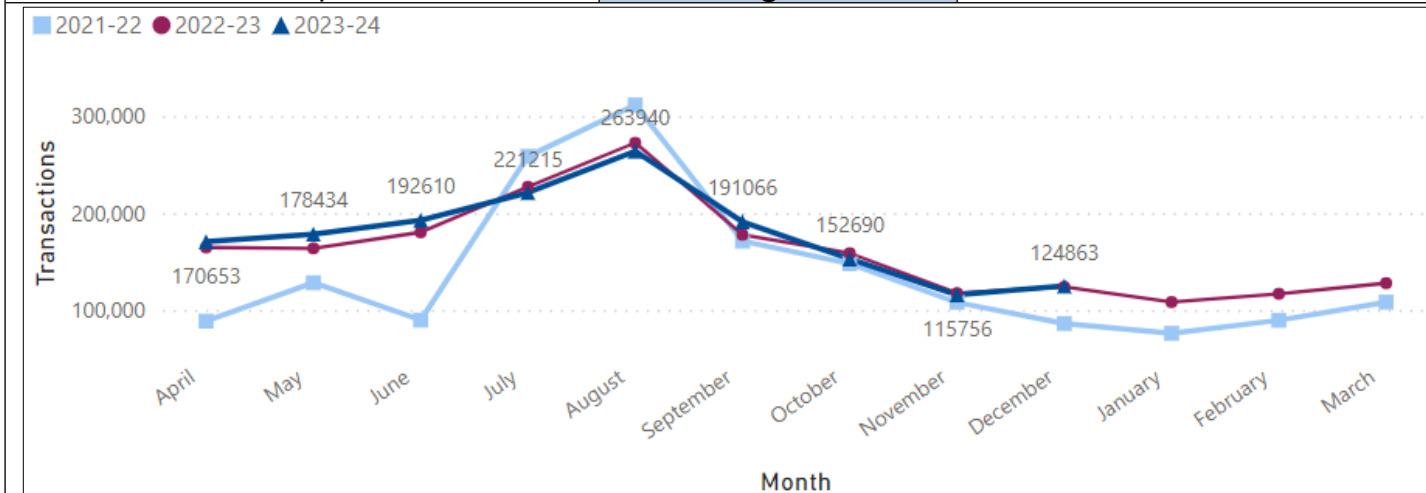
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

Monitoring Measure



- Pay and Display transaction data is extracted from the Flowbird (ticket machine manufacturer), back-office communications system (Smartfolio) and PayByPhone transactions data from our PayByPhone back-office system.
- Quarter 3 shows car parking utilisation in line with the same period last year.

Floating bridge number of foot passengers

Aim: Increasing number of foot passengers.

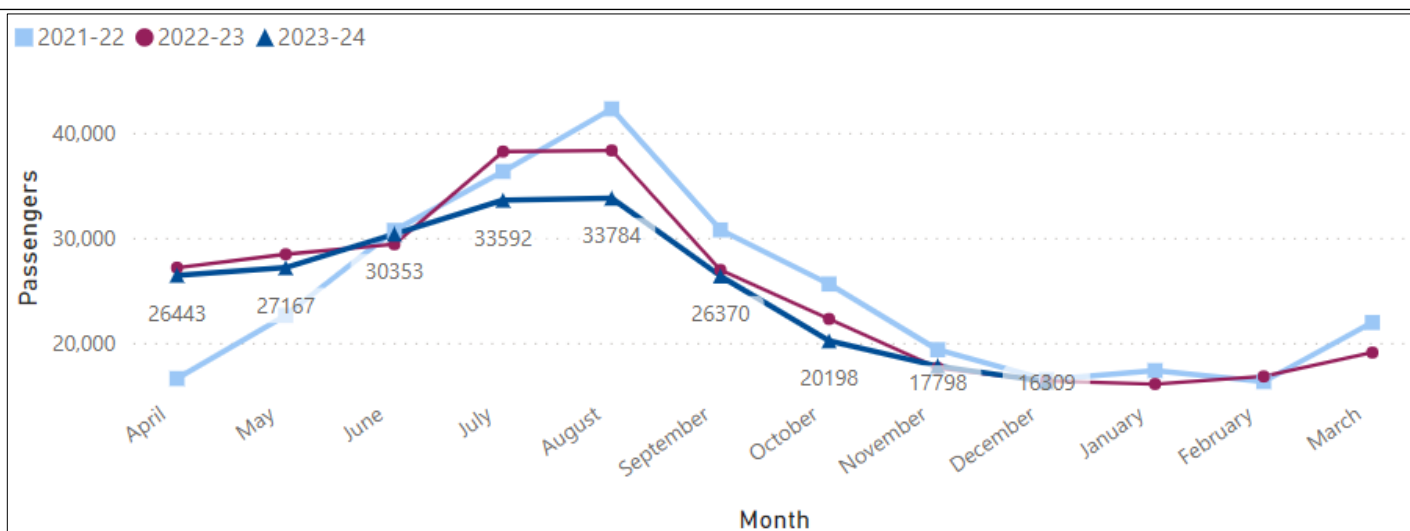
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Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

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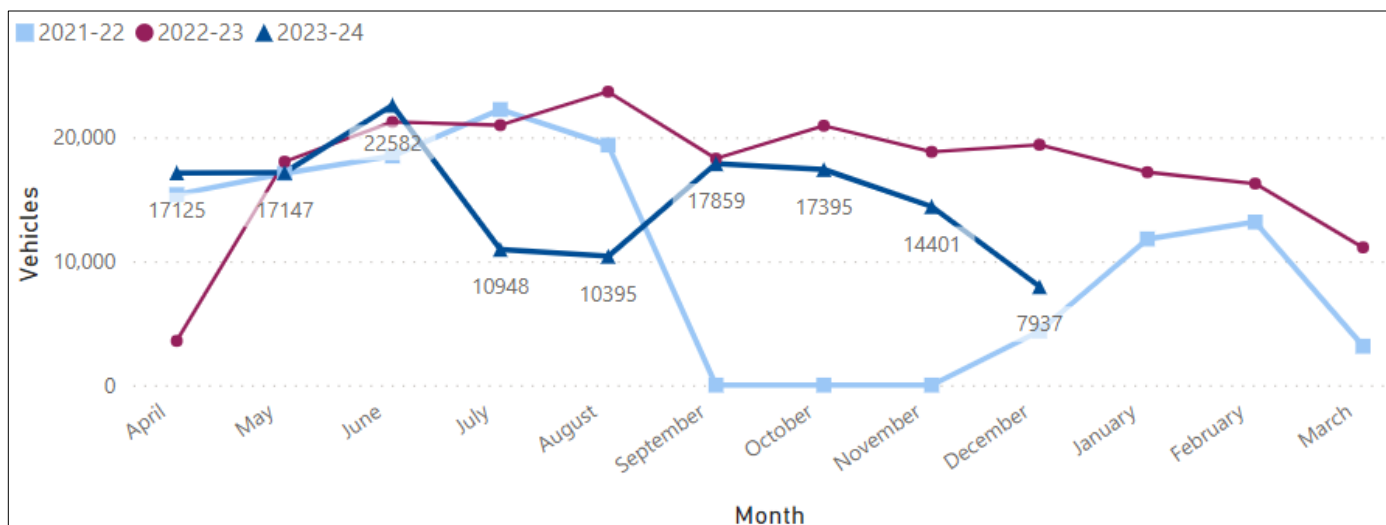
- Floating bridge data shows that quarter 3 saw a decrease in the number of foot passengers using the service (54,305 for quarter 3 of 2023-24 against 56,267 for 2022-23).
- The service was suspended for maintenance on 20 October between 10:00 and 13:30.
- There were brief service suspensions owing to exceptional high tides on 27, 28, 29 and 30 October.
- The service was suspended between 16:00 on 13 November and 18:00 on 15 November, owing to debris in East Cowes chain pits, impeding the movement of the chains.
- The service was suspended for planned maintenance between 05:00 on 4 December 2023 and 20:00 on 15 December 2023.
- Planned Service suspension also occurred on Christmas Day between 13:20 and 20:00 and on Boxing Day between 14:00 and 20:00.

Floating bridge number of vehicles

Aim: Increasing number of vehicles.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- The total number of vehicles seen during Quarter 3 was 39,733 compared to 59,141 for the same period last year.

Floating bridge hours operated as a percentage of scheduled hours

Aim: High percentage of hours operated, as a proportion of scheduled hours.

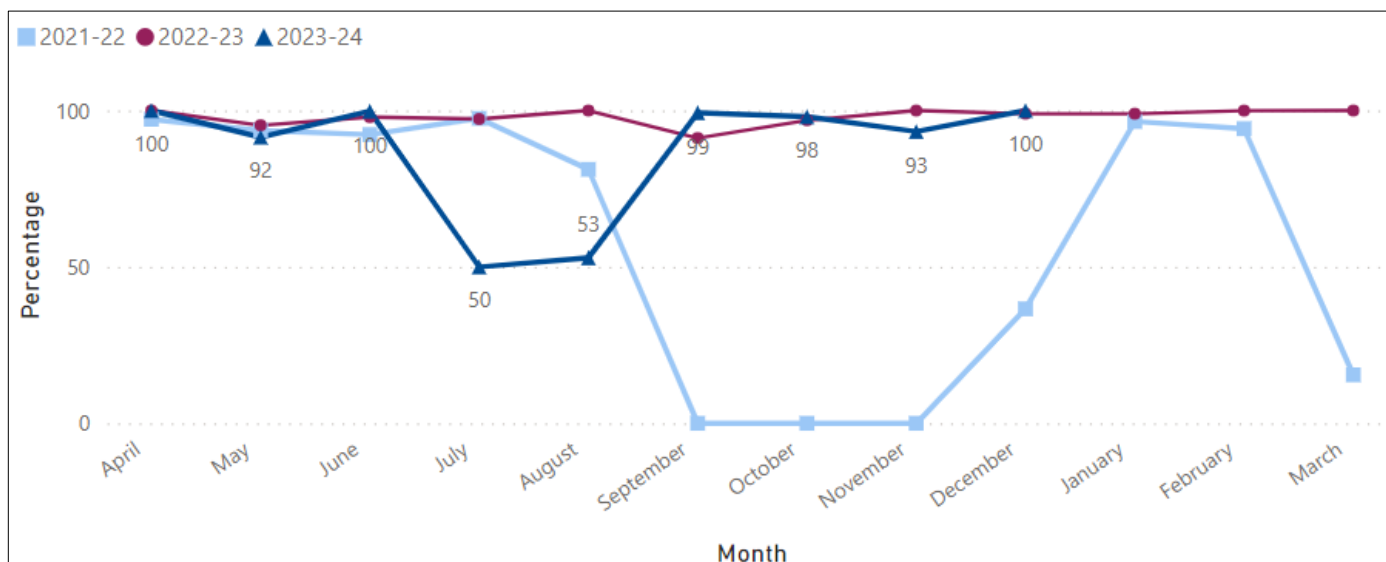
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 9

Most Recent Status: December 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

Monitoring Measure



- The floating bridge was operational for an average 97.1 percent of its scheduled hours during Quarter 3, this was lower than during the same period last year (98.6 percent).

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

Public consultations that have opened during Quarter 3 are:

- **Community Safety Partnership Survey 2023** – This is a short survey to capture residents’ feelings around community safety on the Island. Consultation commenced 5 December and closed 12 January.
- **Budget 2024/25** – Residents and organisations, council tax and business rate payers are invited to have their say on the council’s budget and council tax for 2024/25. Consultation commenced 18 December and closed 26 January.

Public consultations that have closed during Quarter 3 are:

- **Isle of Wight Council Licensing Policies Review** – This consultation seeks the views of local people, business and organisations that may be affected by licensing policy changes.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 9:

Approval has been given by the Major Highways Project Board to proceed with revising the draft Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) in readiness for public consultation in the absence of the Department of Transport guidance. As such we are now in the process of engaging with Hampshire County Council Commercial Services and their consultant Atkins, to pick up on where the project was left. It is hoped that the revised draft will be ready for sharing with Cabinet for approval in the late spring or early summer 2024.

The latest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for The Bay is in the final stages of development. It is anticipated that the initial draft will be received from the consultants by late January or early February.

The initial amount of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP+) funding has been utilised to enhance and preserve two local rural bus services, though the wider Enhanced Partnership governance arrangements are yet to be stood up. It is anticipated that this will be achieved in early 2024 so that the remaining funding can be utilised to enhance further local bus services.

Safety-based highways improvement schemes have faced some delays during this quarter because of resourcing, procurement, technicalities, the impact of severe weather events and the capacity of contractors.

The current priority in relation to local traffic arrangements for the Undercliff area is to deliver a remodelling scheme at the Junction of Rectory Road, Church Street, Newport Road, and High Street, Niton. The design element has been commissioned with Island Roads.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11:

A report relating to the Island Wide Speed Assessment is hoped to be submitted to Cabinet in the spring 2024.

Strategic Risks

Achieving the vision for the Island		
Assigned to: Chief Executive		
Inherent Score	Target Score	Current Score (November 23)
14 HIGH	6 LOW	13 HIGH
August 23		
September 23	June 23	March 23
13 HIGH	12 HIGH	12 HIGH
No change to risk score		

Dealing with threats to business continuity (including cyber incidents)		
Assigned to: Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Strategy		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
12 HIGH	6 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

Ability to manage the impact of the cost-of-living crisis (CoLC) on the council's activities and sustain service delivery.		
Assigned to: Chief Executive		

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
12 HIGH	6 LOW	12 HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
12 HIGH	12 HIGH	12 HIGH
Risk score is consistent		

Failure of the Highways PFI contract resulting in significant financial and operational disruption for the council and its residents		
Assigned to: Director of Community Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	7 MEDIUM
No change in risk score		

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Appendix 2 - 2023/24 Q3

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Cabinet Member: Councillor Debbie Andre

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Community Care
- Residential Care
- Nursing Care
- Home Care
- Direct Payments
- Day Care
- Supported Living
- Learning Disability Homes
- Respite Care
- Resettlement
- Safeguarding
- Social Workers
- Family Working
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Domestic Abuse
- Early Help Services
- Obesity
- Sexual Health
- Substance Misuse
- 0-19 Services

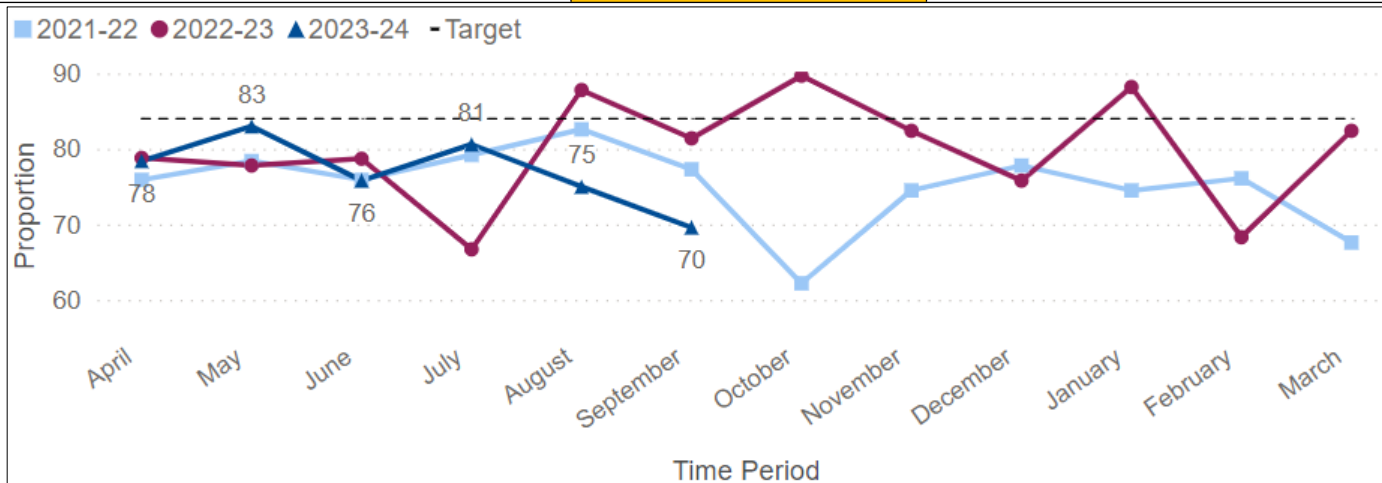
Performance Measures

Proportion of older people (65+) still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services

Aim: The percentage of people still at home 91 days after discharge is above 84 percent.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: September 2023	AMBER
Previous Status: June 2023	AMBER



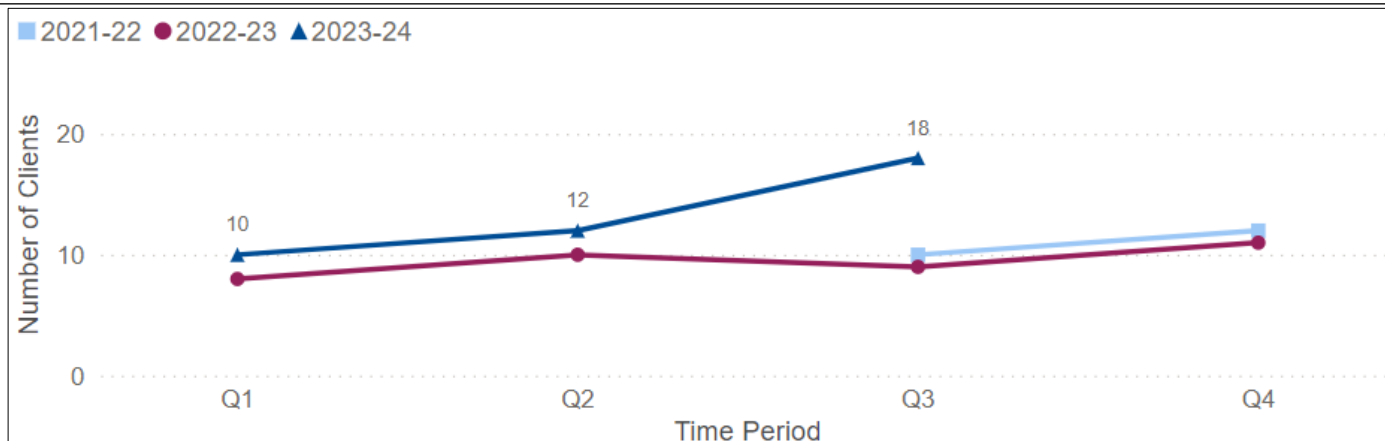
- 91 days data provided by Adult Social Care (ASC) Performance reporting will always be three months in arrears, due to the nature of the measure.
- Of the 14 people that were not at home after 91 days in September, ten people died and 4 were readmitted to hospital.

Number of new ASC clients discharged from hospital progressing to short or long-term support at home, commissioned via Horizon.

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- Data for this measure is taken from Horizon.
- There has been a slight increase this quarter.
- An increase in the capacity for the homecare market is reflected in the reduction of people waiting for packages of care to begin.

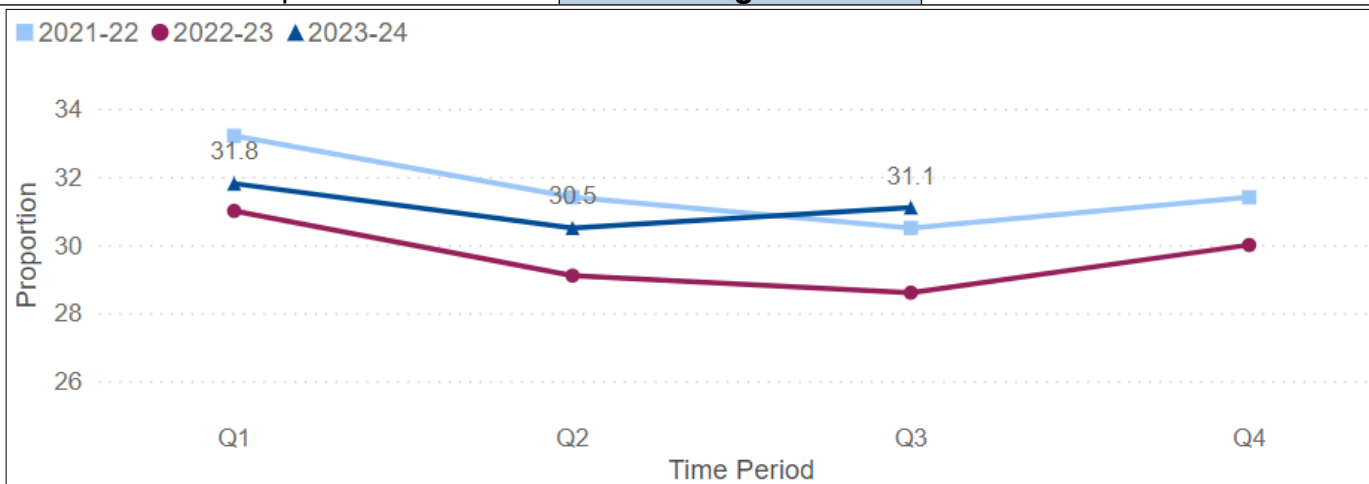
Proportion of people in receipt of care and support funded by the council supported to remain at home

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- This figure has remained fairly consistent over a number of years and will be linked with the capacity which the market has available.

