

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

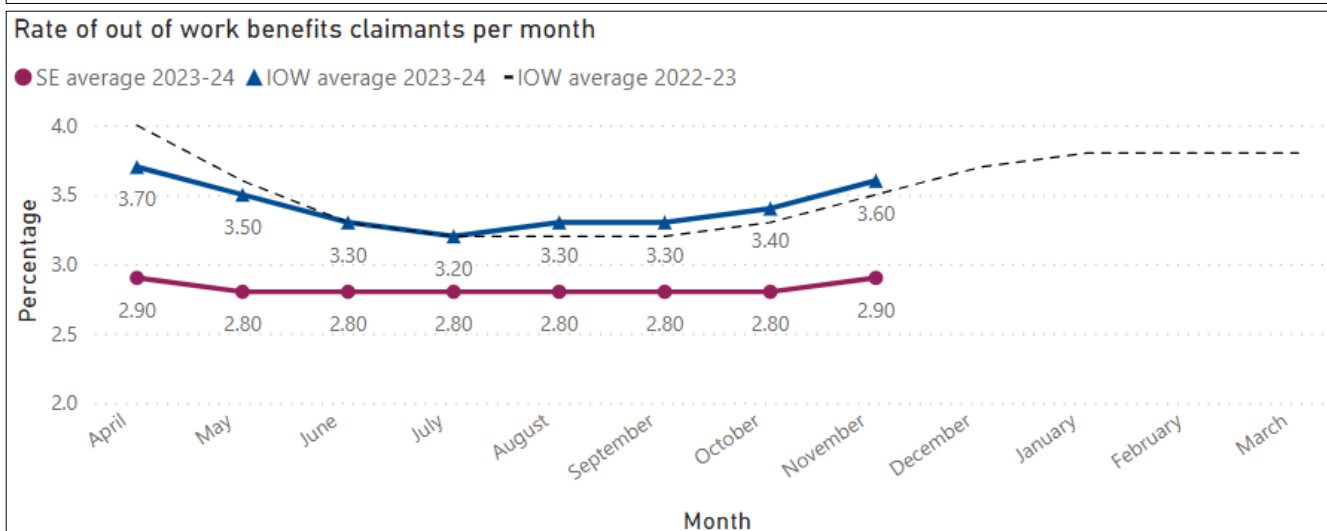
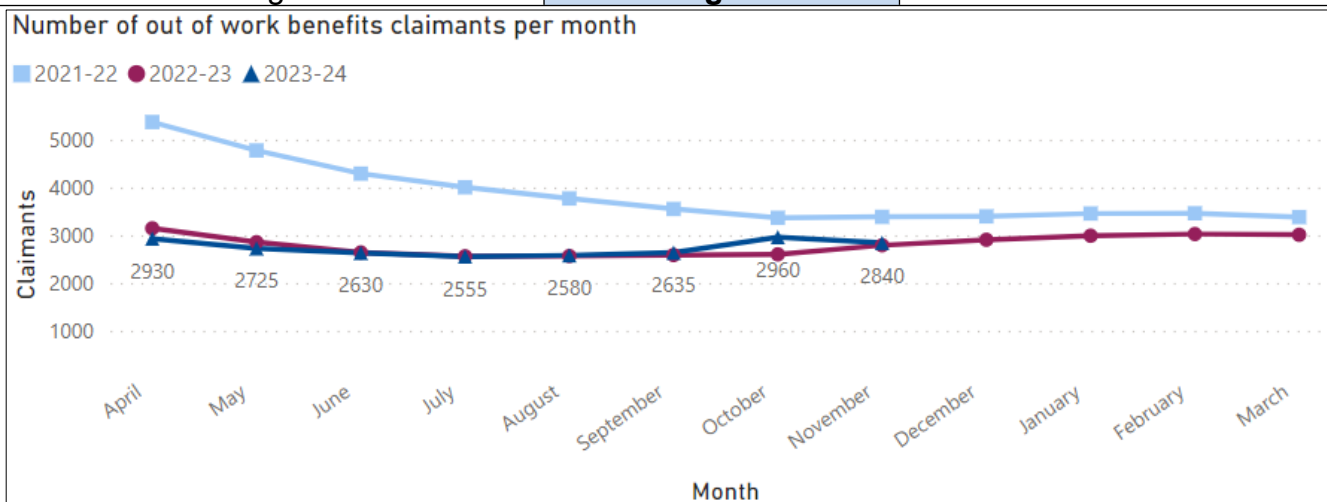
Performance Measures

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

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| 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.

