

# Appendix 5 – 2023/24 Q1

## 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
- Events
- Libraries
- Theatres
- Museums
- Archaeology
- Records Office
- Allotment's
- Playing Fields/Sports Grounds
- Amenity Land Hire

### Performance Measures

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

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

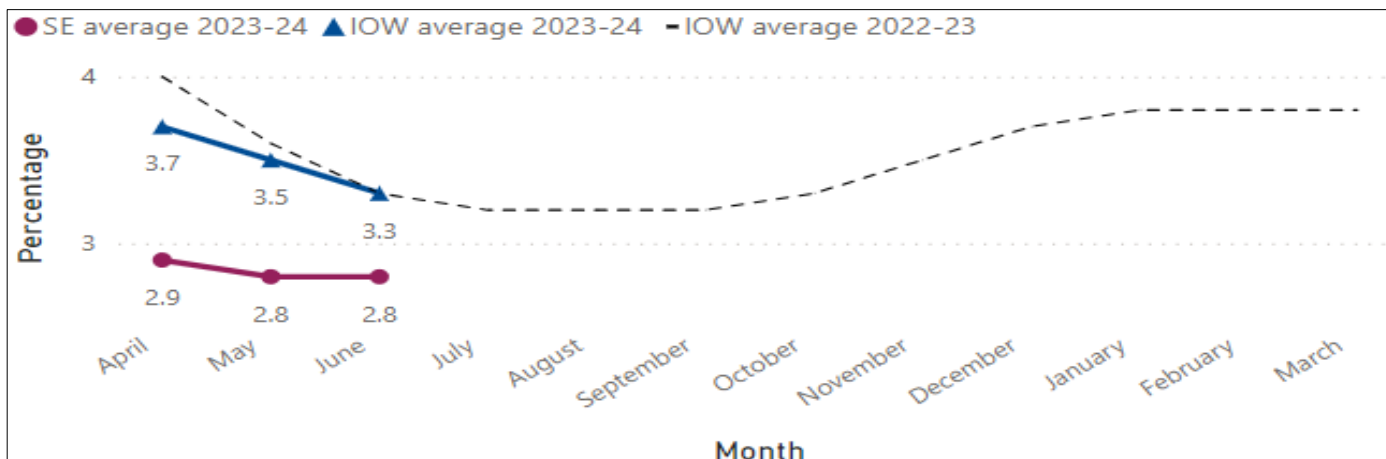
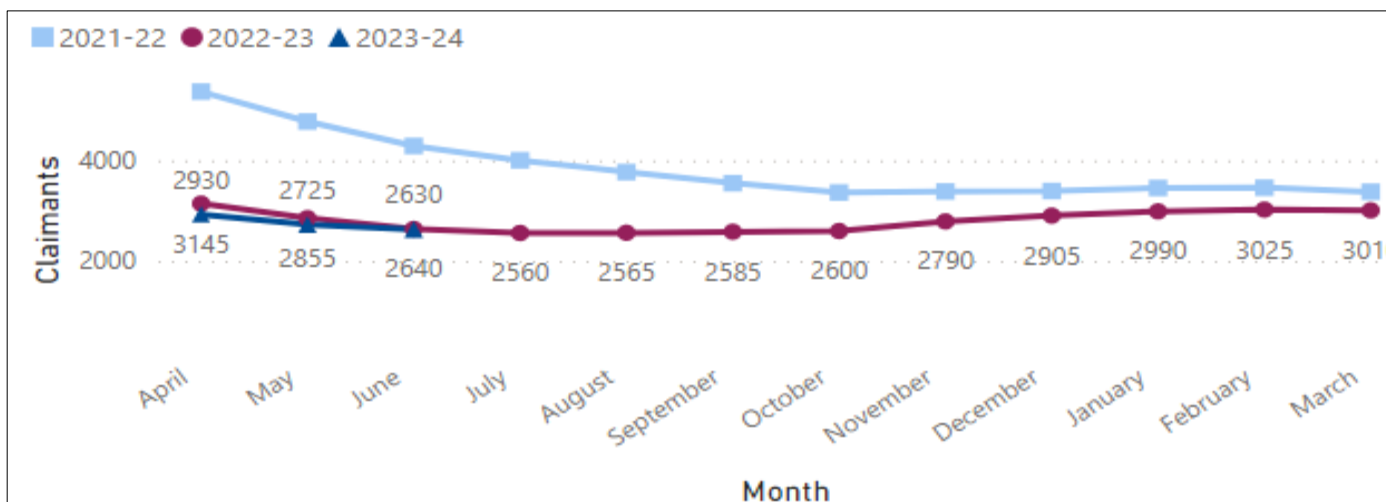
**UN Sustainable Development Goal:** 8

**Most Recent Status:** June 2023

**Monitoring Measure**

**Previous Status:** March 2023

**Monitoring Measure**



• Labour market data from Office of National Statistics shows that the number of out of work

benefit claimants dropped over quarter 1 and is at the same rate as at the end of quarter 1 2022/23 (3.3 percent).