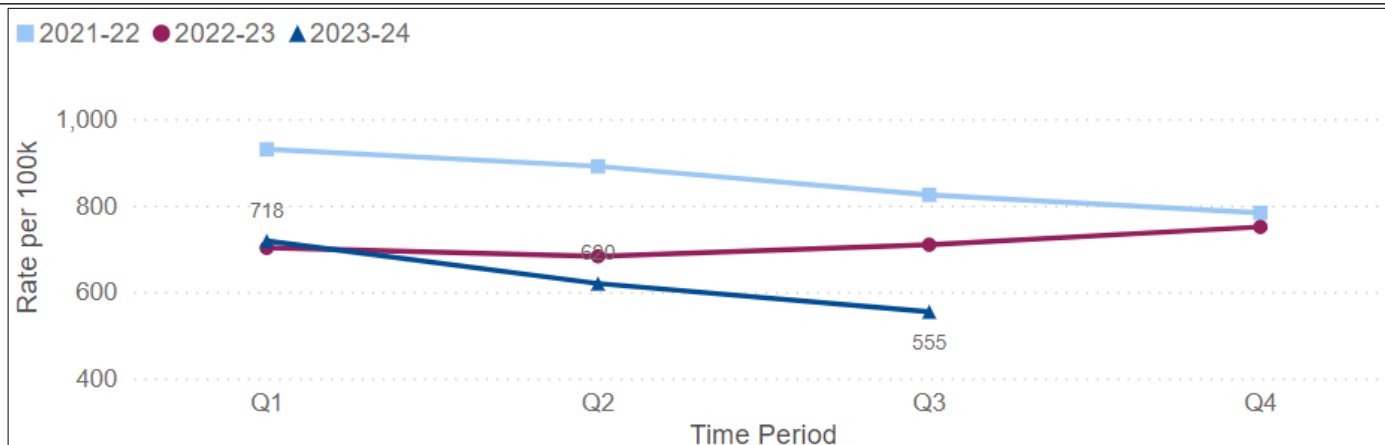
Rate of permanent admissions to residential & nursing care homes per 100k population (65+)

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



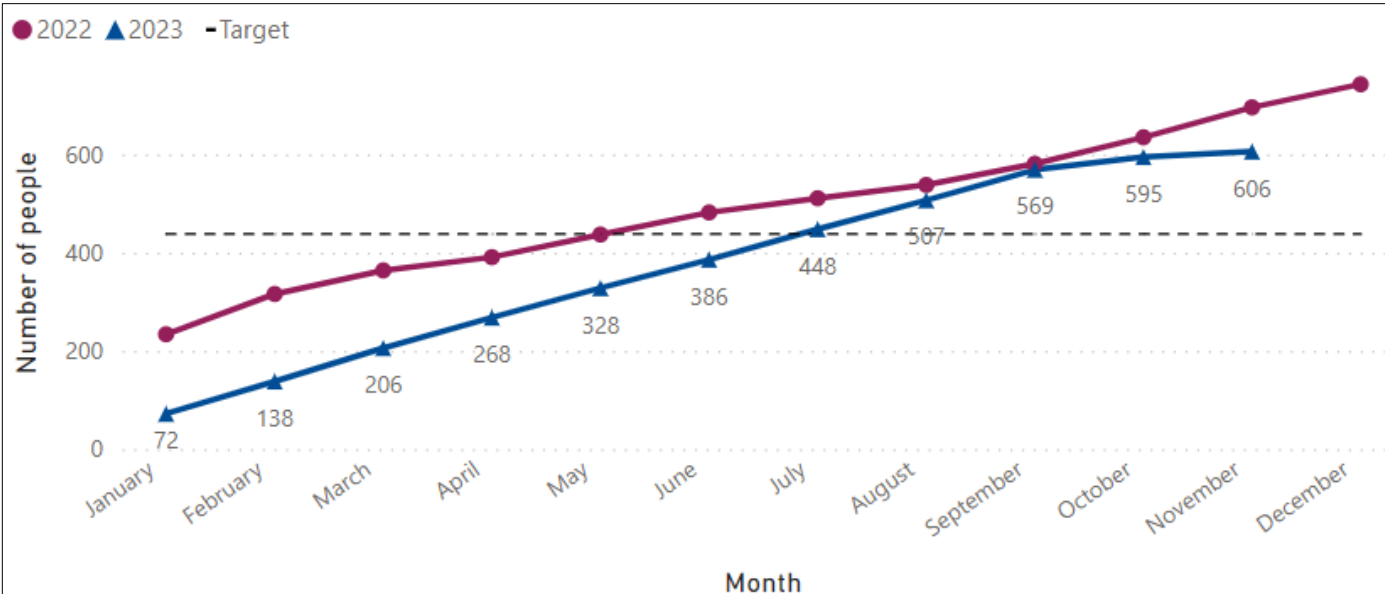
- There is a slight reduction since the last quarter, which may be related to late recording.

Smoking Quitters – number of people quitting smoking at 4 weeks

Aim: The number of people quitting smoking with specialist support at 4 weeks to reach the end of year target.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: November 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



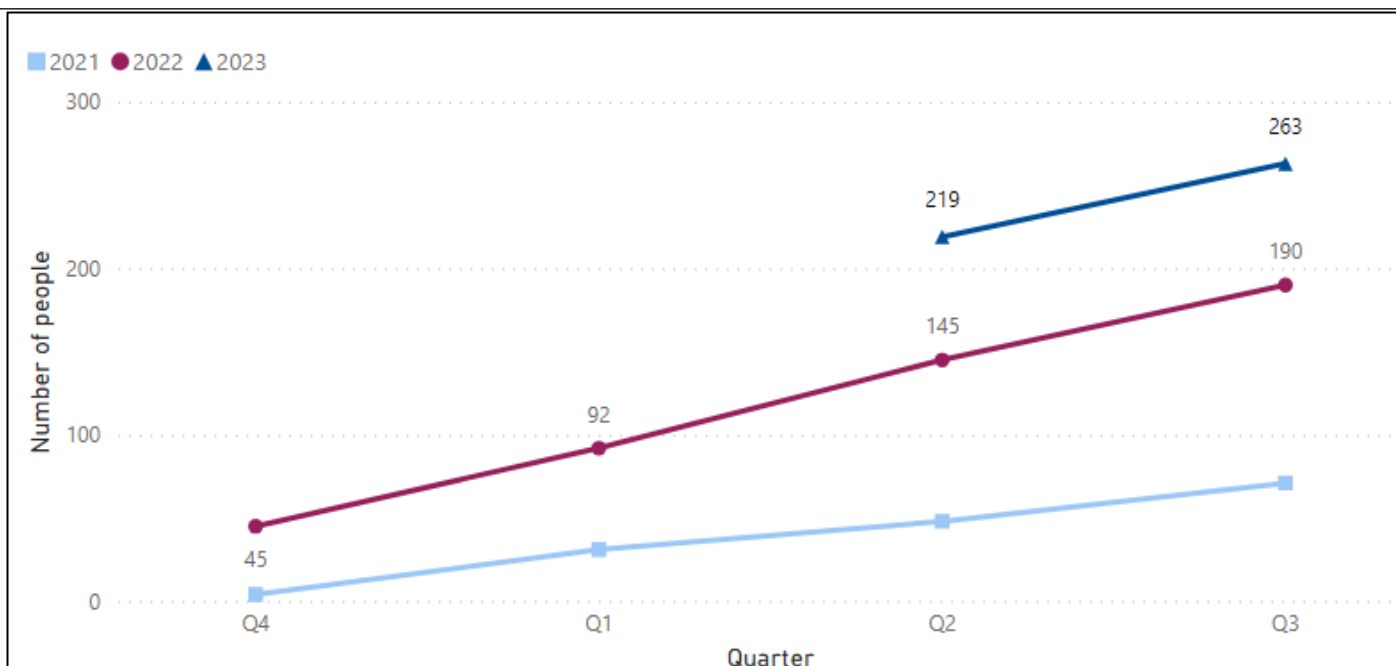
- Data is accurate on 15 December 2023. Please note there can be a data lag of 6 weeks.
- The contract year for the stop smoking service runs from 1 January to 31 December.
- The service is performing well using innovative approaches to support people to quit smoking as part of our overall tobacco control work.

Number of people achieving weight loss of 5% of body weight in 12 weeks (in commissioned service)

Aim: Number of people achieving 5 percent weight loss reaches/exceeds the end of year target (currently 413).

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	AMBER
Previous Status: July 2023	AMBER



- The new Tier 2 Adult Behavioural Weight Management Service went live on the 1 July 2023. There is a 12-week delay in the performance data which means that September to December 2023 figures are not complete.
- As of July 2023, the target is now defined as a participant who has attended at least five sessions out of 12 and who has lost at least five percent of the baseline body weight.
- Due to high demand for this service, that target was increased from 228 to 413.

Number of adults 25+ taking part in sport or physical activity

Aim: Number of Adults taking part in sport or physical activity reaches/exceeds 16,000 end of year target.

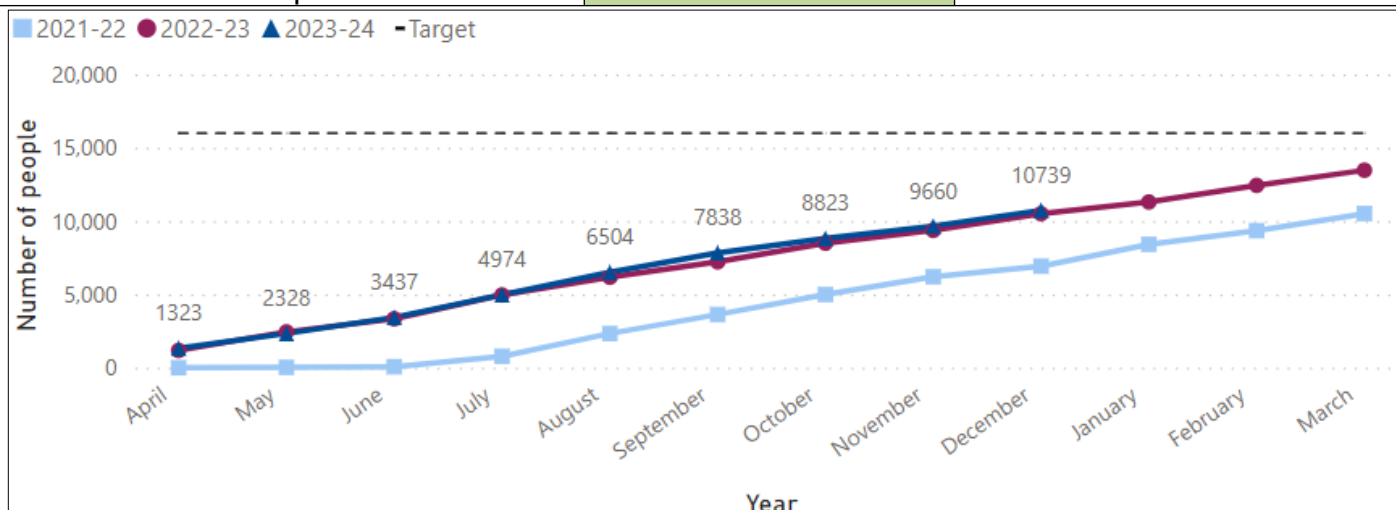
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Most Recent Status: December 2023

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Previous Status: September 2023

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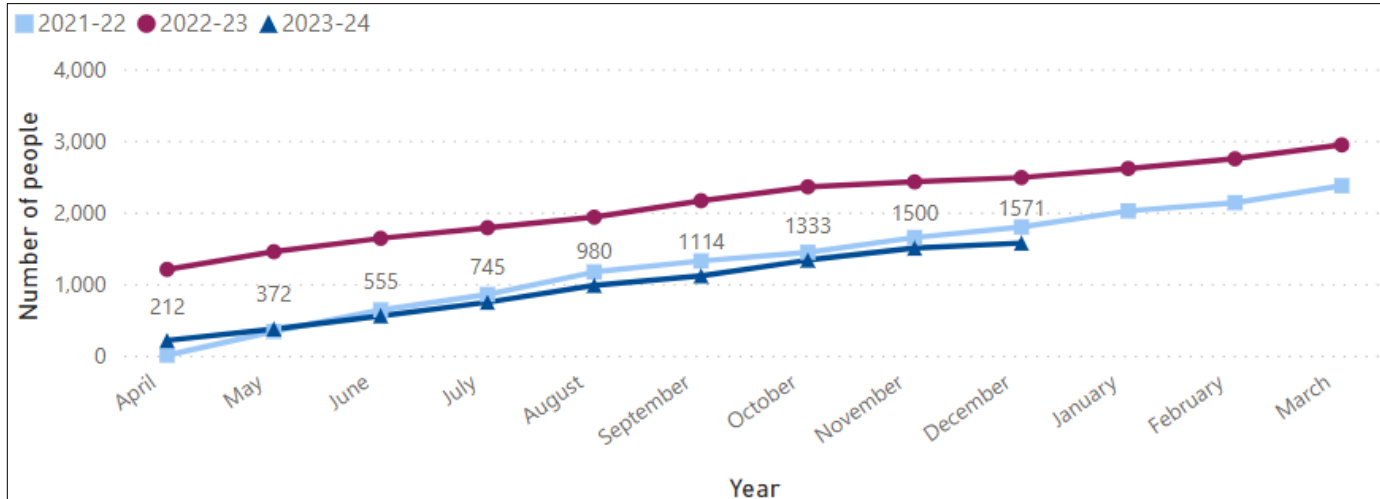
- Weather affected activities in quarter 3, but those taking place included the Christmas Day Parkrun and the schools Continuing Professional Development curriculum dance course.

Number of juniors and young people (under 25) taking part in sport and play activity

Aim: Number of juniors taking part in sport or physical activity increases.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- Weather affected activities in quarter 3.
- Data shows a continuing decline in junior parkrun attendees.
- Fewer bikeability sessions took place in the quarter due to the Christmas holidays.
- The Duke of Edinburgh programme continues.

Successful completion of alcohol treatments

Aim: Successful completion of treatment to exceed the end of year target.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: September 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: June 2023	GREEN



- The data captured in the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System shows only structured treatment outcomes.
- The service is increasing capacity and treatment outcomes with increased grant funding from the Department of Health and Social Care.
- Quarter 3 2023-24 data is due to be published on 22 Feb 2024 and will be included in Quarter 4.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 3:

The Independent Living Strategy was presented to Cabinet on 11 January 2024 for approval and adoption.

There has been focus on embedding the mental wellbeing plan through a multi-sector partnership workshop.

The older persons fall prevention booklet has been published and distributed across the Island for residents to pick up (GP surgeries, pharmacies, and community venues etc).

The Island Drug and Alcohol delivery plan has been developed with key partners, with a focus on increasing uptake of support services, early intervention and upskilling the workforce to provide brief advice with the aim of reducing alcohol consumption.

Work continues jointly with colleagues at an Integrated Care System (ICS) level regarding real time surveillance data monitoring. This had led to several incidents being followed up with partners to ensure all support available is offered in a timely way.

Public Health have worked with wider partners to produce and cascade information for parents/carers via secondary school educational settings that detail the risks of vaping for children, outline the steps Public Health are taking to address this issue and practical steps that parents/carers can take to prevent children taking up vaping. It continues to be important to balance the message that whilst vapes can be a useful quit aid for adults who smoke, young people and non-smokers should not vape.

Due to the success of the mobilisation of the Tier 2 Weight Management programme and high demand, Public Health have increased capacity of provision for contract year 1.

Alongside partners Energise Me and the Sports Development Team, Public Health coordinated the autumn 'We Can Be Active Isle of Wight' network in October, bringing together stakeholders working to deliver the Hampshire and Isle of Wight 'We Can Be Active' strategic goals.

The contract for the Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council (HIPS) Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service has been awarded to Solent NHS Trust. The new contract will commence on 1st April 2024 for a period of up to 9 years. Mobilisation has commenced and includes a transformation programme to ensure an effective and agile service for Island residents, focusing on prevention and improving access to reduce health inequalities. The clinical front door has improved access for Isle of Wight residents following the Systems Thinking roll out, with residents successfully accessing the service increasing from an average of 12.6 percent to 74.4 percent per day. Subsequently, 77 percent of callers are calling only once and having their clinical needs met remotely. The Sexual Health Service IOW team were nominated for a Solent NHS Trust Heart award by a patient for providing excellent, friendly, person-centred support.

Self-harm support services have been commissioned and are being monitored as part of a joint ICS project. Further funding was secured in December to allow successful elements of this work to continue.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 16:

The Island Strategic Drug and Alcohol Partnership met in person in October. This meeting consisted of presentations from both commissioned and voluntary sector partners with a breakout workshop element to engage all partners, discussing unmet need and how partners can work together to ensure inclusivity and to improve support for residents.

A joint Mental Health Alliance and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Partnership workshop was held in November, which involved partners from both the statutory and voluntary (community groups and charities) sectors. The workshop focused on improving access to support and suicide prevention. Meetings with individual organisations commenced in December to ensure we capture their input to the priorities in the multi-sector owned Island Mental Wellbeing Plan. This will support strategic oversight of progress of the plan going forward.

Strategic Risks

Insufficient staffing capacity and skills within adult social care and housing services.

Assigned to: Director of Adult Social Care

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
14 HIGH	6 LOW	6 LOW
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM
Reduction in risk score		

Failure to identify and effectively manage situations where vulnerable adults are subject to abuse.

Assigned to: Director of Adult Social Care and Assistant Director of Operations

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	6 LOW	8 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM	11 MEDIUM
No change to risk score		

Failure to champion the 'place-based agenda' within the Integrated Care System (ICS) to ensure that the needs of our citizens are being appropriately considered within the Integrated Care Board (ICB) agenda.

Assigned to: Director of Adult Social Care

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	MEDIUM 9	16 VERY HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
N/A	N/A	N/A

New risk

Independent Social Care Sector Sustainability (care Homes and Home Care)		
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Assigned to: Director of Adult Social Care		
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Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	6 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	12 HIGH
No change to risk score		

Additional demands placed upon the Isle of Wight Council and partners owing to pandemic flu or similar large-scale outbreak.		
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Assigned to: Director of Public Health		
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Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	12 HIGH	12 HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
12 HIGH	12 HIGH	12 HIGH
Risk score is consistent		

Appendix 3 – 2023/24 Q3

CHILDREN’S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND CORPORATE FUNCTIONS

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jonathan Bacon

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Adoption
- Fostering
- Disabled Children Support
- Respite Care
- Early Help
- Care Leavers
- Safeguarding
- Short Breaks
- Youth Service
- Special Educational Needs
- Alternative Education
- Early Years Development
- School Improvement
- Schools
- Asset Management
- Home to School Transport
- Youth Council and Youth MP
- HR
- Elections
- Democratic Services
- Legal Services
- Procurement and Contract Management
- Workforce Learning and Development
- Benefits and Grants
- Business Centre
- Business Intelligence

Performance Measures

Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (within two years of the previous plans end date)

Aim: The percentage of children becoming subject of a second or subsequent plan remains below 23 percent.

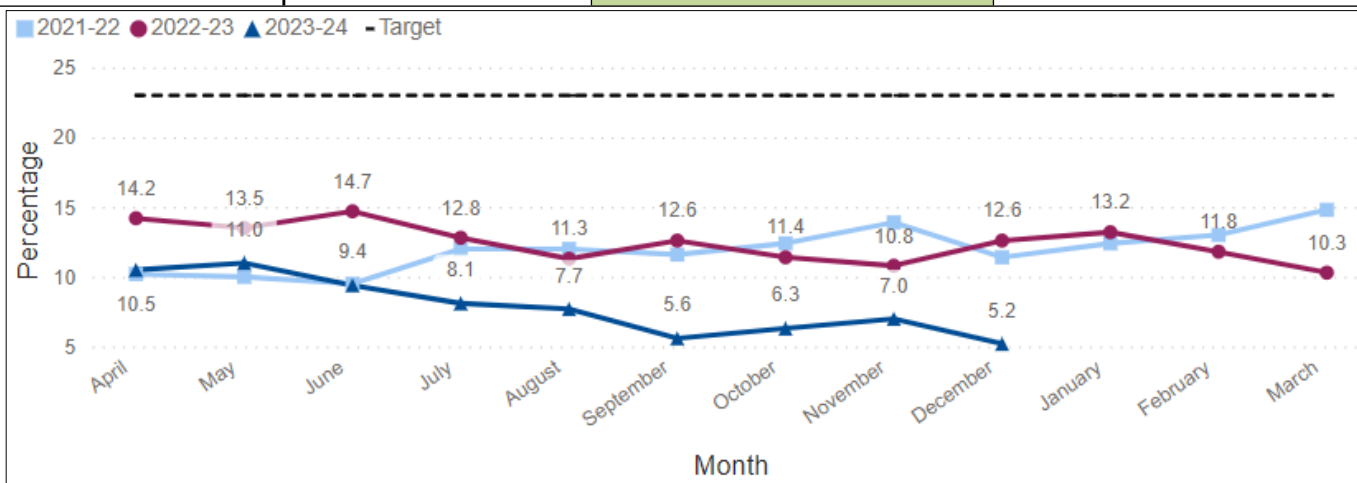
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023

GREEN

Previous Status: September 2023

GREEN



- The management team reviews each case of a child who is subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan within two years of the previous plan end date to ensure that the response from the social care teams and independent reviewing service is proportionate, as well as to provide assurance that there were no missed opportunities for earlier intervention or support.

- Performance has remained consistent through Quarter 3, with an improvement in December.
- A low percentage indicates that the risk the child was experiencing has been successfully addressed and that they were protected by the first child protection plan.
- There will always be some children that will need a second or subsequent plan due the risks they are exposed to, mainly a combination of adult mental health, substance misuse and domestic abuse.

