Finance Report Programme Board

Period 8 (November 2021/22)

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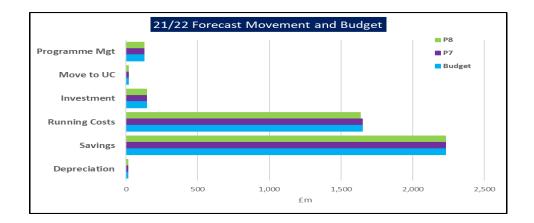
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| | Fo | recast 21/22 | Budget 21/22 | | |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|---------|-----|
| | P8 | P7 | Var | Budget | Var |
| Programme Mgt | 126 | 127 | 0 | 127 | 0 |
| Move to UC | 16 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Investment | 142 | 143 | 0 | 143 | 0 |
| Running Costs | 1,634 | 1,647 | 13 | 1,647 | 13 |
| Savings | (2,229) | (2,229) | 0 | (2,229) | 0 |
| Depreciation | 14 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Total | (439) | (426) | 13 | (425) | 14 |



21/22 Financial Narrative

- A budget re-alignment exercise to P7 forecasts has reduced the UC budget by £49m.
- Operations running costs have reduced by £13m in line with the budget re-alignment assumptions.
- The latest forecast represents an underspend of £14m against budget.



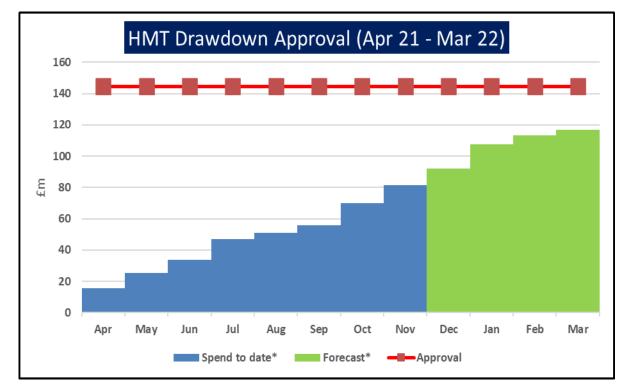
Universal Credit Programme – Drawdown Approval

Drawdown Approval Narrative

Approval of the Programme's £144.5m 21/22 drawdown was granted to March 22.

This drawdown excludes Operations Running Costs, Depreciation and Move to UC.

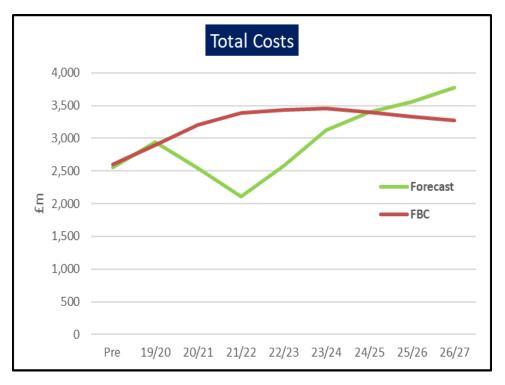
Spend is within the HMT control total of £144.5m.



^{*} Forecast and Spend to date only includes items included in the HMT drawdown approval



Universal Credit Programme – Total Programme Costs



Total Programme Costs Headlines

- Overall Forecast costs are £0.5bn higher than the 2018 FBC. This is due to the revised Move to UC Plan and the subsequent increased Programme costs. In addition, significantly more Policy Changes have been delivered than originally planned at the expense of some of the planned efficiency development. 20/21 and 21/22 include COVID-19 impacted volumes and consequently higher Operational Running Costs & Savings. A revised 20/21 & 21/22 Savings methodology was agreed at the March Programme Board.
- For years 22/23 onwards volumes have not been updated and represent Autumn 19 pre COVID-19 position. All future years will be updated following SR Spring 21 volume refresh sign-off.

| | Total Costs £m | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Pre | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 | 24/25 | 25/26 | 26/27 | Total | FBC |
| Programme Mgt | 1,432 | 146 | 172 | 126 | 144 | 139 | 58 | 24 | 22 | 2,263 | 1,771 |
| Move to UC | 54 | 30 | 22 | 16 | 165 | 192 | 79 | 5 | 1 | 564 | 291 |
| Investment | 1,486 | 176 | 193 | 142 | 309 | 331 | 136 | 29 | 23 | 2,827 | 2,062 |
| Running Costs | 1,645 | 864 | 1,396 | 1,634 | 1,049 | 1,173 | 1,208 | 1,216 | 1,236 | 11,421 | 10,655 |
| Savings | (842) | (670) | (1,996) | (2,229) | (911) | (981) | (1,095) | (1,110) | (1,064) | (10,898) | (9,806) |
| Depreciation | 266 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 20 | 419 | 357 |
| Total | 2,554 | 384 | (394) | (439) | 472 | 547 | 272 | 159 | 215 | 3,769 | 3,268 |



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Universal Credit Programme – Investment, Running Costs and Savings



Investment Costs Headlines

Increase in investment since the Full Business Case due to increased cost of the 'Move to Universal Credit' migration process and maintaining the full programme infrastructure up to 2024-25 instead of winding it down from 2022.



Running Costs Headlines

Increase in 20/21 and 21/22 reflect current Winter 20 volumes. As a result of Covid-19 volumes have significantly increased driving an increase in Operational Service Delivery costs. From April 2022 to the end of the Programme forecasts remain based on Autumn 19 volumes. Future years will be updated following the Spring 2021 volume refresh sign-off.

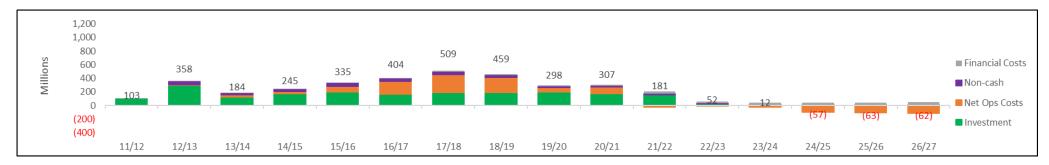


Savings Headlines

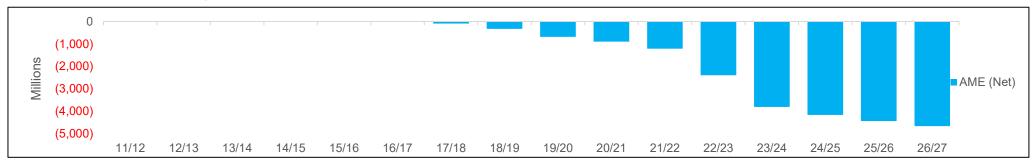
Increase in 20/21 and 21/22 benefits following changes to the methodology and updated Winter 20 volumes. These new volumes include the impact of Covid-19 and a significant increase in UC caseload and UC benefits. Subsequent years are still based on Autumn 19 volumes. Future years will be updated following the Spring 21 volume refresh sign-off.



DEL Costs



AME Costs and Savings



Economic Benefits