- We remain above the South East average of 2.8 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

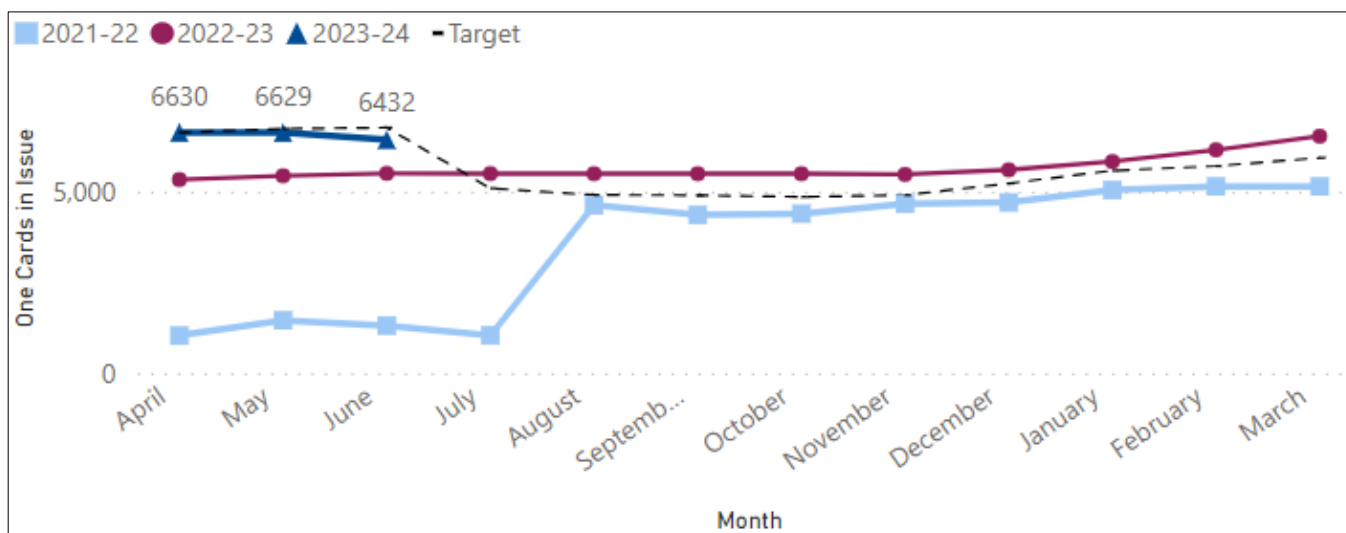
**UN Sustainable Development Goal:** 3

**Most Recent Status:** June 2023

**AMBER**

**Previous Status:** March 2023

**GREEN**



- Data from Leisure Facilities shows the number of One Cards (giving unlimited access to selected sports and leisure activities, subject to availability) in issue has remained above the volume seen over the previous two financial years.
- Over quarter 1 we have begun to see the expected seasonal decrease – the good weather can impact memberships as people choose to exercise outside.
- The council recognises the importance of leisure services to residents and visitors to the island and is carrying out a review of services in the light of the large increases in fuel costs and the overall impacts of the rise in the cost of living.

### Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

**The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 1:**

Thompson House demolition in progress and will be complete by the end of June 23. Registered Providers engaged in conversations about Thompson House.

Options agreement being produced for Berry Hill.

Variation for Weston School agreed and to be remarketed.

**The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4:**

Under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund the delivery of the 'Skills 4 Work' programme is in the final stages of being agreed and the programme has begun supporting people into work – full launch September 2023.

An application for Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND) funding to support renovation of Dinosaur Isle has reached Stage 2.

The feasibility study for the Newport cultural centre, including a potential new home for the records office is underway with report expected October 2023.

**The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 8:**

External legal advice sought in relation to East Cowes land confirmed need to undertake a further procurement exercise for land. Preference identified for Extra Care housing on site known as Land at Maresfield and potential for other residential (or mixed use) on Land known as Albany. Procurement process estimated at 3 months once out to tender in July 2023.

An Outline Business Case completed for Nicholson Road outlining options for bringing forward site for development when market conditions improve. Funding gap of circa £8 m identified to fund initial infrastructure with Levelling Up next round of funding being a possible source. Preferred option from OBC is to partner with an anchor tenant and discussions to be progressed with potential tenants take this forward and identify potential funding options.

Wightfibre have started their works in Camphill to bring gigabit internet to the estate. There is ongoing discussion with Island Roads towards a schedule of further works being progressed.

Development of a place plan for the Bay area in conjunction with the three local town councils is progressing well.

Several press releases were made as part of continued public engagement, these included the National Gallery's visit to the island and the Isle of Wight hosting Coburg councillors in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> year twinning anniversary.

**The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11:**

Heritage High St action zone funded public realm improvement projects in Ryde and Newport going through detailed design with expected physical delivery in early 2024.

Once detailed designs for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) schemes are confirmed, associated utility diversion costs / ongoing maintenance obligations to be agreed and formalised with Southern Water.

Shopfront and repurposing work at Wadhams in St James square commenced June 2023. Three further shopfront improvements are planned for Newport.

Three shopfront improvements in Ryde are at contractor stage with physical works commencing September 2023. Two further shops with planning permission are proceeding to tender.

## Strategic Risks

N/A