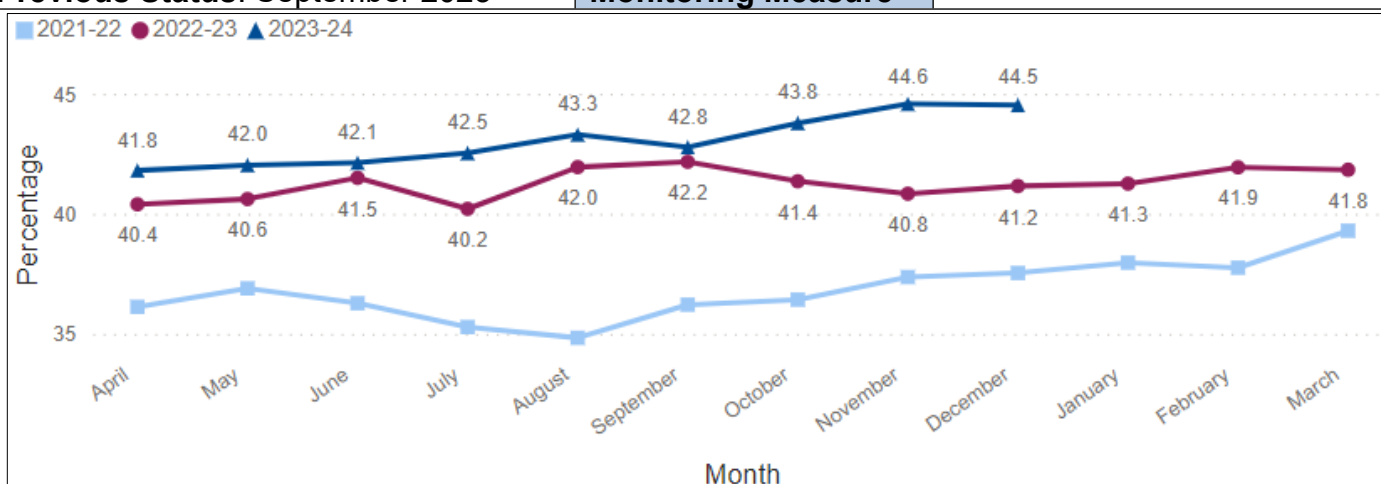
Percentage of children with a referral within 12 months of a previous referral

Aim: The percentage of children with a referral within 12 months is below 30 percent target

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) counts all re-referrals to ensure a more accurate view rather than only counting those re-referrals that originally progressed to an authorised completed assessment.
- The percentage of re-referrals has remained consistent.
- The recent Ofsted inspection highlighted that some children do not experience sustained improvements in outcomes due to the underlying family issues not being resolved by the previous referral.
- Improvements in this is part of the new Quality Improvement Plan for 2024

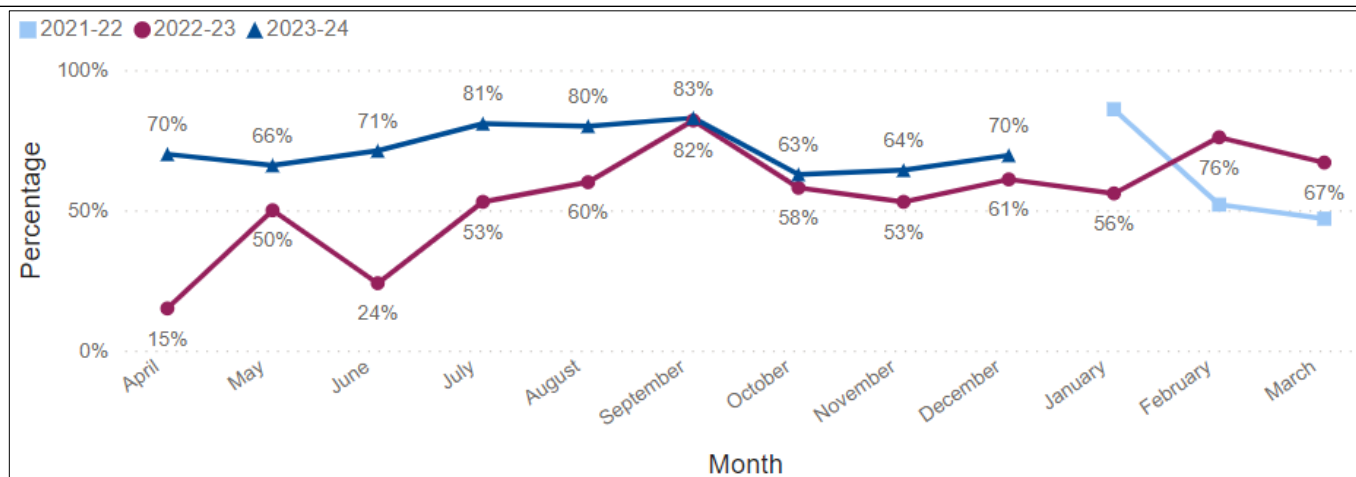
Percentage of early help cases closed with outcomes achieved

Aim: 75% of early help cases closed with positive outcomes achieved.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- There are assorted reasons for closure of Early Help cases, of which outcomes is one.
- The Isle of Wight Early Help offer, and Family Hub provision continues to have positive impacts on improving outcomes for families, preventing issues becoming risks, preventing families from escalating into children's social care.

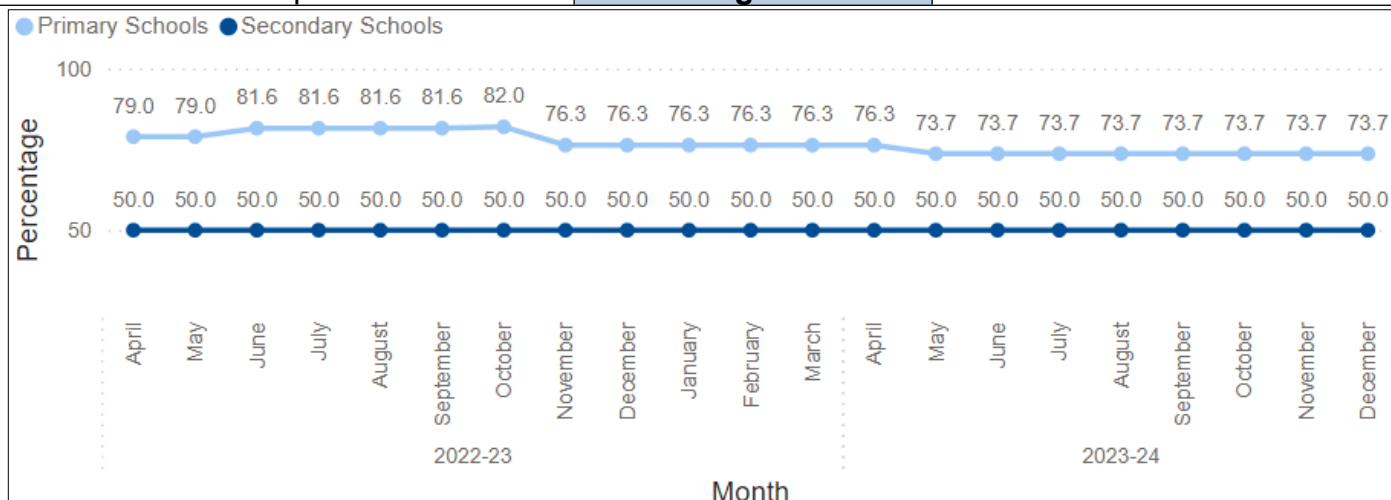
Percentage of primary and secondary schools graded as good or outstanding in the most recent inspection (not including schools with no inspection score)

Aim: Increase in the number of schools graded good or outstanding in the most recent inspection.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- Ofsted inspections carried out in the period were:
 - Oakfield Church of England Primary School (10 October 2023) – No change to score
 - St. Helens Primary School (10 October 2023) – No change to score

Percentage of all Isle of Wight LA schools graded good or outstanding in most recent inspection

Aim: Increase in the percentage of schools graded good or outstanding in the most recent inspection.

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Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

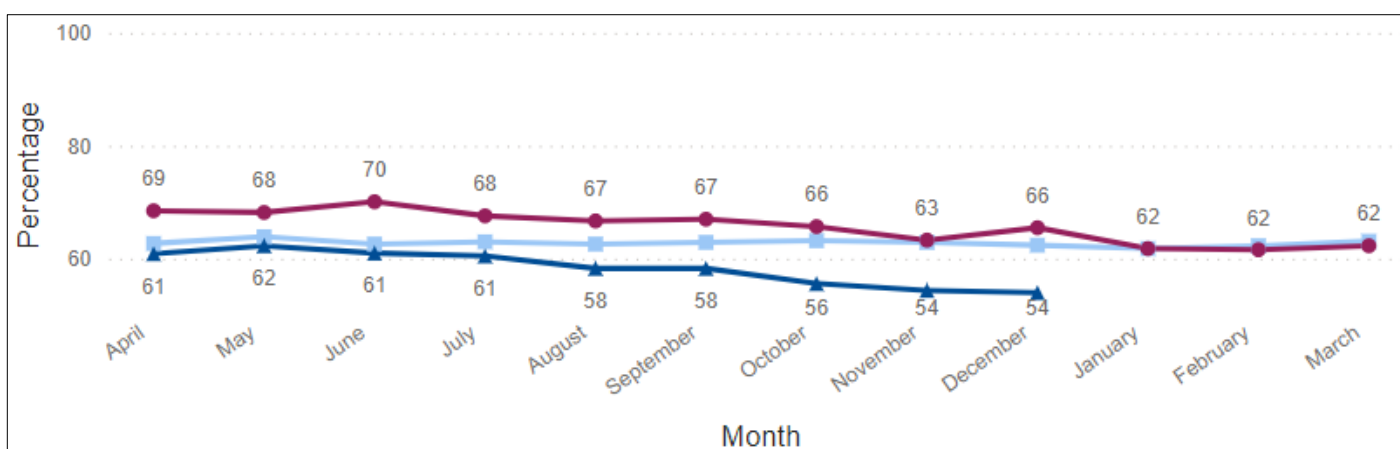
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Schools	Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Good	Outstanding	Ungraded
48	0	13	35	0	0
	0.00%	27.08%	72.92%	0.00%	0.00%
	27.08%		72.92%		0.00%

Percentage of care leavers in education, employment, or training (all care leavers aged over 16)

Aim: Increase in the percentage of care leavers in education, employment, or training.
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure

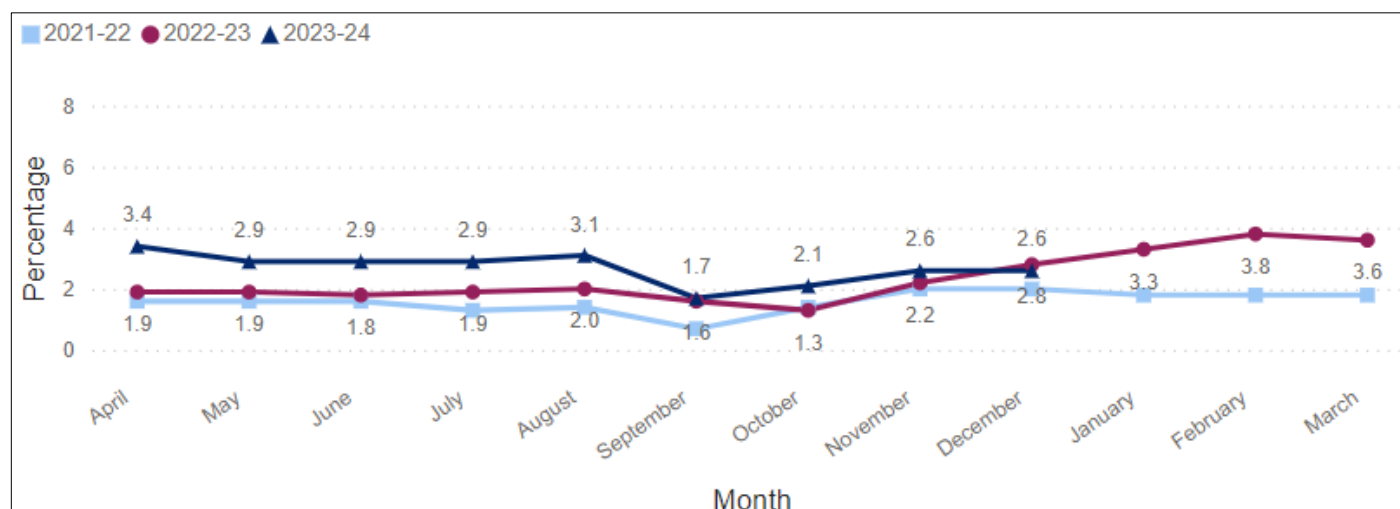


- The team continue to support young people to access University, providing role models to other young people.

Percentage of Post 16 Not in Education, Employment or Training

Aim: Decrease in the percentage of post 16 not in education, employment, or training.
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: August 2023	Monitoring Measure



- The Department for Education uses a combined measure of young people 16-18 who are either 'Not in Employment, Education or Training' (NEET) or 'Unknown'.

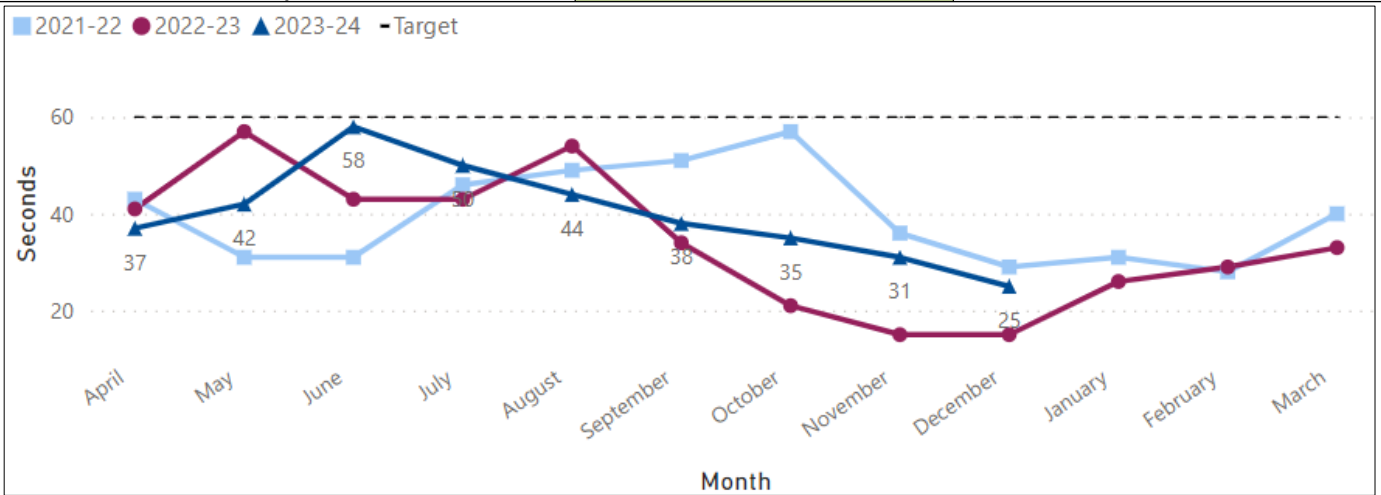
- There has been a reduction in the proportion of young people recorded as NEET compared to quarter 2. This has decreased from 3.1 percent to 2.6 percent.
- Intensive 1:1 support is provided by the council’s Island Futures service to enable young people to engage in positive post 16 destinations, and by projects such as ‘Skills for Work’ part of the council’s UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme.
- The latest Department for Education annual report 2023 confirms the number of young people on the island who are NEET or Unknown to the local authority is 4.1 percent, below regional and national averages which stand at 6.9 percent and 5.2 percent respectively.

Average time to answer calls to the contact centre

Aim: Calls are answered within 60 seconds

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 16

Most Recent Status: December 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



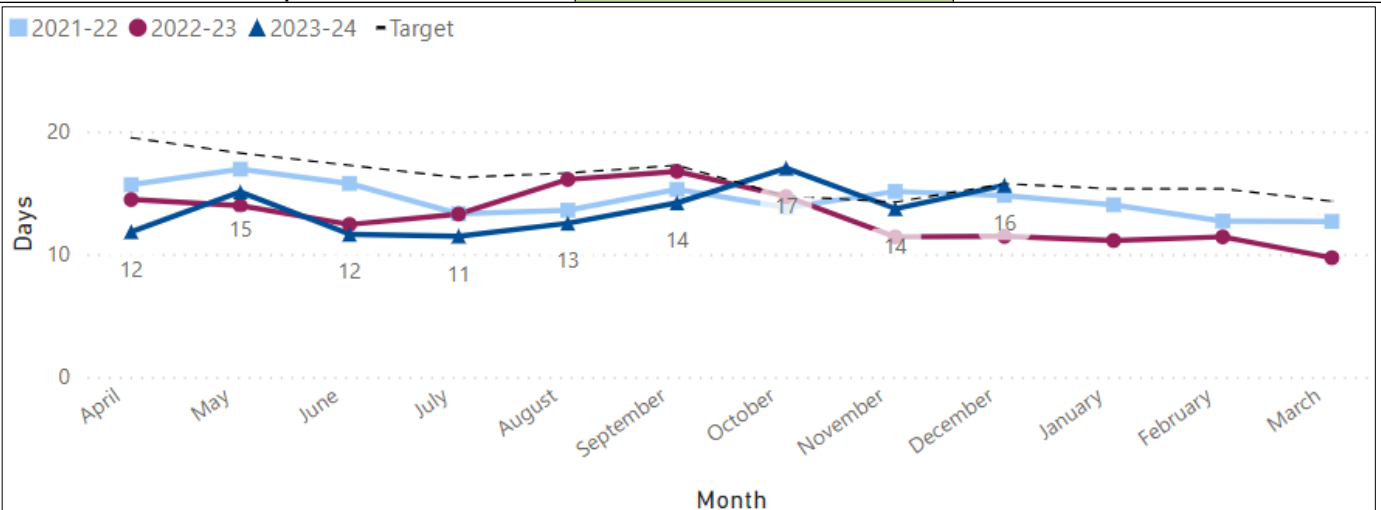
- All telephony data is extracted directly from the Avaya Content Management System (CMS) supervisor system.

Average speed of processing new benefit claims

Aim: Benefit new claims are processed within the average target of 16 days.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 16

Most Recent Status: December 2023	AMBER
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



- Data provided by the council benefits team.
- Due to additional demands in December, housing benefits new claims went slightly over target.

- Local Council Tax Support claims are below target and the year-to-date projection continues to be below target.

Number of FOI requests received

Aim: Not applicable

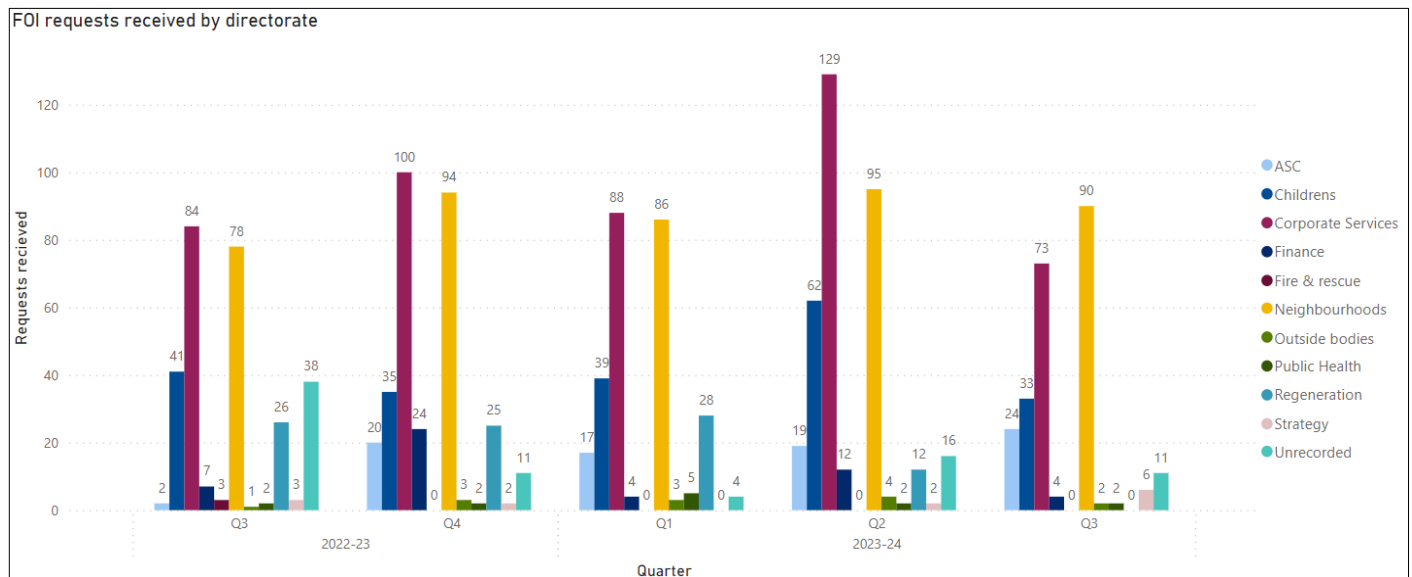
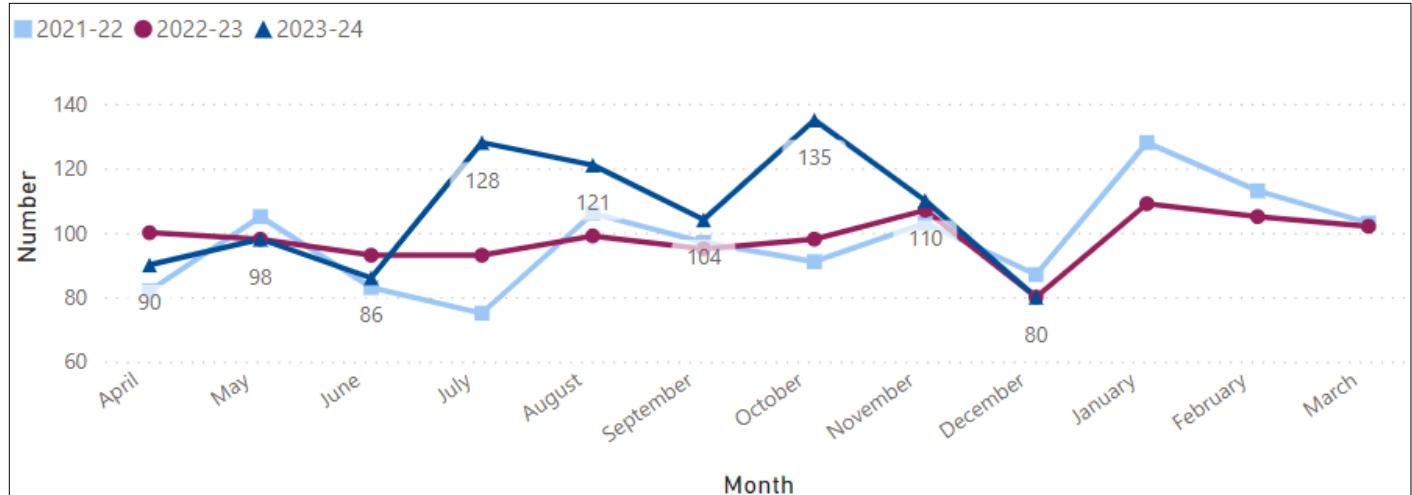
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Most Recent Status: December 2023

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- The number of FOI requests logged in the Customer Resource Management (CRM) system over quarter 3 totaled of 325.
- On average for Quarter 3, 86.6 percent of requests have been processed on time (October was 90 percent, November was 89 percent, and December was 81 percent)

Isle of Wight Council use of Apprenticeship Levy

Aim: Increased number of apprentices signed on.