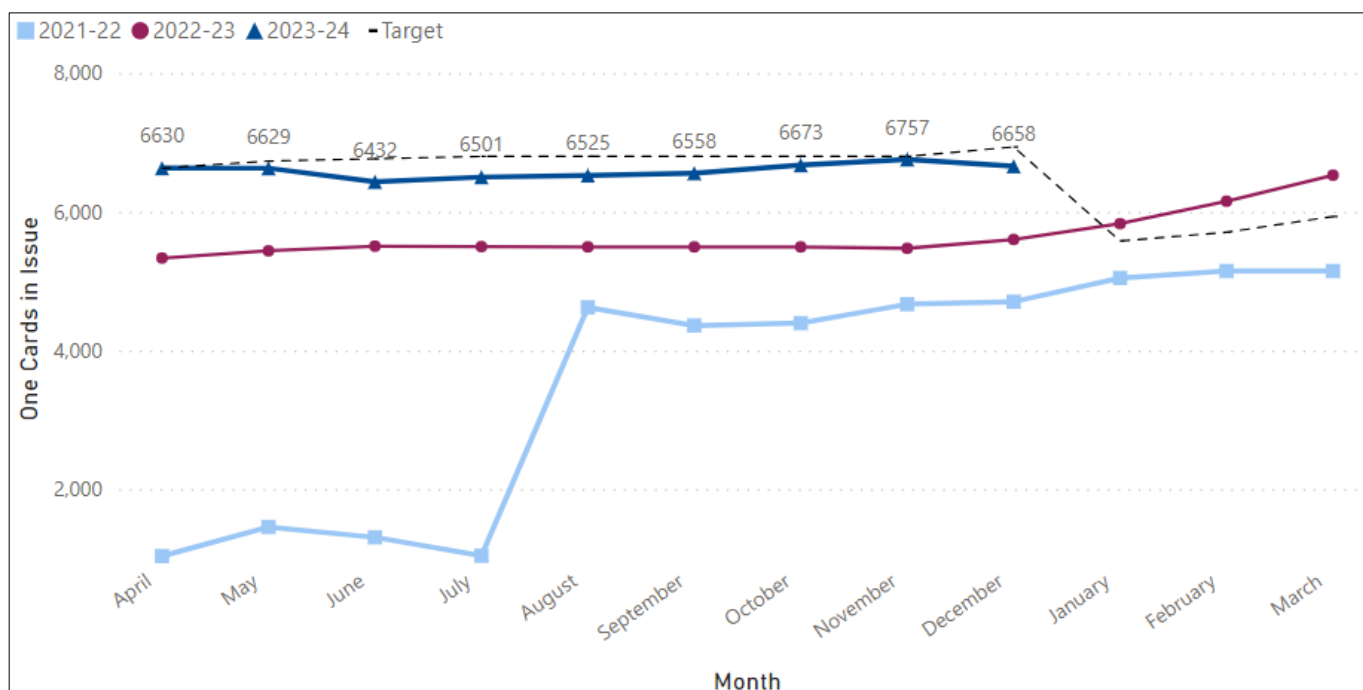
- The data shows that the number of out of work benefit claimants rose slightly over Quarter 3 (up to November) and is comparable to the same period last year.
- IOW remains above the South East average of 2.9 percent, but below the England average of 3.7 percent.

Total number of One Cards in issue

Aim: Increase in the number of One Cards in issue

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

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| 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