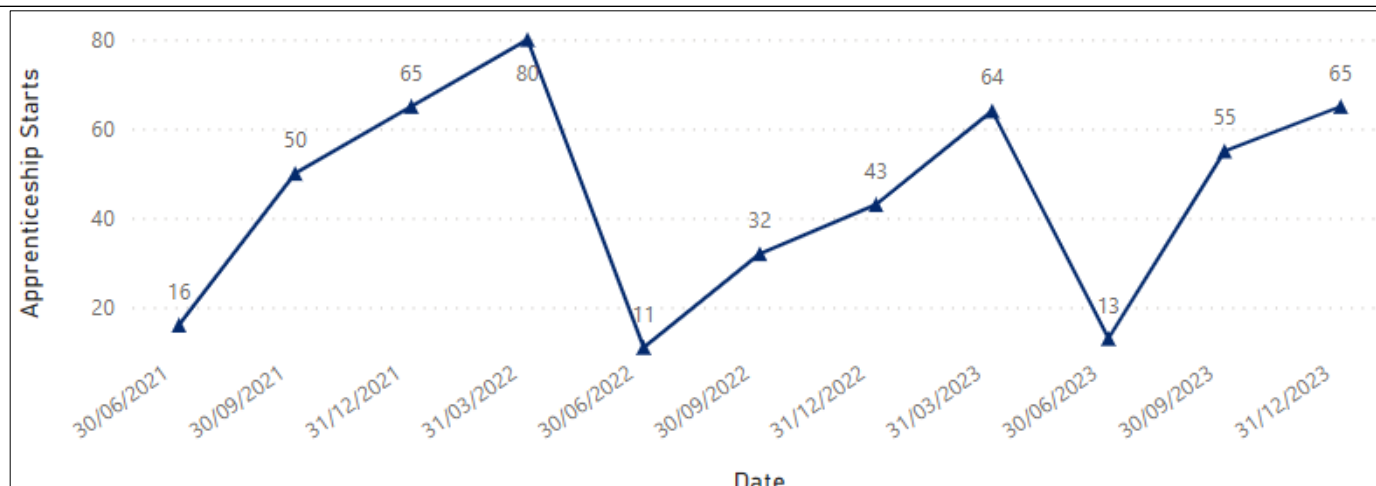
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 16

Most Recent Status: December 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

Monitoring Measure



- Apprenticeship data is provided by Workforce Learning and Development.
- Apprenticeship levy funds spent in 2023 as of Quarter 3 are £321,331.
- Apprenticeship contracts awarded in Quarter 3:
Trading Standards Practitioner Level 6 - this is brand new for the IWC and follows the work from the Trading Standards Team on the development of this through the trailblazer group for this programme.
- The Department for Education has announced that the 17th annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) will take place from 5 to 11 February 2024. This is an opportunity for the education and skills sector to celebrate the achievements of apprentices around the country and the positive impact they make to communities, and the wider economy. The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is 'Skills for Life'.
- Apprenticeships recognised in the IWC Childrens Services Ofsted Inspection 2023: 'A wide variety of programmes and initiatives are helping to increase and develop the workforce. This is alongside the various additional learning and development opportunities, including the apprenticeship scheme. Staff value the opportunities available to them.'
- Apprenticeships and the IWC Matrix Assessment Report:
"Although the council is not itself an apprenticeship training provider, Workforce Development has shown the breadth and value of apprenticeships across the council, under an 'Apprenticeships First' policy. Learners were interviewed for this assessment who are following, or have completed, standards from level 2 in customer service through to management level 5s and beyond. These learners described robust information, advice and guidance from Workforce Development staff, particularly when choosing standards and levels appropriate to their career goals. Of note is the diversity of learner backgrounds, from new entrants of all ages to existing staff wishing to develop their career specialisms. Learning and Development Business Partners have shown they believe in the value of the apprenticeship model by themselves completing a level 5. At the top end of the scale, the council now has 52 apprentices studying at degree level. Unlike many levy payers, the council's levy is fully utilised every year."

Average working days lost to sickness per employee (cumulative)

Aim: Average days lost to sickness is below the end of year target.

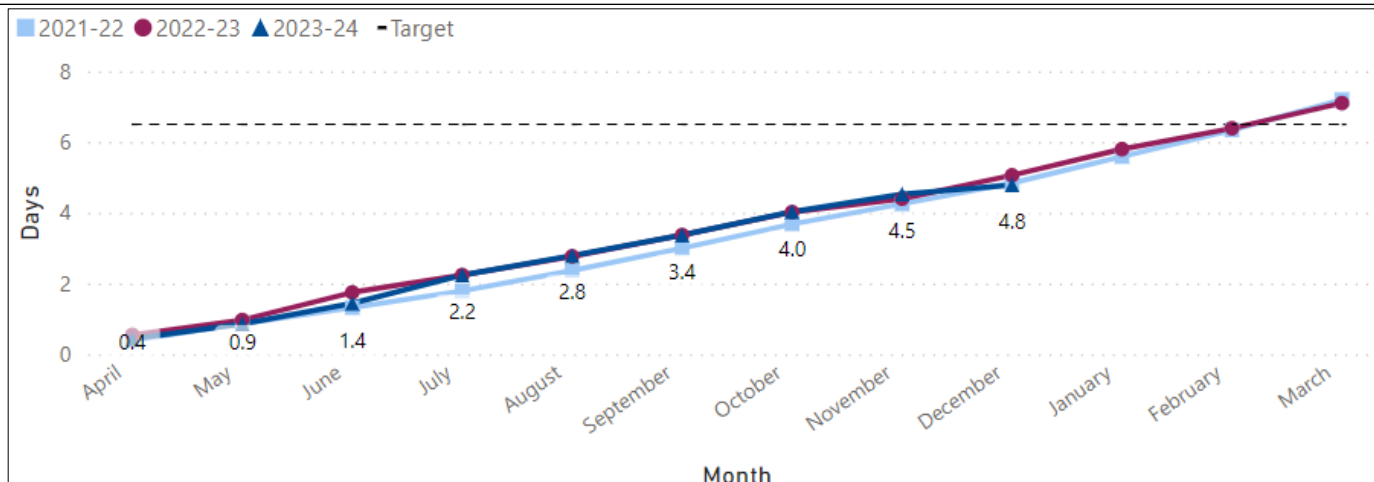
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023

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Previous Status: September 2023

GREEN



- Average working days lost is currently at the same level as the previous year (2022-23) and has been so since June 2023, and only very slightly higher than the year before that (2021-22).
- Based on the current trend, the forecast for year-end is likely to be comparative to last year, with between 7 and 7.5 working days lost per employee.
- Whilst repeat absence started strongly, levels have reduced compared to the previous year (2022-23) but remain higher compared to 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- Mental health absence remains a concern and current levels are the highest of the last three years.
- Long term absence has also peaked, this is expected due to the growth in mental health related absences which are more commonly long term. Adult Social Care has the highest number of people with a mental health absence compared with the previous three years which has been the case since July. Community Services has also seen levels higher than the previous three year but only recently peaked in October 2023.
- Overall sickness is comparable to the previous year, however, rises in the level of mental health need to be monitored and responded to with appropriate interventions, both proactive and reactive to prevent and control.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 3:

Participation in children in care continues with ‘Have your Say’ events taking place during October, including a trip to Chessington World of Adventures which included children placed on both the island and mainland. Healthy Young People (HYPE) has continued to run, as have the ‘Come Dine with Me’ events. These took place at Christmas for children in care and care leavers. The Corporate Parenting Board is planning to co-produce an action plan with Children and Young People in response to the Bright Spots surveys. This year's Bright Spots survey is planned for children in care.

Work under the Family Hub programme continues to remain on track. The programme has directly employed a Project Officer who started in January to support the programme for the remainder of the funded period.

Our Early Help offer continues to be effective, with strong support from partner agencies, particularly schools. Ofsted noted in the 2023 Inspecting Local Authorities Children’s Services report that “children and families have good access to a wide variety of early help services that

deliver the right support to families at an early stage. Skilled lead practitioners work effectively with families and other key professionals to support and enable families to make positive changes. Family plans ensure that timely progress is made for children. If concerns escalate, referrals are made promptly to statutory services”.

Children’s social care was inspected by Ofsted in October and the report published in December. The overall outcome was good with good in all aspects except help and protection with was rated ‘requires improvement’. Plans are already in place to respond to the recommendations made by Ofsted. RAFT was found to be particularly strong in several areas.

Monthly auditing has continued, and the Quality Improvement Plan is due for its next update in January.

The Modernising Placement Programme (MPP) work continues to progress with a business case being worked up. Work is also being progressed through the South East Sector Led Improvement Partnership (SESLIP) on the regional recruitment of foster carers.

Adopt South continue to be able to match children with families that can meet their needs and we currently have no children awaiting adoption. We have recently placed three children together with adoptive parents. All other children that have been placed for adoption now have adoption orders.

Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support new applications continue to be processed within an average of 13 days and changes to claims with an average of 3.29 days, which means that residents are receiving the financial support they are entitled to.

440 discretionary housing payments have been made to the value of £130,000 together with 130 exceptional hardship awards valuing £62,000 to assist residents to overcome short term financial difficulties.

The team are also administering the governments flood scheme that provides financial support to those residents and businesses affected by storm Babet (19 and 25 October 2023). To date 218 applications have been received from residents, of which 206 have been processed and a payment of £500 made. 71 applications from businesses have also been received and 31 processed with a payment of £2500 made. Applications from businesses are taking longer to process because the strict eligibility criteria set by government means that there is a requirement for evidence regarding insurance arrangements to cover flooding. The scheme closed on the 4 January.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4:

Chillerton and Rookley school closed on 31st December 2023.

At the Full Council meeting on 20 September, the newly elected Executive Leader advised that he was committed to moving forward the place planning for schools on the island, however the September 2024 date may not be realistic. This was followed up with a statement released by the cabinet member for Children’s Services on 23 November 2023 stating, “any formal statutory process that is required is likely to commence in the summer term of 2024 and, if followed through, any closures or other measures that result will take effect from Autumn 2025”.

The ongoing work to ensure schools are better placed to meet the needs of all pupils continues with a detailed programme of continued professional development. This has been created in collaboration with headteachers to address identified gaps and build capacity at all levels in the school system.

The Transforming Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) programme continues. The island SEN conference in November was attended by the cabinet member for education and well attended by schools. The additional support services, SEN Support Line and Toolkit were officially launched at the conference and will collectively support the building of quality and consistency of SEN provision in our mainstream schools across the island.

Termly training for all school leaders and governors in relation to the new Ofsted framework is taking place and has been well attended. This has been demonstrated in the positive outcomes of the recent Ofsted inspections.

Attendance remains a key focus with a significant piece of work to promote good attendance for all pupils in all schools ongoing.

Full attainment data for 2023 is published in January and will be brought to Policy and Scrutiny Committee in a full attainment report.

The Youth Council has increased membership numbers and developed their logo and website to promote what it has achieved and what benefits membership brings to youth councillors. The Youth Council, along with other groups of children and young people, took part in the recruitment of the new Director of Children’s Services. This was through a facilitated speed networking event with all four prospective candidates. The new director was recruited, and the Youth Council received thanks from the Director of Corporate Services. The Youth Council continued to have a dedicated question asked at Full Council and the opportunity to comment on key decisions the council makes on the impact on young people and future generations. The Youth Council and Youth MP signed up to the National British Youth Council Make Your Mark ballot to ask all children on the Isle of Wight what the priorities should be for the new Youth Council. Elections are planned for spring 2024. These elections will be supported by the Isle of Wight Council.

The following activity supports UN Sustainability Goal 8:

The Agile team have compiled a new and refreshed action plan for their work. They will be renamed the Digital Change team to reflect the fact that as much as of the organisation as possible are now working in an agile way and the next phase of work will be the upskilling of all staff in digital skills appropriate to their role. They will also be continuing to work alongside teams to help them to fully utilise the Office365 tools at our disposal. From January 2024 we will be conducting an organisation wide cultural assessment which will inform the next few years work in this area.

Strategic Risks

Failure to improve educational attainment.		
Assigned to: Director of Children’s Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	6 LOW	10 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
10 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

Failure to identify and effectively manage situations where vulnerable children are subject to abuse.		
Assigned to: Director of Children’s Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

The ending of the partnership between IWC and HCC for Children’s Social Care and associated de-coupling arrangements.		
Assigned to: Director of Children’s Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	N/A	N/A
No change in risk score		

Insufficient staffing capacity and skills		
Assigned to: Director of Corporate Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	9 MEDIUM	12 HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
12 HIGH	12 HIGH	12 HIGH
Risk score is consistent		

A change in organisational culture fails to keep a pace with the speed of organisational change, negatively impacting on the delivery of the required transformation to deliver the corporate plan.		
Assigned to: Director of Corporate Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	6 LOW	12 HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
12 HIGH	8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM
No change in risk score		

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Appendix 4 – 2023/24 Q3

CLIMATE CHANGE, BIOSPHERE AND WASTE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- AONB
- Countryside Management
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Biosphere
- Climate Change and Environment
- Playing Fields and Sports Grounds
- Allotments
- Amenity Land Hire
- Beach Huts
- Waste Collection
- Waste Disposal
- Forest Road Waste Recovery Park
- Household Waste
- Recycling Centres
- Commercial Waste Recycling Centres
- Closed Landfill Sites
- Littering and Fly Tipping

Performance Measures

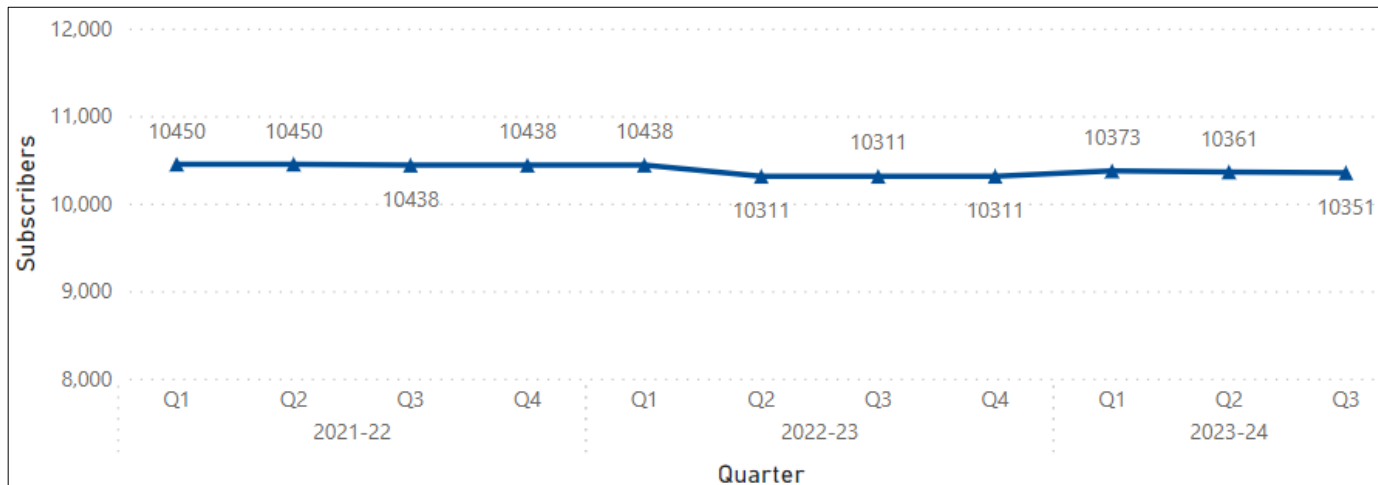
Total number of garden waste subscribers

Aim: Increasing the number of garden waste subscribers.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 13

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- The number of garden waste subscribers dropped by 12 over Q3 but remains above the same period last year (10,311 in 2022-23 and 10,351 in 2023-24).

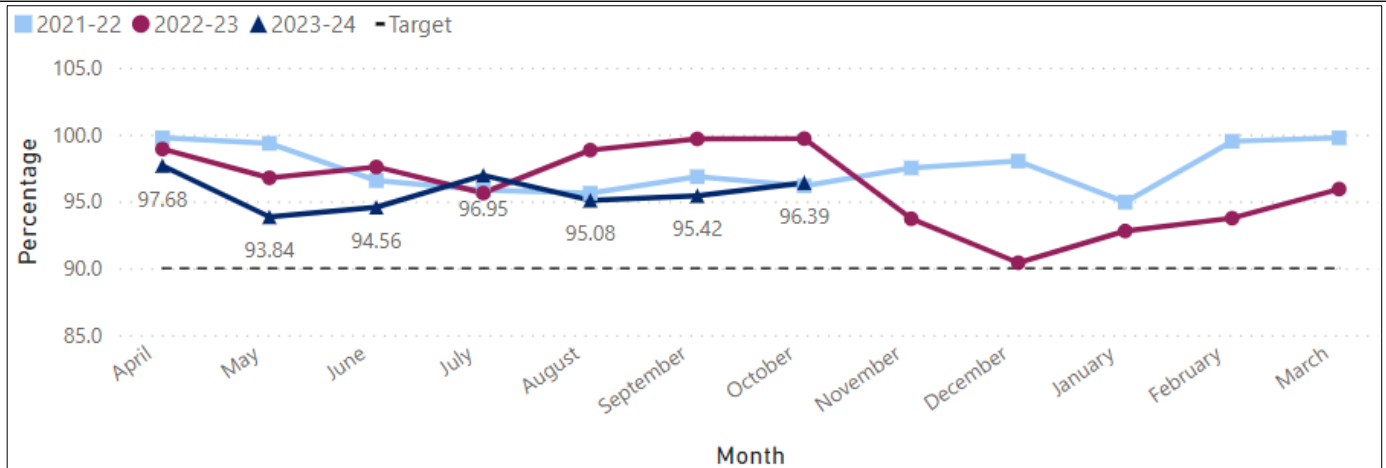
Percentage of domestic waste diverted from landfill

Aim: 90 percent of domestic waste is diverted from landfill.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 13

Most Recent Status: October 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: August 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- Thalia Waste Management Limited provide a monthly report, approximately 6 to 8 weeks in arrears. Data for November and December will therefore be updated in quarter 4.
- Diversion rates are lower than during the same period last year (96.39 for 2023-24 against 99.69 for 2022-23) however, rates remain well above the target 90 percent, as they have been consistently throughout the last three years.

Reduction in residual (LACW) household waste per person

Aim: Reduction in residual household waste per person is 181.19 kilograms by end of year.

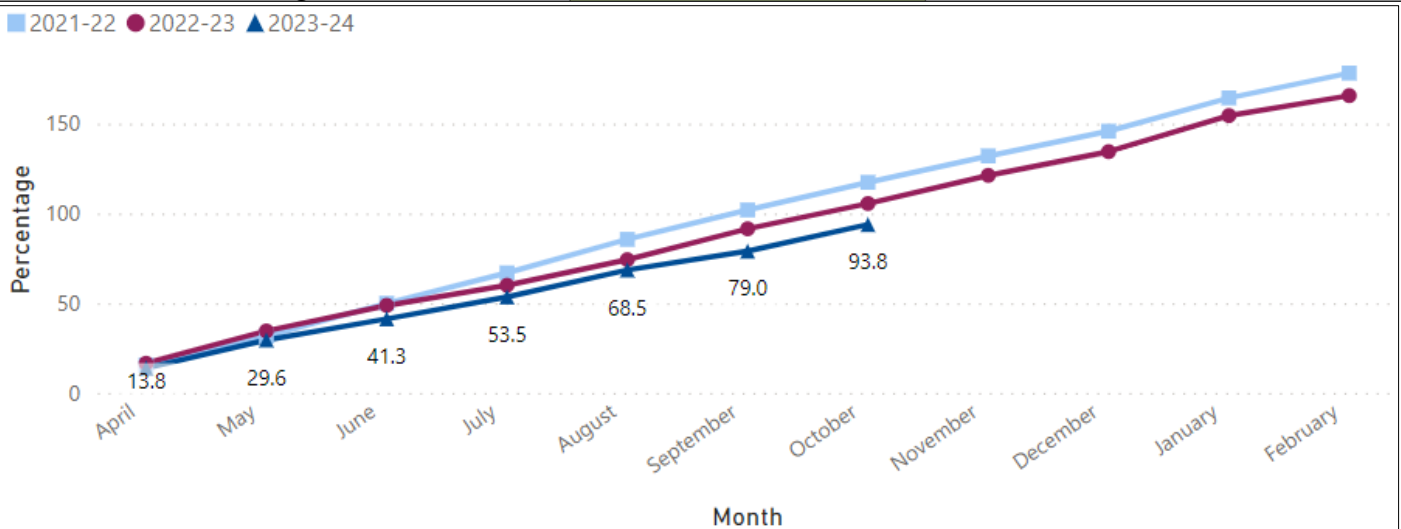
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 13

Most Recent Status: October 2023

GREEN

Previous Status: August 2023

GREEN



- Thalia Waste Management Limited provide a monthly report, approximately 6 to 8 weeks in arrears.
- We are currently below the same period last year in terms of reduction in kilograms for July (93.8 for 2023-24 and 105.54 for 2022-23).

Number of fly-tip incidents and actions taken

Aim: Not applicable.

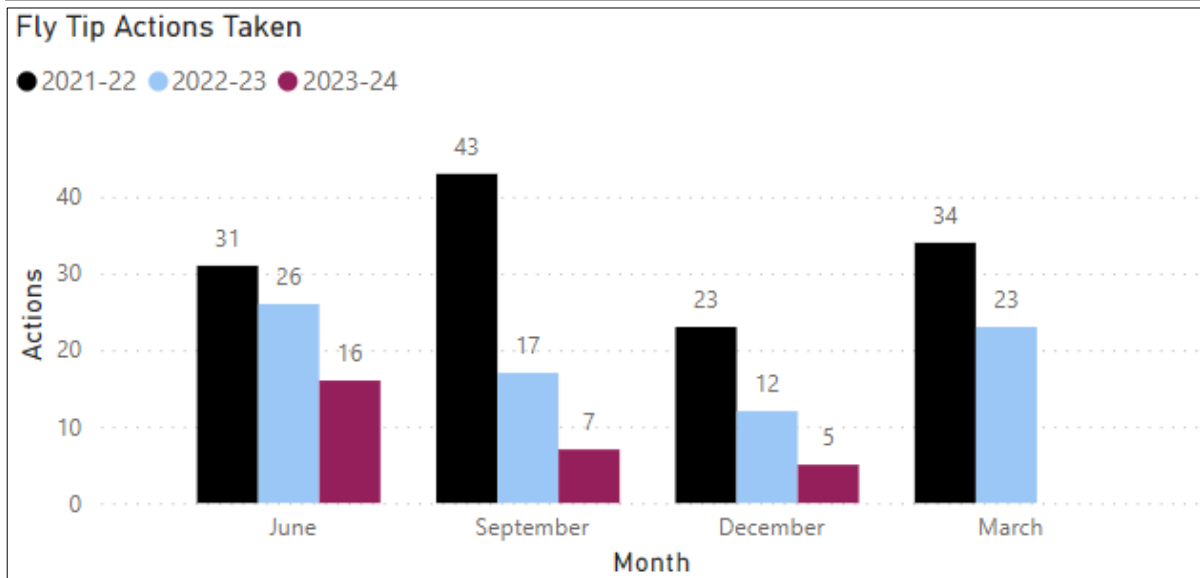
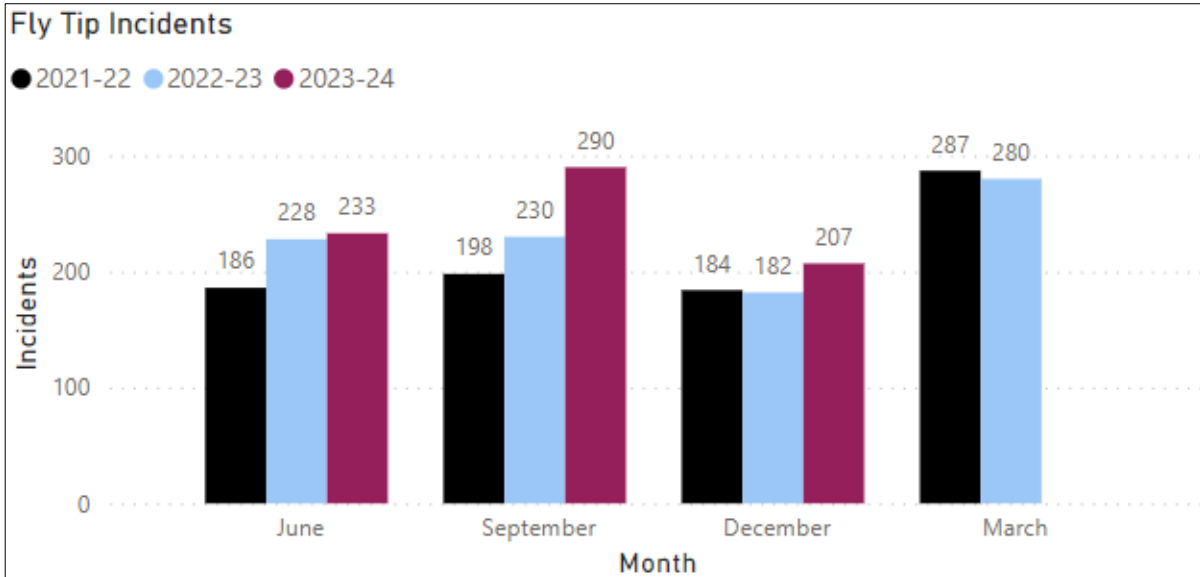
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 13

Most Recent Status: December 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

Monitoring Measure



- 138 of 207 incidents involved household black bags and other household waste (66.6 percent) in Quarter 3.
- There were three warning letters issued, and one fixed penalty notice issued and paid.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 13:

Waste target A in the waste Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract aims to reduce and maintain the amount of residual household waste to below 181.19 kg per person. Year to date performance (as of October 2023) is 93.81 kg per person, this is significantly below the target and indicative of positive performance.

Waste target F (diversion of all contract waste from landfill) is set at 90 percent. Year to date performance (as of October 2023) is 95.66 percent. Although lower than that reported in Q1, this is a slight improvement on Q2. Based on the increased use of the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) to generate Energy from Waste (EFW) future performance is likely to remain steady at this rate, this is due to a corresponding increase in the amount of bottom ash generated because of more residual waste being converted to energy on site.

We have recently updated our Procurement Initiation Form to include the Climate and Environment Impact Assessment Tool. This is at draft stage and will be implemented during new procurements early in 2024. The inclusion of the climate impact assessment will require our stakeholders and commissioners to consider the environmental impacts more fully at the offset of a new procurement and will increase our efforts in this area.

Strategic Risks

Failure of the Waste contract resulting in significant financial and operational disruption for the council and its residents

Assigned to: Director of Community Services

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	8 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM	8 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

Appendix 5 – 2023/24 Q3

ECONOMY, REGENERATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Julie Jones-Evans

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Economic Development
- Events
- Regeneration Projects
- Levelling Up, SLEP
- Tourism
- Leisure Centres
- Sports Development
- Libraries
- Theatres
- Museums
- Archaeology
- Records Office

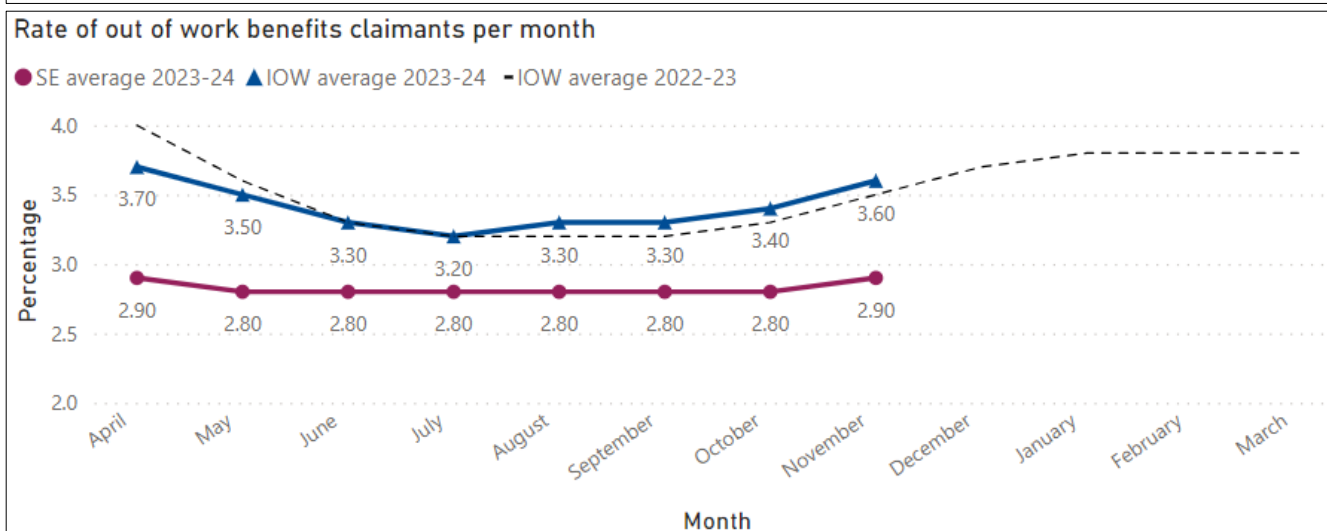
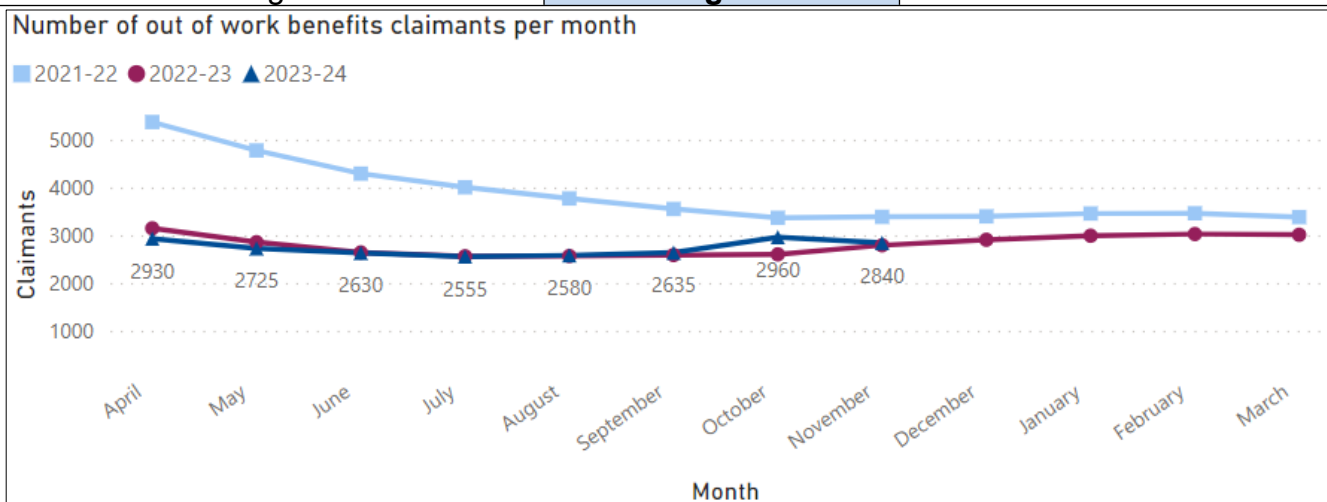
Performance Measures

Average number of out of work benefit claimants (per month)

Aim: Reduction in the number of out of work benefit claimants

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 8

Most Recent Status: November 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: August 2023	Monitoring Measure



• Labour market data for December 2023 has not yet been released by the Office of National

Statistics.

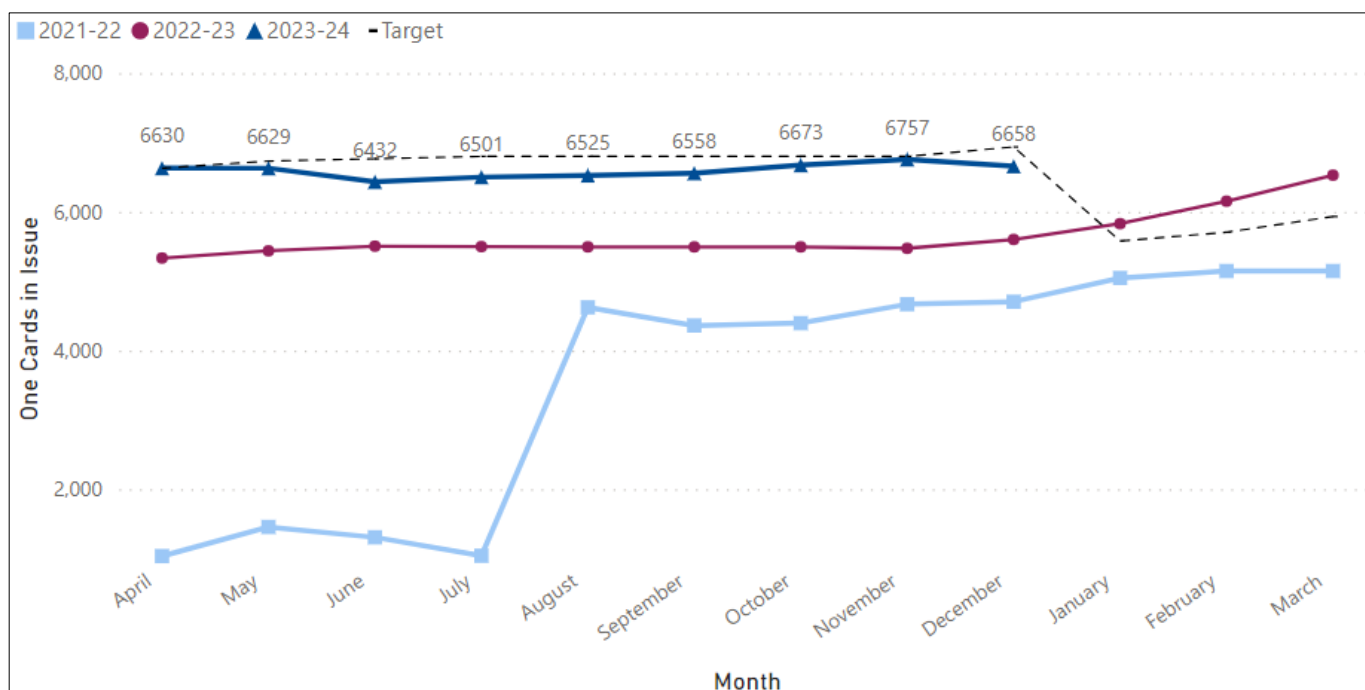
- The data shows that the number of out of work benefit claimants rose slightly over Quarter 3 (up to November) and is comparable to the same period last year.
- IOW remains above the South East average of 2.9 percent, but below the England average of 3.7 percent.

Total number of One Cards in issue

Aim: Increase in the number of One Cards in issue

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: December 2023	AMBER
Previous Status: September 2023	AMBER



- Data from Leisure Facilities shows the number of One Cards (giving unlimited access to selected sports and leisure activities, subject to availability) in issue.
- The slight drop in December is as expected.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4:

Further discussions have been held with stakeholders about the future of Dinosaur Isle, however little can be developed until the outcome of the Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND) bid in April 2024.

The future of the New Records Office project was discussed with the Regeneration Members Board in December 2023.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 8:

Funds were made available to support the delivery of the Guard House at Venture Quays (Barracks) East Cowes, and works have now begun to restore this element. The southern elevation works at Venture Quays (Columbine) are also nearing completion and awaiting sign off.

The council has appointed Sovereign Network Group for the delivery of the Skill4Work Programme, a one-to-one employment support and coaching programme open to anyone living on the Isle of Wight who is aged 16 or over, not in any paid work and who has the right to work in the UK.

The Department, Ryde project has successfully attracted grants totalling almost £500k from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England, meaning that all funds required to deliver the scheme are now secure. The capital works contract has been awarded to Crown Park and works are scheduled to commence on site at the beginning of February.

The location of murals on the 'Ryde Women's Art Trail' have been identified and permissions secured. Artists have been commissioned and designs are now being prepared for delivery in early 2024. The team met with Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight in November 2023 and she is keen to visit again when the works are complete.

Artwork has been commissioned from local artists for the Newport high street banners, these will be based on a Biosphere theme and will be used as part of a series of banners to be mounted on lampposts in celebration of Newport's position as the capital of the Isle of Wight Biosphere.

'All The Wonder' the Isle of Wight Cultural Strategy 2023-2033 was launched by Creative Island at Building 41 on 7 November 2023, this included a tour of the Building 41 sheds. Discussions continue over the potential use of the sheds by Shademakers to be managed as a maker-space for local creatives.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11:

Public Realm improvements projects in Newport and Ryde (People First Zone and Ryde Pedestrian Zone improvements) are progressing through the High Streets Heritage Zones programme (HSHAZ). The incorporation of sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) in both schemes were approved by the Major Highways Project Board in October 2023. Discussions are ongoing with Southern Water, working towards a collaborative delivery approach and confirmation of a delivery schedule later in 2024. Both schemes are currently out to tender.

Shopfront works, grant funded by the Heritage Action Zones programme, have been completed at three locations in Ryde and Newport, with four more working towards completion by the end of March.

Strategic Risks

N/A

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Appendix 6 – 2023/24 Q3

PLANNING, COASTAL PROTECTION AND FLOODING

Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul Fuller

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Island Planning Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Planning Applications
- Planning Appeals
- Planning Enforcement
- Trees and Landscape Protection
- Building Control and Inspection
- Coastal and Beach Management
- Flood Policy and LLFA
- Town, Parish & Community Council Liaison

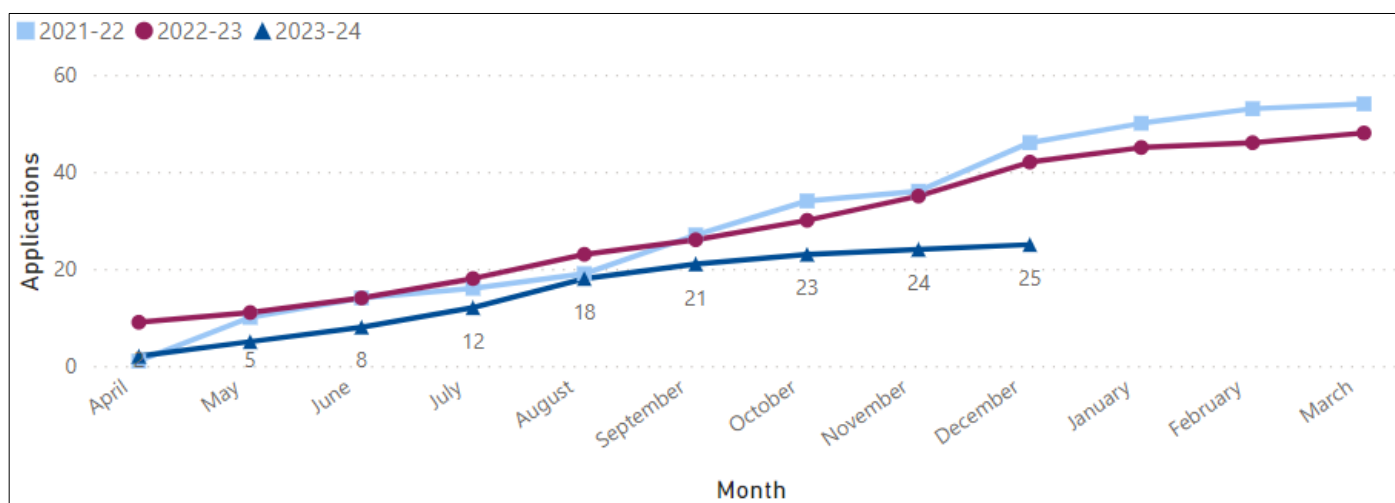
Performance Measures

Number of major planning applications received

Aim: Not applicable.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- We continue to see fewer major applications being submitted, but some are larger in scale.

Planning applications dealt with in timescales, including those that do not have a mutually agreed timescale

- The percentage of planning application decisions issued in time, remained consistent over Quarter 3 with an average 97 percent.
- Of the 265 decisions issued over the quarter, only 8 were out of time (three percent).

	Percentage of decisions issued in time	Total number of decisions issued	Total number of decisions issued in time	Total number of decisions issued within agreed extension	Decisions out of time
Oct-23	95	103	65	33	5
Nov-23	99	89	55	33	1
Dec-23	97	73	44	27	2

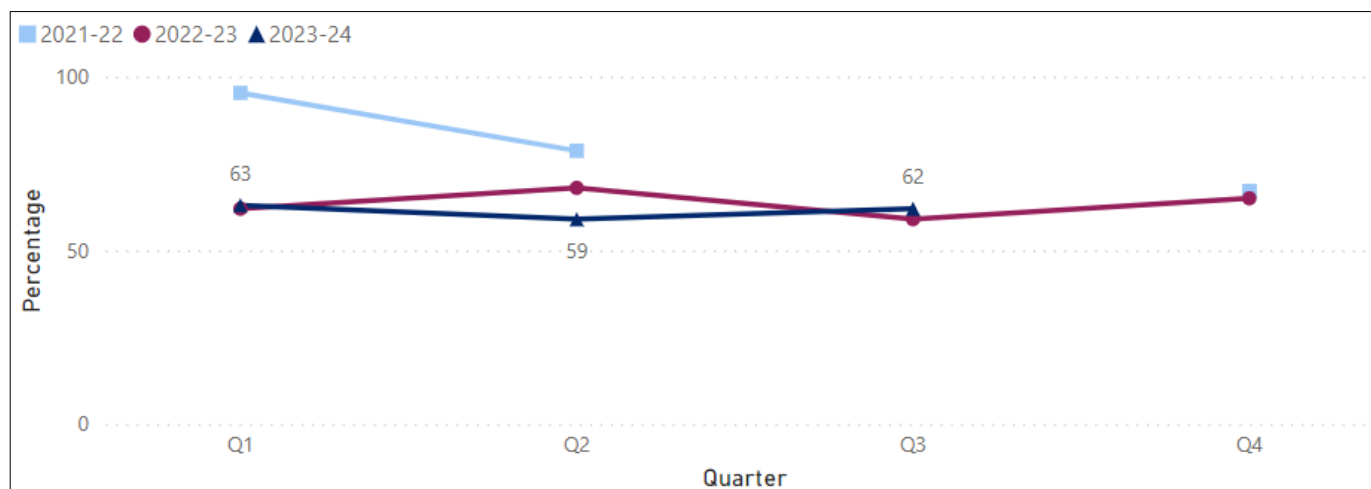
Percentage of all planning applications processed within agreed timescales

Aim: The percentage of planning applications processed within agreed timescales is at/above 95 percent.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- Please note, this graph does not include agreed upon extensions of time, which affects the percentage considered as 'on-time'.

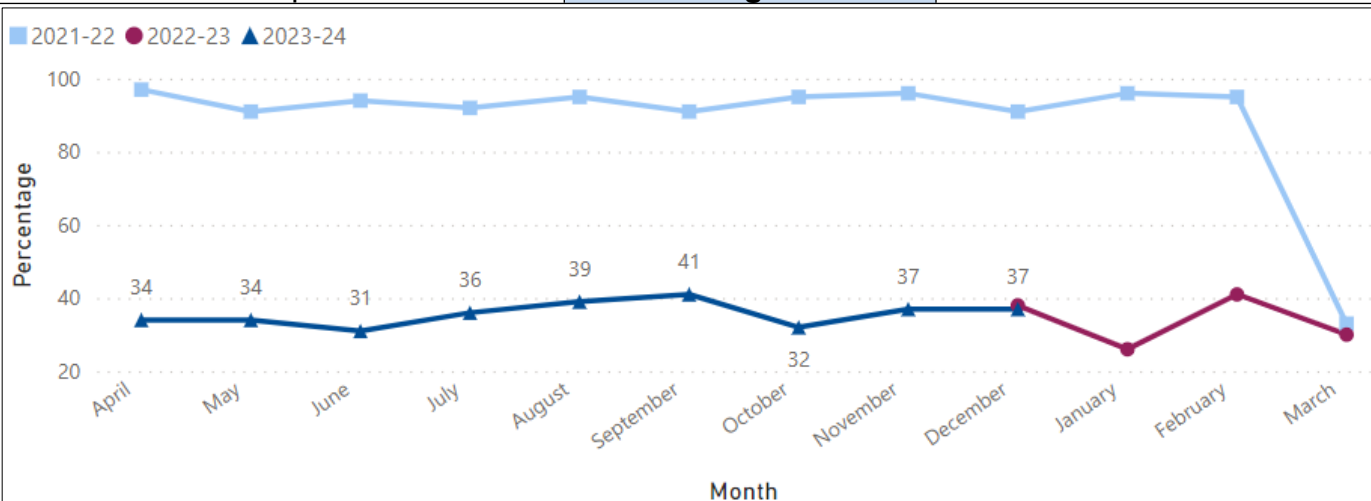
Percentage of planning applications determined within agreed extension of time

Aim: Not applicable

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- The percentage of applications determined within the agreed extension of time has remained steady over Quarter 3 and is in line with the same period last year.
- No data was provided between April and November 2022.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 9:

The draft Island Planning Strategy (IPS) was considered by an additional meeting of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration on 12 December 2023, and recommendations were made by the Committee to the Portfolio Holder. These recommendations were incorporated into the draft IPS and the cover report that was prepared for the Cabinet meeting on 11 January 2024, but this has since been pushed back.

The Cabinet were briefed on the above on 19 December 2023 which was the same day the Secretary of State announced a range of planning changes, which included changes to the National Planning Policy Framework that could directly impact on the IPS' content and process.

King's Counsel (KC) opinion on these changes and the implications for the Council was sought and a meeting held with the KC, the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members for Planning and Corporate functions Officers on 21 December 2023. Verbal advice was given, with written advice expected in early January 2024.

A Group Leaders' briefing planned for December was pushed back to January 2024.

Strategic Risks

Failure of coastal defences (where the policy is to "hold the line") resulting in high risk to people, property, infrastructure and land, significant impact on communities and the council finances. The Isle of Wight Council has a vested responsibility for controlling coastal erosion under the Coast Protection Act 1949.

Assigned to: Director of Neighbourhoods

Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	13 HIGH	12 HIGH
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
12 HIGH	13 VERY HIGH	15 VERY HIGH
No change in risk score		

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Appendix 7 – 2023/24 Q3 REGULATORY SERVICES, COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND ICT

Cabinet Member: Councillor Karen Lucioni

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Contingency and Emergency Planning
- Bereavement Services
- Coroner
- Licensing
- Environmental Health
- Trading Standards
- Community Safety
- ICT Contracts
- Applications Development
- Digital Service
- Software Development
- Compliance and Infrastructure
- Desktop Support
- Telecommunications

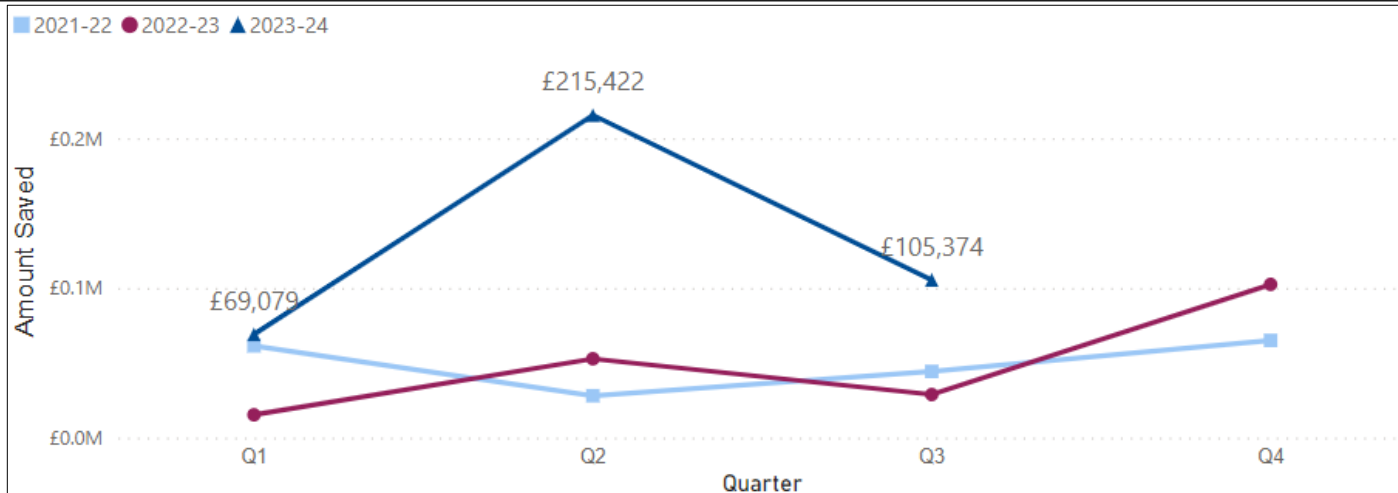
Performance Measures

Amount of money saved to vulnerable consumers by trading standard interventions

Aim: Increasing the amount of money saved to vulnerable consumers by trading standards interventions.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 16

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- This data is provided by the Isle of Wight council Trading Standards Service.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11:

The food inspection programme is on track within the capacity of competent officers currently. This is not completion of the full programme as would be expected by the Food Law Code of Practice; however, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) performance team are aware, and we are keeping them updated. An action arising from the internal audit of the service was that the Food Service

Plans should be forwarded to the appropriate level for approval. Retrospectively this year's plan will be approved and published shortly.

In relation to the remainder of the service delivery, we are currently working to the team plans, with all work focused on a risk-based approach and making the most effective use of the resources that are available. We have had some successes with officers that are on training programmes and career progressions within the team. We have also successfully recruited to a vacant position in the team.

The licensing team has been working on the renewal of the Statement of Licensing Policy required by the Licensing Act 2003. The consultation is complete, and the policy was presented to Full Council on 17 January for approval. The team continues to deal with the many applications that it receives and ensure that they are processed in the time scales set by both legislation and local policy.

During Q3 Trading Standards saved a total of £105,374 for consumers due to trading standards interventions. We continue our work in the community with preventative talks on scams to residents and community groups. Further test purchasing has taken place for underage sales of vapes based on intelligence received. The compliance has been good, with some non-compliance addressed and some planned re-tests. We have also seen an increase in the reporting of door-step crime related incidents this quarter, to which the team has responded. Subsequently, media messages have been issued to residents with advice about contracting services on the doorstep.

During Q3 trading standards have completed our routine Weights and Measures inspections of all fuel stations on the island to check for accuracy. All sites passed with good compliance. Business advice has also been provided to all identified sellers of firewood to ensure they are compliant with the new legislation around moisture content.

Strategic Risks

N/A

Appendix 8 – 2023/24 Q3 HOUSING AND FINANCE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Ian Stephens

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Housing Enabling and Delivery
- Homelessness
- Rough Sleeping
- Housing Related Support
- Housing Renewal and Enforcement
- Finance
- Audit
- Treasury Management
- Commercial Property Investments
- Leasing
- Business Intelligence
- Property and Asset Management

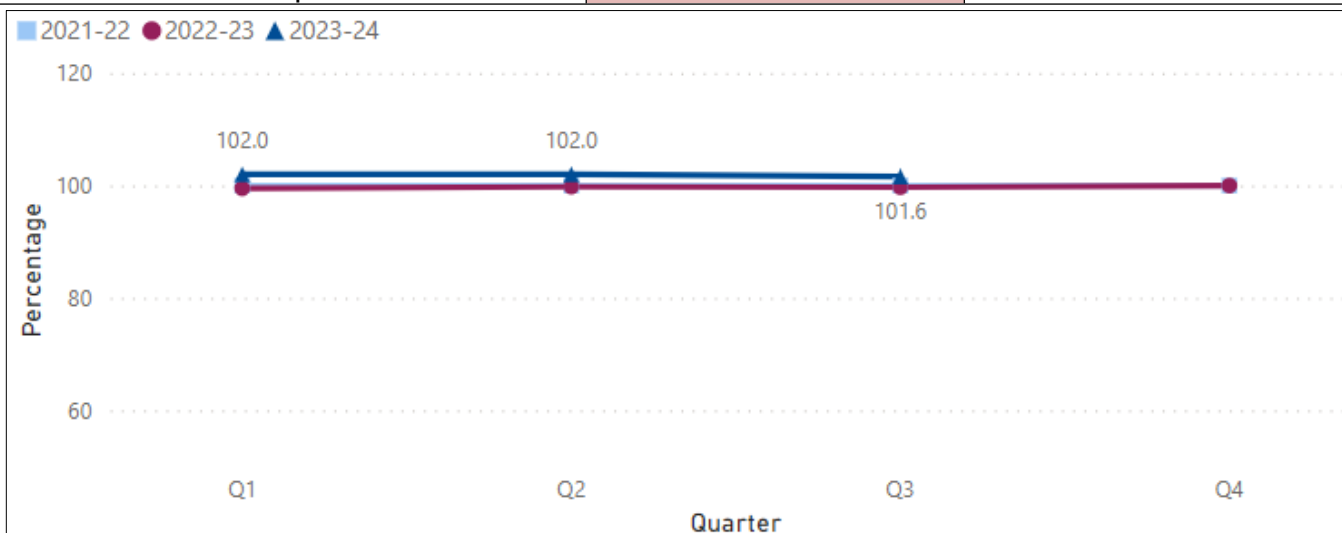
Performance Measures

Percentage of predicted revenue outturn compared to budget

Aim: Revenue Outturn is below 100 percent.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 8

Most Recent Status: December 2023	RED
Previous Status: September 2023	RED



- The current revenue budget is £178.7m and the forecast outturn is £184.1m, resulting in a forecast overspend before reliance on transfers from contingencies of £5.4m. After the planned use of contingencies, the forecast overspend to be managed is £2.9m. The key pressure areas relate to Adults and Children's Social Care.

Value of cumulative capital expenditure compared to profiled budget

Aim: Capital expenditure is within or under budget.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 8

Most Recent Status: December 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: September 2023	GREEN



- Gap in data due to change in quarterly reporting.
- As at quarter 3 the total capital budget for 2023-24 is £39.0m.
- The forecast expenditure is £35.0m with slippage of some £4.0m, therefore the programme remains full funded.

Capital Expenditure and Financing Requirement

Capital Expenditure

Quarter	General Fund Prior Year (£m)	Capital Investment Prior Year (£m)	General Fund Current Forecast (£m)	Capital Investment Current Forecast (£m)	General Fund Current +1 Forecast (£m)	Capital Investments Current +1 Forecast (£m)	General Fund Current +2 Forecast (£m)	Capital Investments Current +2 Forecast (£m)
Q3	28.90	0.00	39.00	0.00	63.10	0.00	20.40	0.00

- Main 2023-24 schemes include
 - Schools' capital maintenance (£3.8m)
 - Transforming Cities Fund (£4.9m)
 - Ventnor coastal works (£3.5m)
 - East Cowes levelling up fund (£2.5m)
 - ICT rolling replacement (£1.1m)
- Some slippages are likely in outturn position at end of quarter 4.

Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

Quarter	General Fund Prior Year (£m)	Capital Investment Prior Year (£m)	Total Prior CFR year (£m)	General Fund Current Forecast (£m)	Capital Investment Current Forecast (£m)	Total CFR Current (£m)	General Fund Current +1 Forecast (£m)	Capital Investments Current +1 Forecast (£m)	Total CFR Current +1 (£m)	Capital Investments Current +2 Forecast (£m)	General Fund Current +2 Forecast (£m)	Total CFR Current +2 (£m)
Q3	394.70	0.00	394.70	389.60	0.00	389.60	415.50	0.00	415.50	0.00	420.50	420.50

- The expected CFR is in line with the 2024-25 budget planning.
- Initial estimate of £7.9m in relation to International Financial Reporting Standards changes in accounting for leases

Debt, Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary

Debt, the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary

Quarter	Borrowing Max Debt Current (£m)	PFI Max Debt Current (£m)	Total Current (£m)	Borrowing Actual Debt at Quarter End (£m)	PFI Actual Debt at Quarter End (£m)	Total Actual Debt at Quarter End (£m)	Borrowing Authorised Limit Current (£m)	PFI Authorised Limit Current (£m)	Total Authorised Limit Current (£m)	Operational Boundary borrowing (£m)	Operational Boundary PFI (£m)	Total Debt Operational Boundary (£m)
Q3	200.70	92.60	293.30	182.10	92.60	274.70	410.00	130.00	540.00	324.00	105.00	429.00

- All boundaries have been complied with during quarter 3

Gross Debt (including Private Finance Investment)

Quarter	Debt (incl. PFI & Leases) Prior Year (£m)	Debt (incl. PFI & Leases) Current (£m)	Debt (incl. PFI & Leases) Current +1 (£m)	Debt (incl. PFI & Leases) Current +2 (£m)	As at Quarter end (£m)
Q3	290.80	278.10	316.90	365.80	274.70

- The quarter 3 end is based on the Autumn 2023 cashflow update.

Income from Commercial and Service Investments, and Financing Costs to Net Revenue

Net income from Commercial and Service Investments to Net Revenue

Quarter	Total Net income Prior year (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream prior year	Total Net income Current (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current	Total Net income Current +2 (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current +1	Total Net income Current+1 (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current +2
Q3	1.02	0.63%	1.09	0.61%	1.37	0.67%	1.27	0.72%

Proportion of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

Quarter	Financing Costs prior year (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream prior year	Financing Costs Current (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current	Financing Costs Current +1 (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current +1	Financing Costs Current +2 (£m)	Proportion of Net Rev Stream Current +2
Q3	16.00	9.93%	15.50	8.67%	21.30	11.32%	22.30	11.65%

Average number of people on housing register per month in each of the bands

Aim: Reduction in the number of people on each band of the housing register at month end

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 11

Most Recent Status: December 2023 **RED**

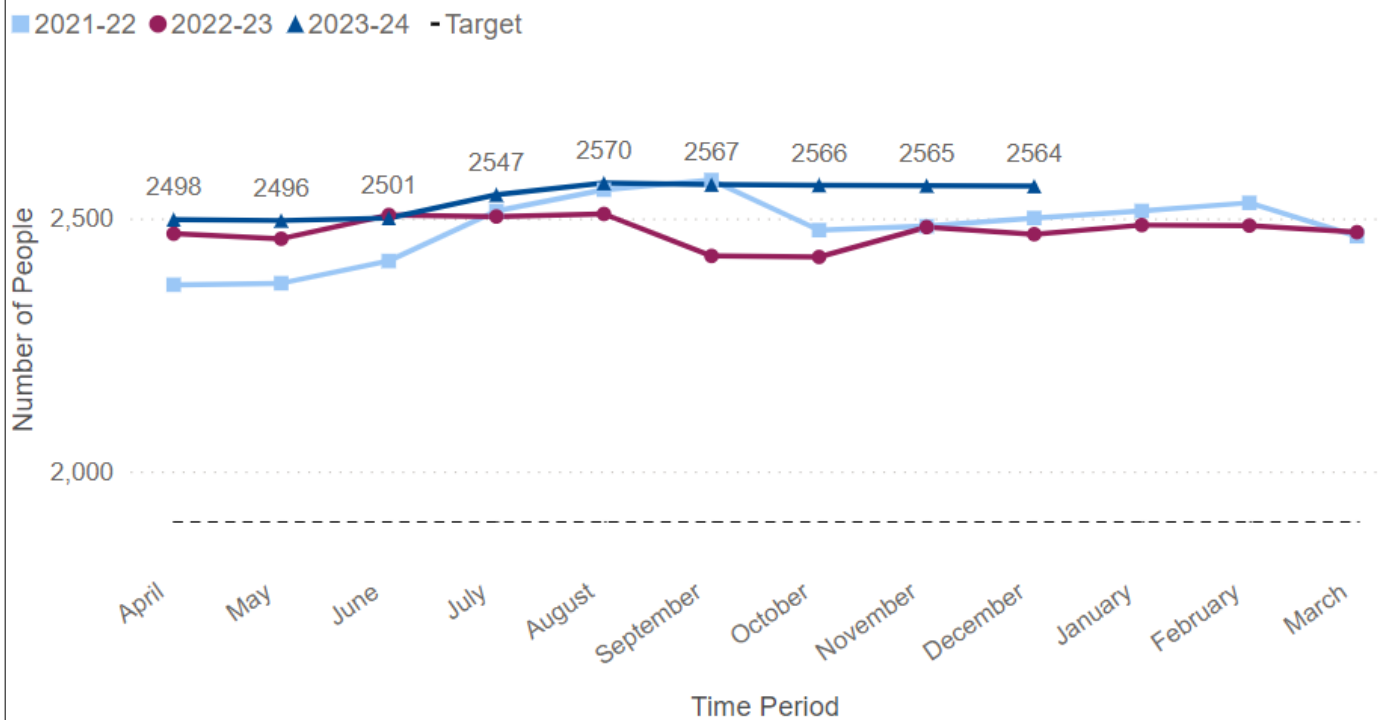
Previous Status: September 2023 **RED**

Applications are assessed and placed in one of five bands according to their housing needs. Within each band, applications will be placed in priority date order, with the application with the oldest date having the highest priority. The date that is normally used is the date the housing need is assessed. Where circumstances change and a move between bandings occurs, the priority date will be changed to the date when the housing need was reassessed.

Band	Criteria
Band 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urgent medical/welfare issues. Multiples of band 2.
Band 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe overcrowding (at least 2 bedrooms). Severe under occupation (social housing tenants' resident on the Island). Severe medical/welfare issues. Applicants identified as being ready for 'move-on' accommodation. Social housing tenants on the Island vacating disabled adapted accommodation.
Band 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiples of band 4.
Band 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless applicants. Significant medical/welfare issues. Hazardous property condition as defined by the Housing Renewal team. Lacking or sharing amenities. Households within insecure accommodation.

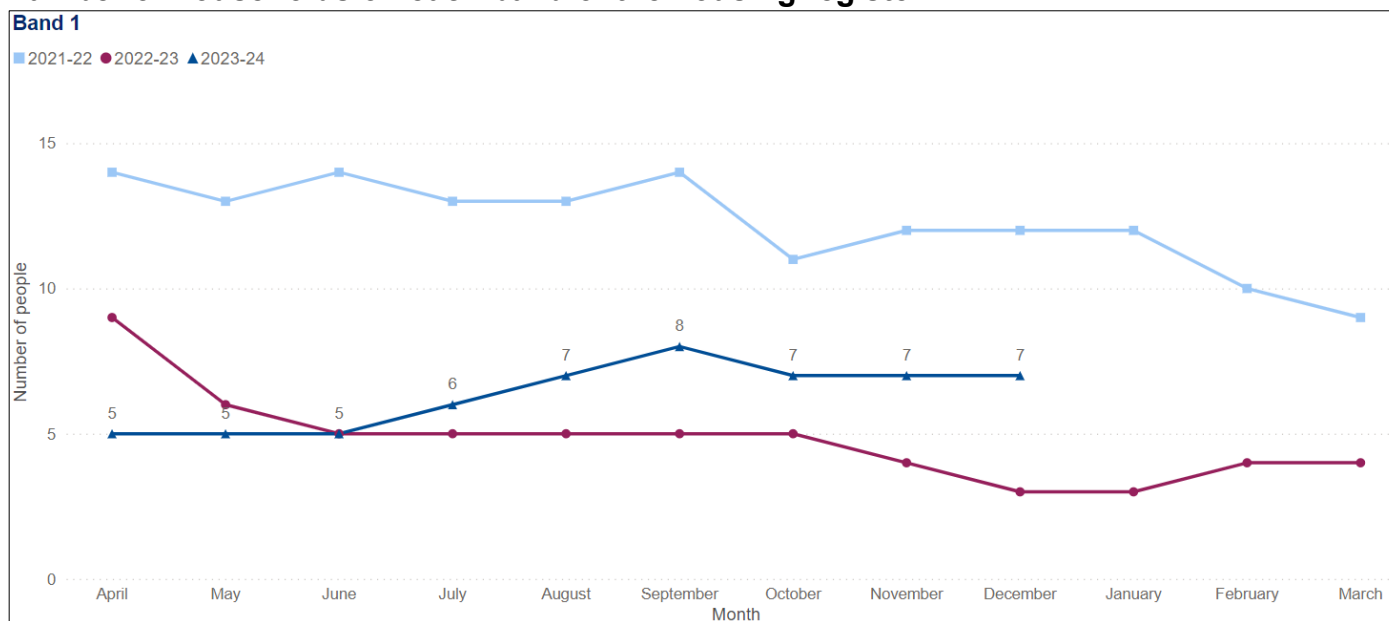
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor overcrowding (1 bedroom). • Minor under occupation (private tenants or owner occupier’s resident on the Island).
Band 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households with secure accommodation and no other housing need.

Average number of people on the housing register

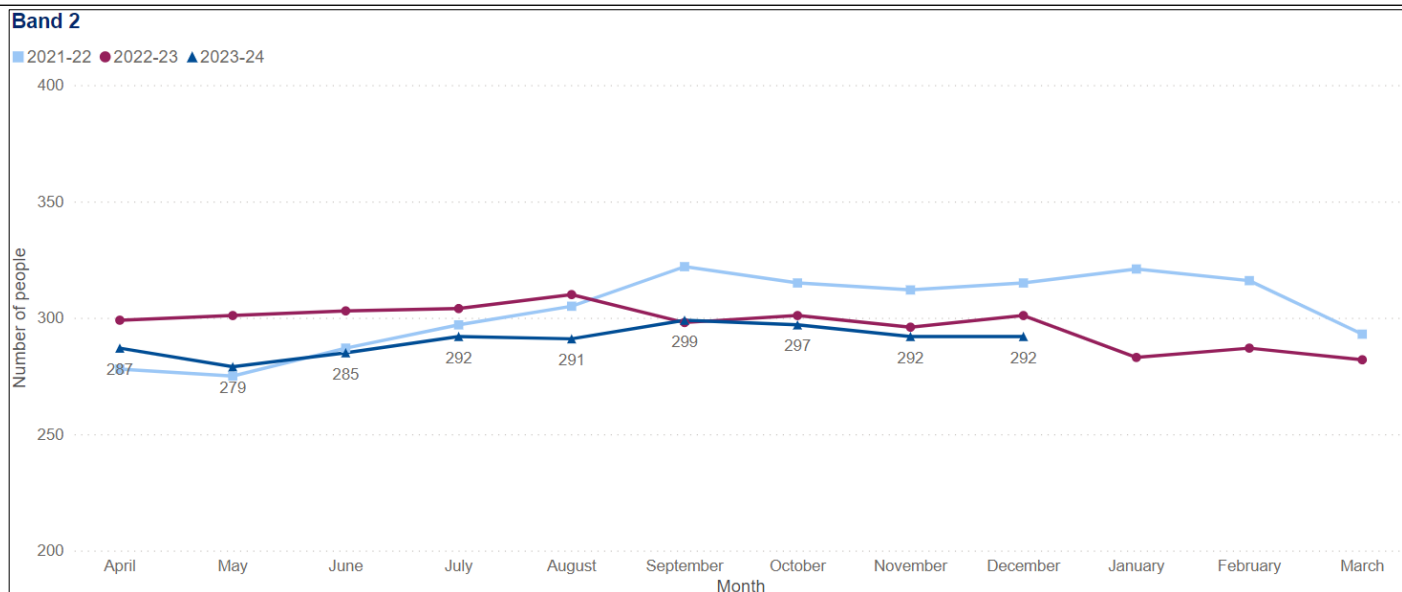


- The number of people on the housing register remained consistent over Quarter 3.
- At the end of Quarter 3, the number of the housing register remained higher than the previous year (2564 in 2023-24 compared to 2469 in 2022-23)

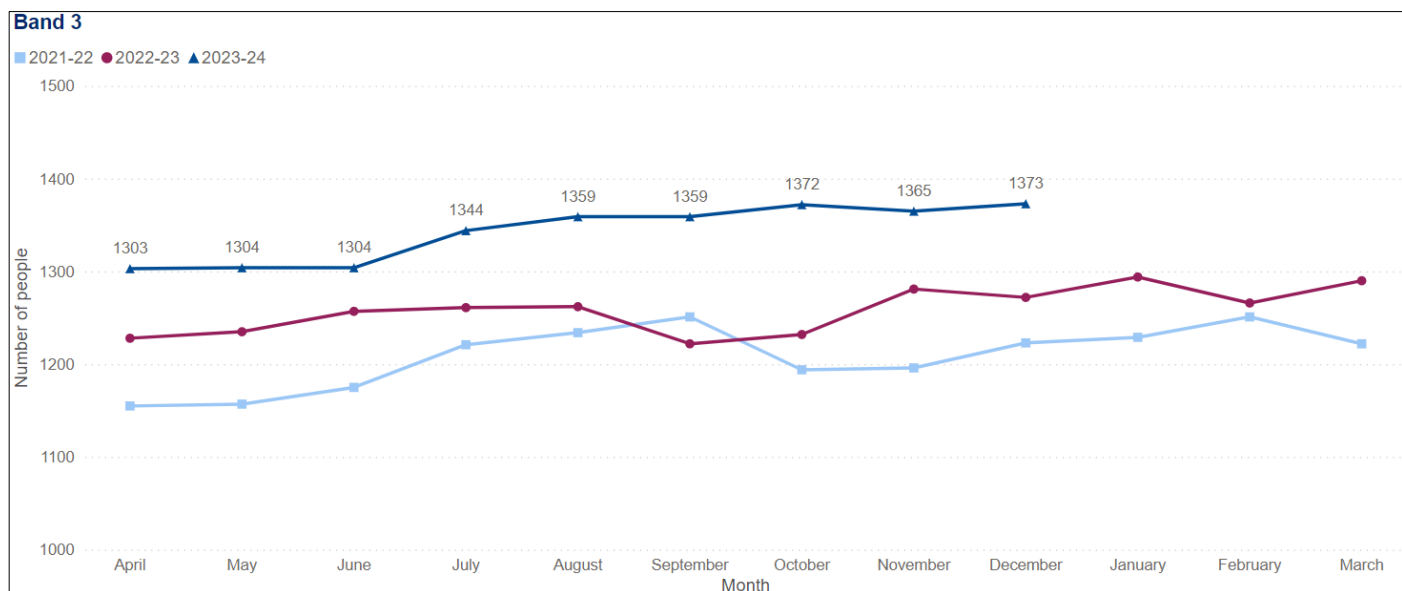
Number of households on each band of the housing register:



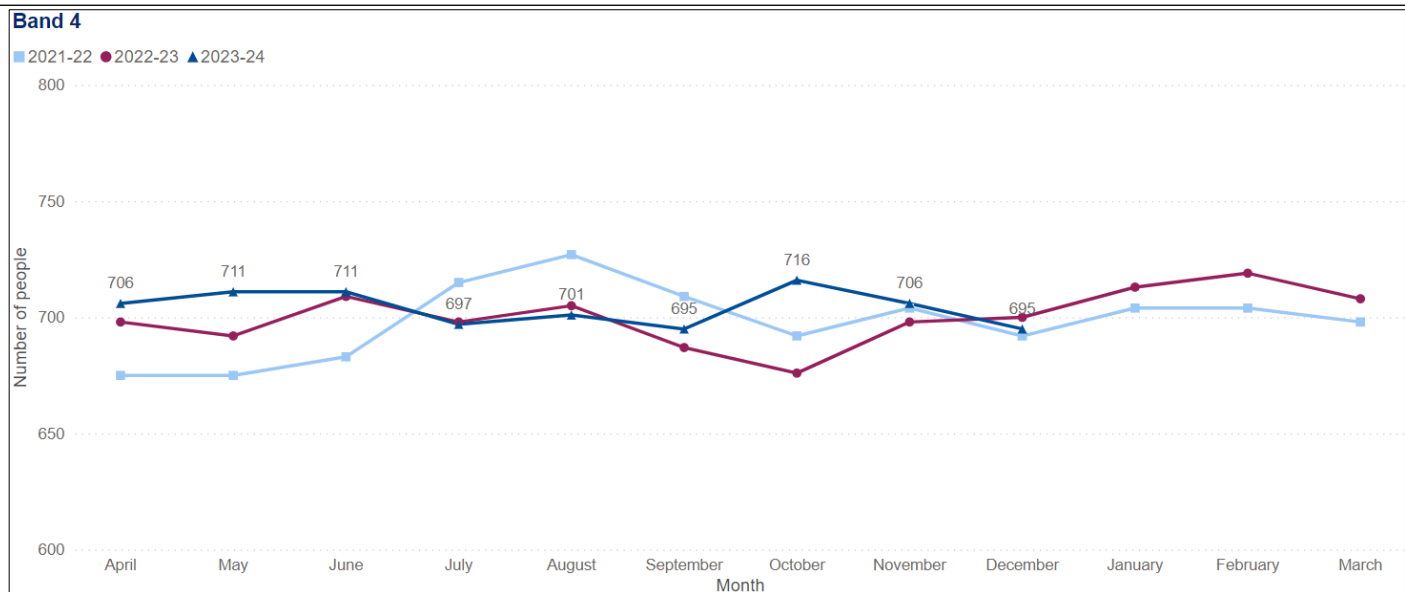
- The number of households remained consistent, ending Quarter 3 with 7 households, this is 4 more than at the end of the same period in 2022-23.



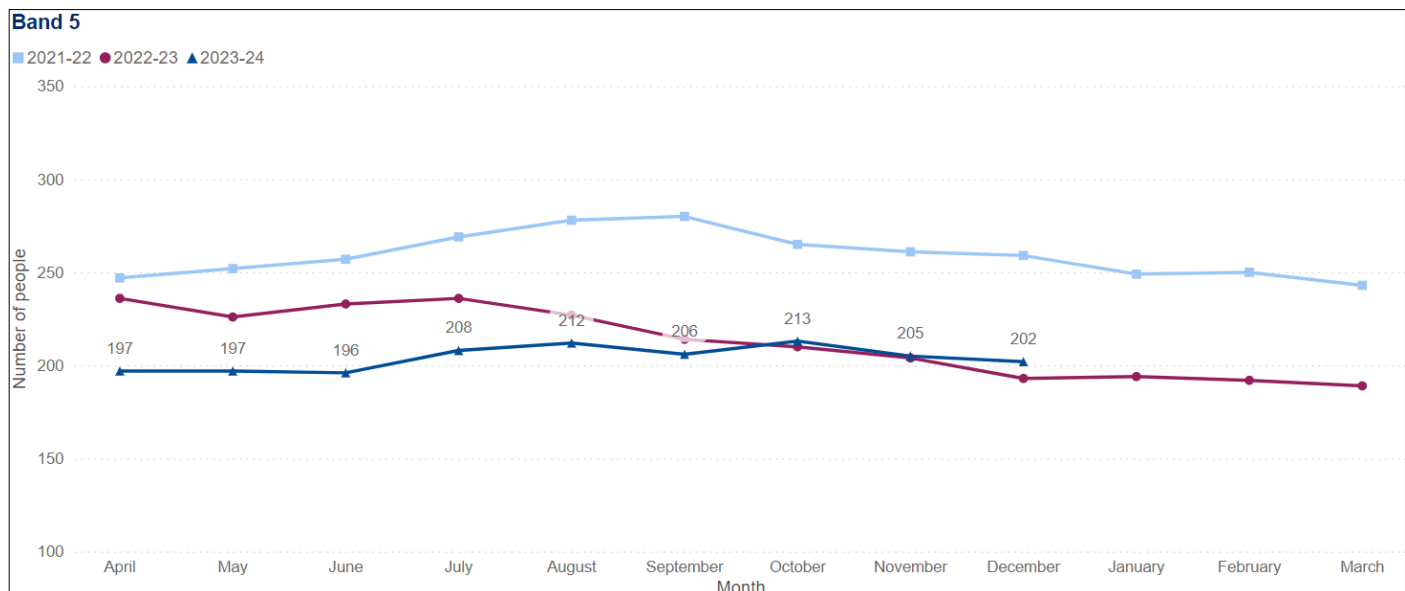
- The number of households has dropped slightly, with 292 on band 2 at the end of the quarter. This is slightly lower than the end of the same period in 2022-23 (301)



- The number of households has increased during Quarter 3 but remained consistent between October and December. The number of households on band 3 is higher than at the end of the same period in 2022-23 (1373 in 2023-24 compared to 1272 in 2022-23)



- The number of households on band 4 fluctuated over quarter 3, but returned to the same level as at the end of Quarter 2 (695)



- The number of households dropped slightly during quarter 3, but totals are higher than last year.

Number of households prevented from becoming homeless

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

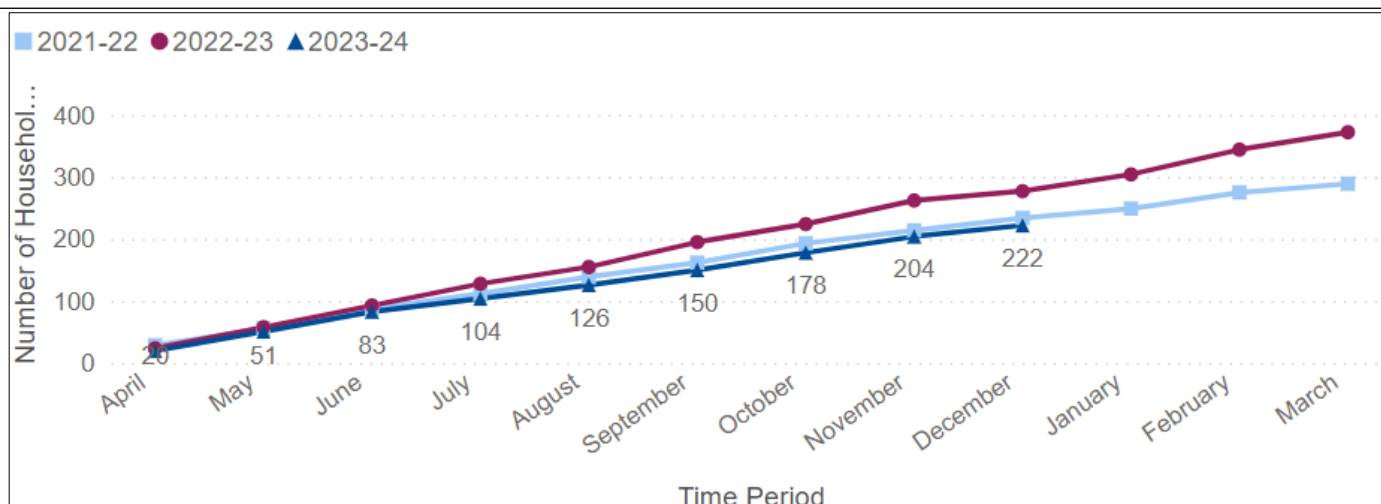
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 1

Most Recent Status: December 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: September 2023

Monitoring Measure



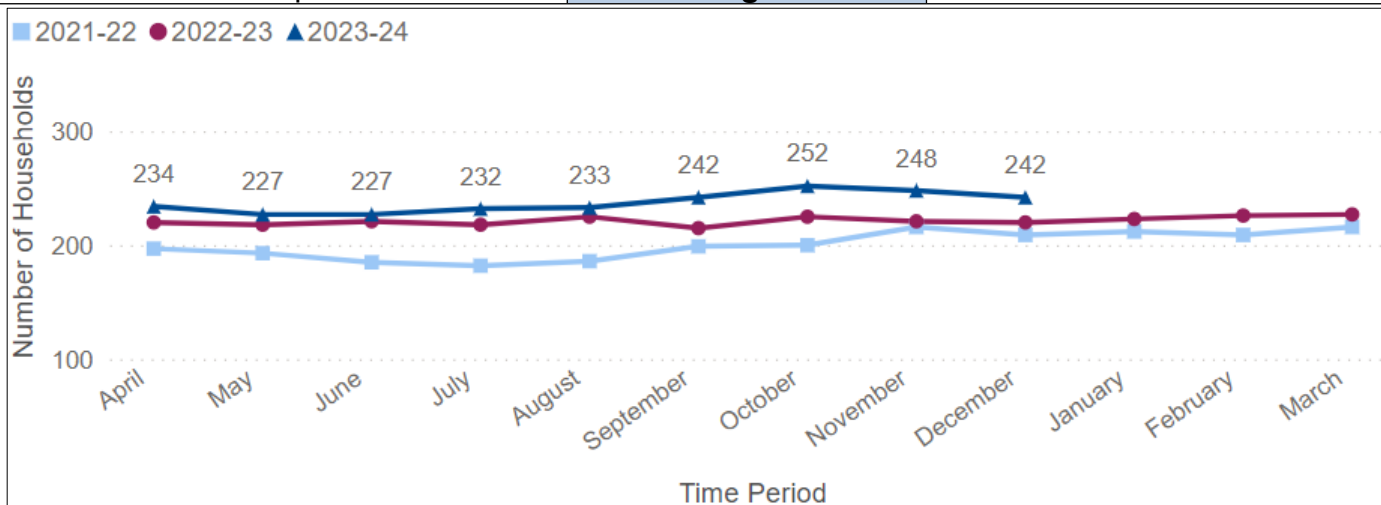
- There was an increase of 18 from 204 in November to 222 in December.
- An upwards trend in the number of households prevented from becoming homeless continues.

Number of households in temporary accommodation

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 1

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure



- A slight decrease over Quarter 3, with a drop of 10 from October (252) to December (242).

Number of households who are homeless, in temporary accommodation or emergency accommodation in each housing band and number of bedrooms required

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 11

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure

Number of households who are homeless, in temporary/emergency accommodation in each band.

Year	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Total
2023-24						
September	0	16	193	1	0	210
December	0	18	195	3	0	216

Number of households who are homeless, in temporary/emergency accommodation by number of bedrooms required.

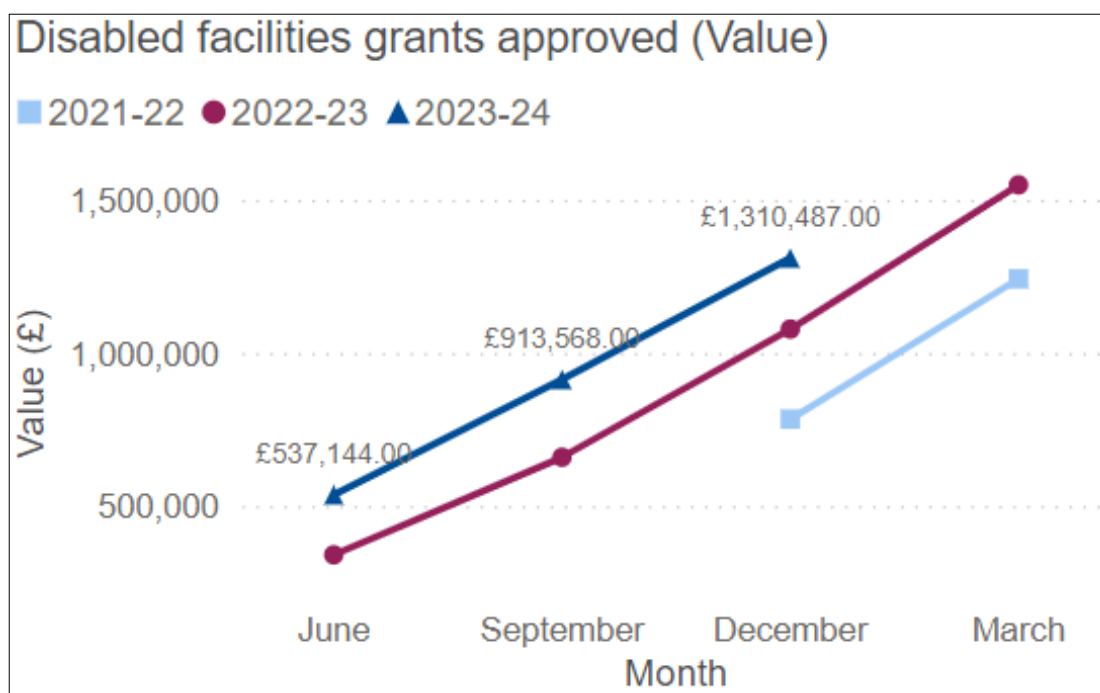
Year	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	6 Bed	Total
2023-24							
September	29	89	69	20	2	1	210
December	31	93	68	20	3	1	216

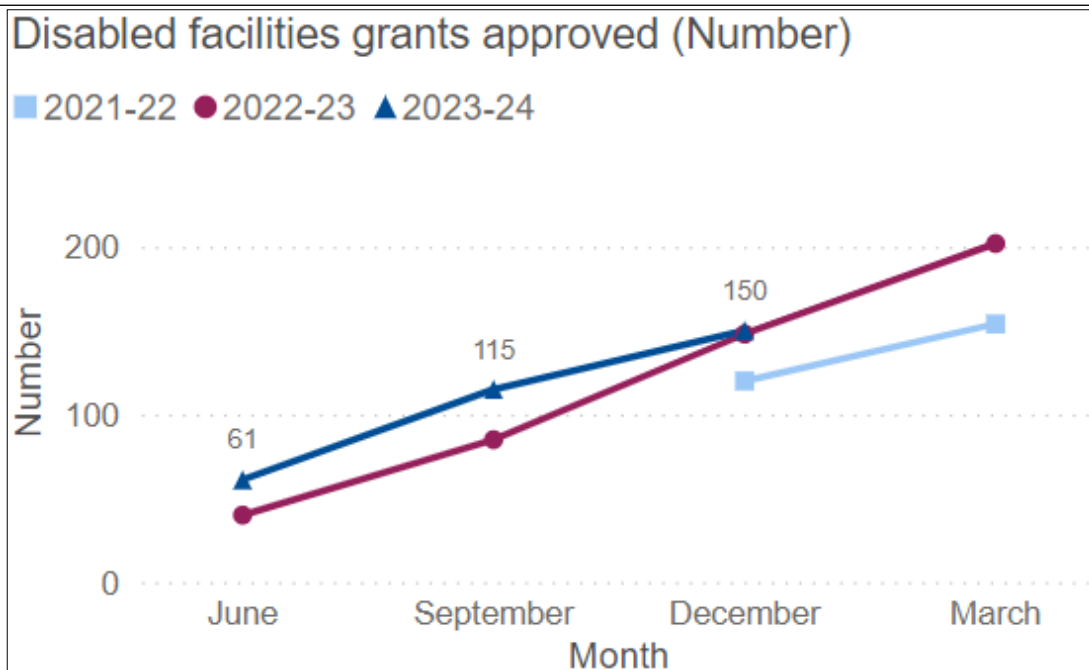
Number & value of Disabled Facility Grants approved

Aim: Monitoring Measure only.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 11

Most Recent Status: December 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: September 2023	Monitoring Measure





- Coupled with the carried forward approved amount from 2022-23 the current live approved value of cases is £2,225,491.
- The budget is £1.8m.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 1:

Thompson house demolition is complete and discussion on the disposal to registered provider is in progress.

The options agreement for Berry Hill has been drafted and is with legal services.

The Weston school site has been marketed and there are ongoing discussions with successful bidder for the purchase.

A bid for funding for three further sites was successful and discussions are ongoing with registered providers on the purchase of these.

The Empty Property Strategy was approved by Cabinet in July 2023 and works to address long term empty properties is underway.

A pipeline list of sites was reported to the Housing Members Board in December 2023 and work is ongoing to finalise these by Property Services.

Strategic Risks

Lack of financial resource and the ability to deliver the council’s in-year budget strategy.		
Assigned to: Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	5 LOW
No change in risk score		

Lack of financial resource and the ability to deliver the council’s medium-term financial strategy.		
Assigned to: Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (November 23)
16 VERY HIGH	9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
September 23	June 23	March 23
9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM	9 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

REVENUE BUDGET MONITOR - DECEMBER 2023				
Portfolio/Service Area	Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Forecast Pressure/- Saving £000	Comments
Adult Social Care & Public Health				
ASC Care Packages	44,729	52,349	7,620	Pressures in all types of care settings and shortfall in mitigation of budget pressures
ASC Other	12,271	10,036	-2,235	Various savings mainly related to staff vacancies and use of contingency
Public Health	422	422	0	Any net variance at year end is balanced by a transfer to or from the Public Health Reserve
Portfolio Total	57,422	62,807	5,385	
Children's Services, Education & Corporate Functions				
Access, Performance & Resources	5,645	6,111	466	Main pressure related to Home to School Transport
Children & Families	25,645	29,204	3,559	Net pressure forecast in various elements of the care budget - including growth in residential care, supported accommodation, leaving care costs, S17 and Support for looked after children, secure remand placements and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children costs exceeding grant, all being slightly offset by in-house and purchased foster care placements
Education & Inclusion	1,798	1,709	-89	No significant variances forecast to date
Strategic Development	260	255	-5	No significant variances forecast to date
Legal/Democratic/Elections/Land Charges	2,540	2,559	19	No significant variances forecast to date
Shared Services	5,430	5,213	-217	Various minor savings forecast to date
HR/Learning & Development	1,993	1,977	-16	No significant variances forecast to date
Procurement	382	401	19	No significant variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	43,693	47,429	3,736	
Deputy Leader, Housing & Finance				
Housing	3,201	3,366	165	Pressure in Bed & Breakfast Costs
Corporate Finance Items	34,418	31,327	-3,091	Mainly savings forecast in treasury management interest charges and housing benefit overpayment recovery
Financial Management	2,792	2,596	-196	Savings mainly related to staff vacancies
Strategic Land & Property Assets	-359	-612	-253	Various savings forecast including staffing costs
Business Intelligence	426	391	-35	No significant variances forecast to date
Pan Management Company	0	0	0	No variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	40,478	37,068	-3,410	
Economy, Regeneration, Culture & Leisure				
Amenities & Theatres	-371	-396	-25	No significant variances forecast to date
Libraries	1,110	1,159	49	No significant variances forecast to date
Museums/Archaeology/Records Office	595	645	50	Various minor pressures including income
Events	-73	-74	-1	No significant variances forecast to date
Leisure/Sports Development	542	759	217	Pressures in relation to Leisure Centre income
Economic Development	245	289	44	Various minor pressures
Regeneration	159	295	136	Mainly shortfall on leasing income across various Regen projects

Portfolio/Service Area	Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Forecast Pressure/- Saving £000	Comments
Portfolio Total	2,207	2,677	470	
Leader, Transport Infrastructure & Strat. Oversight				
				Mainly related to income variances in off street and on street parking and all Island parking
Car Parking	-5,012	-4,740	272	permits
Floating Bridge	650	930	280	Variances related to operational issues
Harbours	95	39	-56	No significant variances forecast to date
Public Transport & Crossing Patrols	5,325	4,707	-618	Saving on concessionary fares
Highways PFI & Contract Management	15,440	15,265	-175	Savings in staffing costs
Shanklin Lift	-25	-6	19	No significant variances forecast to date
CX -Misc.	2,694	2,606	-88	Various minor savings
Communications	499	478	-21	No significant variances forecast to date
Civic Events	11	7	-4	No variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	19,677	19,286	-391	
Climate Change, Biosphere & Waste				
Parks/Open Spaces/Countryside	1,138	1,154	16	No significant variances forecast to date
Climate Change	114	71	-43	No significant variances forecast to date
Waste Contract	4,237	4,217	-20	No significant variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	5,489	5,442	-47	
Planning, Coastal Protection & Flooding				
Planning/Building Control	1,128	1,113	-15	No significant variances forecast to date
Trees & Landscape	96	96	0	No significant variances forecast to date
Coastal & Beach Management	254	219	-35	No significant variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	1,478	1,428	-50	
Regulatory Services, Community Protection & ICT				
Emergency Planning	219	183	-36	No significant variances forecast to date
ICT	6,772	6,467	-305	Various savings related to staffing and contracts
Bereavement Services	-873	-861	12	No significant variances forecast to date
Registrar & Coroners	828	873	45	Various minor pressures forecast to date mainly post mortem fees
Regulatory Services	1,329	1,297	-32	No significant variances forecast to date
Portfolio Total	8,275	7,959	-316	
Forecast Total (before use of Contingency)	178,719	184,096	5,377	
Covid Contingency - Leisure Income	0	-337	-337	Leisure Centre income - legacy impact of Covid funded from Covid Contingency
Covid Contingency - Adult Social Care	0	-2,118	-2,118	Adult Social Care - legacy impact of Covid funded from Covid Contingency
Net Forecast Total	178,719	181,641	2,922	Forecast net overspend 1.6%

CAPITAL PROGRAMME FORECAST 2023/24

Dec-23

	In year 23/24 only			Total Scheme (incl previous and future years if relevant)			Notes
	Budget £	Outturn £	Variance under/(over) £	Budget £	Forecast £	Variance under/(over) £	
Leader, Infrastructure, PFI and Transport							
Solent Transport Bike Share	111,780	111,780	0	335,340	335,340	0	New grant funding stream announced via Southampton City Council Solent Transport Partnership, expected to complete in 23/24
Highways PFI additional street lighting	95,000	95,000	0	95,000	95,000	0	Programmed for delivery in 23/24
Capitalised unitary charge (charged quarterly)	766,310	766,310	0	766,310	766,310	0	Annual capital element of PFI unitary charge funded as part of the overall PFI contract
Newport Junctions	1,553	1,553	0	9,612,535	9,612,535	0	Remaining grant funding profiled in 24/25 pending agreement on next priorities
Network Integrity Report Schemes	1,604,300	699,309	904,991	1,604,300	1,604,300	0	Annual programme of works which will be dependent on Island Roads capacity to deliver. Slippage is therefore forecast until reprofiling is confirmed with service
DfT Local Transport Capital Funding	970,000	970,000	0	970,000	970,000	0	New 23/24 grant to be spent across two financial years
Binstead flood alleviation	0	0	0	170,000	170,000	0	Funding for flood alleviation works following Binstead flooding, working with EA to establish lead for project and timescales, currently profiled in 24/25 but can be bought forward
Car parking contactless	139,621	87,126	52,495	233,045	233,045	0	On going programme of renewal which has forecast slippage that will form part of next phase of programme.
Smallbrook Junction	8,865	8,865	0	1,165,000	1,165,000	0	Project complete
Forest Road/Whitehouse Lane	59,393	59,393	0	318,000	318,000	0	Stage 2 of scheme in 24/25
Safer Roads A3056	640,000	640,000	0	2,521,000	2,521,000	0	Grant funded scheme commencing 23/24 but on going
Safety schemes	196,274	41,608	154,666	492,800	492,800	0	Annual programme of works which will be dependent on Island Roads capacity to deliver. Slippage is therefore forecast until reprofiling is confirmed with service
Transforming Cities Fund Ryde	4,911,318	4,911,318	0	10,462,364	10,462,364	0	On going programme at Ryde Pier/Station expected to complete in 23/24 with retentions paid 24/25. Review of commitments to be completed during Q4.
LEVI	0	0	0	1,625,000	1,625,000	0	DfT funding allocated to IOW, profiled across 24/25
Advanced design	33,000	33,000	0	33,000	33,000	0	Active travel funding for advanced design profiled in 23/24
FB6 Chain Replacement	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0	Approved budget for replacement chains in 23/24, majority committed.
FB6 Spares	35,766	35,766	0	110,189	110,189	0	Small amount of transport grant funded slippage which has been committed to replacing stock of guidewheel bearings
Newport Harbour Walls emergency works	31,500	31,500	0	1,560,118	1,560,118	0	On going works to maintain harbour structures, design budget profiled for 23/24 with actual works profiled for 24/25
Whitegates Pontoon	85,000	85,000	0	85,000	85,000	0	New scheme to refurbish pontoons and handover to Cowes Harbour. Profiled in 24/25 until delivery dates are clear.
Safer Street Ryde CCTV	4,133	4,133	0	42,306	42,306	0	Small amount of slippage to fund on going equipment purchases
Safer Street Newport CCTV	30,837	30,837	0	30,837	30,837	0	New grant funded project
Electric Charging Points	26,148	26,148	0	89,000	89,000	0	Grant funded scheme with claims made in retrospect
Active Travel Mews Lane	127,562	127,562	0	617,167	617,167	0	Externally funded programme of works completing in 23/24
Active Travel Scarrots Lane	0	0	0	79,200	79,200	0	Active Travel funding announced for Scarrots Lane Project. Response to DfT planned with a redesign (the original bid was for £1.8m) so this has been reprofiled to spend in 24/25.
Active Travel Ryde Pedestrianisation	0	0	0	668,350	668,350	0	Active travel funding for Ryde - contract not yet awarded so an accurate profile of spend will be developed once this is completed
West Wight Greenway	80,558	80,558	0	496,479	496,479	0	Delivery is pending agreement with landowners as well as any required planning consents and capacity of suitable contractors
Rights of Way	197,711	197,711	0	197,711	197,711	0	Annual programme of works

Appendix 10

	In year 23/24 only			Total Scheme (incl previous and future years if relevant)			Notes
	Budget £	Outturn £	Variance under/(over) £	Budget £	Forecast £	Variance under/(over) £	
England Coastal Path Establishment	27,584	27,584	0	216,124	216,124	0	Grant funded programme of works
	10,209,211	9,097,059	1,112,152	34,621,174	34,621,174	0	
Deputy Leader, Housing and Finance							
Revolving Housing Loans	0	0	0	2,400,000	2,400,000	0	
Medina Avenue	0	0	0	650,000	650,000	0	Housing project profiled in 24/25 but can be bought forward
Brownfield Land Release programme	561,639	561,639	0	1,576,404	1,576,404	0	Grant funding to release brownfield sites including Thompson House
Housing equity capital	0	0	0	1,315,000	1,315,000	0	Budget profiled in 24/25 until delivery programme agreed and then funding can be brought forward
Housing	1,150,000	0	1,150,000	39,150,000	39,150,000	0	Likely slippage, total scheme profiled over upcoming three years.
Community housing fund	248,186	248,186	0	1,567,252	1,567,252	0	
RSAP purchase of flats	103,618	103,618	0	779,736	779,736	0	
Compulsory purchase orders	0	0	0	750,000	750,000	0	
Howard House	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	Project to provide office accommodation adjacent to Howard House expected to commence late 23/24 but forecast as slippage until contract is let
Refugee Housing	2,179,000	2,179,000	0	2,179,000	2,179,000	0	Grant funded scheme with match funding from borrowing. A number of properties have been profiled for acquisition in 23/24
Emergency Housing HMO	480,000	480,000	0	680,000	680,000	0	
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,794,931	1,794,931	0	1,794,931	1,794,931	0	
Housing Renewal and Well Being Grants	110,452	110,452	0	110,452	110,452	0	
Fuel Poverty Grants	148,266	148,266	0	548,266	548,266	0	
Strategic assets	180,518	180,518	0	180,518	180,518	0	Annual programme of works
County Hall Uninterruptable Power supply	42,001	15,185	26,815	231,072	231,072	0	Potential underspend being forecast as slippage until confirmed with service
County Hall Service room air con	249,388	196,772	52,616	250,000	250,000	0	Works have commenced but unclear as to final costs, forecasting uncommitted budget as slippage
County Hall replacement windows	676,302	676,302	0	676,302	676,302	0	Replacement windows in old building to improve insulation and heat retention. Being delivered in conjunction with Salix decarbonisation programme so budget is in 23/24 until procurement and contract award
Salix Decarbonisation grant	321,381	321,381	0	3,654,939	3,654,939	0	On going grant funded decarbonisation of council buildings
County Hall CCTV and security	17,500	26,235	-8,735	17,500	17,500	0	
	8,323,182	7,042,485.21	1,280,696.51	56,171,371.67	56,171,372	0	
Adult Social Care and Public Health							
Residential and Community Care equipment replacement programme	84,629	84,629	0	83,505	83,505	0	Forecast to spend fully
Gouldings	1,568,718	1,568,718	0	2,132,308	2,132,308	0	Refurbishment project which has recently commenced, majority of spend will be in 23/24 with retentions and possible minor works in 24/25
Adelaide	0	0	0	338,363	338,363	0	Any works will be programmed once the Gouldings has reopened and scope will depend on the final budget position of the Gouldings project
Carisbrooke House	54,918	54,918	0	475,000	475,000	0	£55k of ringfenced grant funding is available for any further adaptations or capital maintenance
Wightcare Digital switch over	100,910	100,910	0	500,000	500,000	0	Project due to complete in 23/24
Supported independent living	0	0	0	1,598,258	1,598,258	0	Approved budget 24/25 to develop supported independent living facilities for adults with learning disabilities. Funded from Better Care Fund.

	In year 23/24 only			Total Scheme (incl previous and future years if relevant)			Notes
	Budget £	Outturn £	Variance under/(over) £	Budget £	Forecast £	Variance under/(over) £	
Community Equipment Stores	198,258	198,258	0	198,258	198,258	0	Minor adaptations
St Lawrence water supply	37,558	0	37,558	101,964	64,406	37,558	No further information has been received from Southern Water so this remaining budget is forecast to be an underspend in 23/24 and will be utilised for the 24/25 budget setting
	2,044,990	2,007,432	37,558	5,427,655	5,390,098	37,558	
Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions							
Schools capital maintenance programme	3,806,175	3,806,175	0	3,806,175	3,806,175	0	Annual grant funded programme of capital maintenance works to schools
Priority schools building programme	267,304	267,304	0	25,490,196	25,490,196	0	Retention amounts on PSBP builds
Devolved formula capital	1,134,568	527,595	606,973	1,134,568	1,134,568	0	Grant funding passported to schools. 22/23 allocation was higher than usual so slippage is forecast
Beaulieu House	128,208	128,208	0	353,974	353,974	0	On going refurbishment works
East Cowes Family Centre	8,836	8,836	0	10,000	10,000	0	Grant funding
Family Hubs	55,330	55,330	0	55,330	55,330	0	Grant funding
Primary behaviour support	134,606	134,606	0	134,606	134,606	0	Grant funding
Foster carers adaptations	0	0	0	223,015	59,045	163,970	Underspend of £163k which will be utilised for the 24/25 budget setting
Queensgate MUGA	101,534	101,534	0	101,534	101,534	0	S106 funded project, works completed
Fleet vehicle replacement	511,194	511,194	0	511,194	511,194	0	Annual programme of fleet vehicle replacement
Electric vehicle charging points	62,677	65,356	-2,678	122,677	122,677	0	Forecasting as slippage until contracts let
	6,210,433	5,606,138.10	604,294.84	31,943,270	31,779,300	163,970	
Regulatory Services, Community Protection, and ICT							
ASB and community safety CCTV	249	249	0	3,000	3,000	0	Small amount of slippage to fund on going equipment purchases
Chapel refurbishment to replace seating, catafalque and other furnishings	98,309	98,309	0	98,309	98,309	0	New project programmed to commence in 2023/24 to replace chapel furnishings, purchase orders in place.
PSN Compliance	84,226	84,226	0	84,226	84,226	0	Annual programme of works required to maintain compliance
ICT rolling equipment replacement programme	1,078,827	1,078,827	0	1,078,827	1,078,827	0	On going replacement programme of mainly desktop equipment
Back up server/storage and firewall replacement	36,284	36,284	0	1,208,000	1,208,000	0	Small amount of slippage which will support ongoing works
Corporate applications update	50,804	50,804	0	50,804	50,804	0	Annual programme of replacement as required
Switches in data centre	261,986	261,986	0	742,386	742,386	0	Programme of works over next 5 years for replacement of hardware in data centre
Data Centre Infrastructure	89,000	89,000	0	661,750	661,750	0	Programme of works over next 5 years to replace key components of hardware
Cyber security back up solution	78,678	78,678	0	823,000	823,000	0	Capital element of wider, council funded project to ensure security of systems and information profiled across future years
	1,778,364	1,778,364	0	4,750,302	4,750,302	0	
Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding							
Coastal defences	68,006	68,006	0	512,824	512,824	0	Programme of minor works to maintain sea defences in key locations
Ventnor Esplanade Urgent works EA scheme	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	32,047,000	32,047,000	0	Urgent works to Ventnor seawall reimbursed from EA which is well progressed. The urgent works will be followed by further phase when agreement is reached by the EA.
EA Coastal schemes match funding	0	0	0	8,951,633	8,951,633	0	Match funding set aside for EA coastal defences schemes. Profiled into future years until EA have completed their assessments and we have confirmation that they go ahead.

	In year 23/24 only			Total Scheme (incl previous and future years if relevant)			Notes
	Budget £	Outturn £	Variance under/(over) £	Budget £	Forecast £	Variance under/(over) £	
Binstead Flood alleviation	0	0	0	170,000	170,000	0	Funding for flood alleviation works following Binstead flooding, working with EA to establish lead for project and timescales, currently profiled in 24/25 but can be bought forward
	3,568,006	3,568,006	0	41,681,457	41,681,457	0	
Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure							
BAE site innovation hub (Building 41)	14,698	72,905	-58,207	1,847,786	1,905,993	-58,207	Retention sums due in 23/24, checking on breakdown of overspend which may require adjusting with revenue funding
BAE sheds	75,000	75,000	0	536,049	536,049	0	Grant funded scheme
Branstone Farm	27,026	171,546	-144,520	5,044,740	5,189,261	-144,520	Retention sums in 2023/24, overspend is forecast but will depend on final assessment of shared costs with partners
Venture Quays Levelling up Fund	2,499,496	1,404,872	1,094,624	7,485,883	7,485,883	0	On going project of works to Columbine, Victoria Barracks and public realm currently forecast within budget. However tenders received for the Barracks refurbishment have come back over budget so we are currently investigating whether this can be managed within the funding envelope. Forecasting slippage until this is resolved
Nicolson Road	48,727	48,727	0	903,344	903,344	0	Remaining budget for further planning requirements
Heritage High Streets	115,550	115,550	0	991,442	991,442	0	Grant funded programme delivered in conjunction with Town councils and funding partners. We have profiled the majority of our match funding spend into 24/25 but this can be moved back once delivery timescales are clearer.
Other Regeneration Schemes	0	0	0	19,168,381	19,168,381	0	Other regeneration schemes not yet commenced, profiled in 24/25
East Cowes Landslip	16,388	0	16,388	113,991	113,991	0	Small amount of slippage which is being retained to support any next steps in the on going project. Forecasting as slippage until next steps agreed
Camp Hill Infrastructure	175,333	175,333	0	1,030,000	1,030,000	0	On going programme funded by grant
Changing Places	76,000	76,000	0	76,000	76,000	0	Approval obtained to slip grant funding
Shared prosperity Fund	46,469	46,469	0	46,469	46,469	0	Grant funding for Town Centres and High Streets
Lord Louis Library Roof	386,843	386,843	0	387,404	387,404	0	Works completed Autumn 2023.
New Cultural Centre	150,000	150,000	0	160,000	160,000	0	New match funding which may be required to pump prime &/or support a bid to the National Lottery Fund, initially profiled across 2 years.
Ryde Cultural Venue (Shademakers)	50,000	50,000	0	1,969,458	1,969,458	0	New scheme to provide a new cultural centre in Ryde, majority of spend is profiled in 24/25 but will be adjusted once delivery is clearer following tender and contract award.
Cothey Bottom Roof	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	0	New scheme to complete works to roof, not yet tendered so reprofiled into 2024/25 until a contract is awarded
Appley Tower	40,000	40,000	0	40,000	40,000	0	New scheme to provide match funding for grant, profiled in 24/25 until delivery clear
Medina heat and power	84,969	15,895	69,074	140,551	71,477	69,074	Underspend which will be utilised as part of 24/25 budget setting
Sales and marketing	89,632	89,632	0	93,300	93,300	0	On going programme, purchase orders in place.
Sandown Town Hall	617,902	617,902	0	2,244,288	2,244,288	0	Grant funded scheme
Dino Isle match funding for grant	0	0	0	180,000	180,000	0	Match funding for grant
Browns clubhouse	90,871	90,871	0	90,871	90,871	0	Works to clubhouse as a result of a condition survey prior to grant of lease.
Cowes The Cut	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	S106 funded project
Wootton Rec Multi-use path	0	0	0	0	0	0	S106 funded project
Downside Recreation ground drainage	12,085	12,085	0	90,000	90,000	0	Final phase of works in 23/24
Branstone Farm Heat pumps	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	Funded from Corporate Reserves

	In year 23/24 only			Total Scheme (incl previous and future years if relevant)			Notes
	Budget £	Outturn £	Variance under/(over) £	Budget £	Forecast £	Variance under/(over) £	
	4,696,989	3,719,631	977,358	42,969,956	43,103,610	-133,654	
Climate Change, Biosphere & Waste							
Public realm	118,297	118,297	0	118,297	118,297	0	Annual programme of works
AONB Removing Barriers	1,788	1,788	0	56,181	56,181	0	Grant funded slippage which will be retained until we can establish if this needs to be repaid
Beach huts	0	0	0	201,130	201,130	0	Awaiting outcome of final negotiations
Garden waste bins	67,858	67,858	0	67,858	67,858	0	PO raised for £13k for additional bins - to be funded by PB
New garden waste vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	New waste vehicle if required to meet additional demand, currently profiled in 24/25 but can be brought forward if required.
Waste contract capital payments	1,963,794	1,963,794	0	63,851,876	63,851,876	0	£1.3m contractual payment for replacement of plant and vehicles as well as slippage to fund final phases of Forest Road contract
	2,151,738	2,151,738	0	64,295,342	64,295,342	0	
Total Programme	38,982,913	34,970,853	4,012,060	281,860,529	281,792,655	67,874	

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