## Finance Report UC Programme Board

## Period 7 (October) 2021/22

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## **Universal Credit Programme – Finance Position 21/22**

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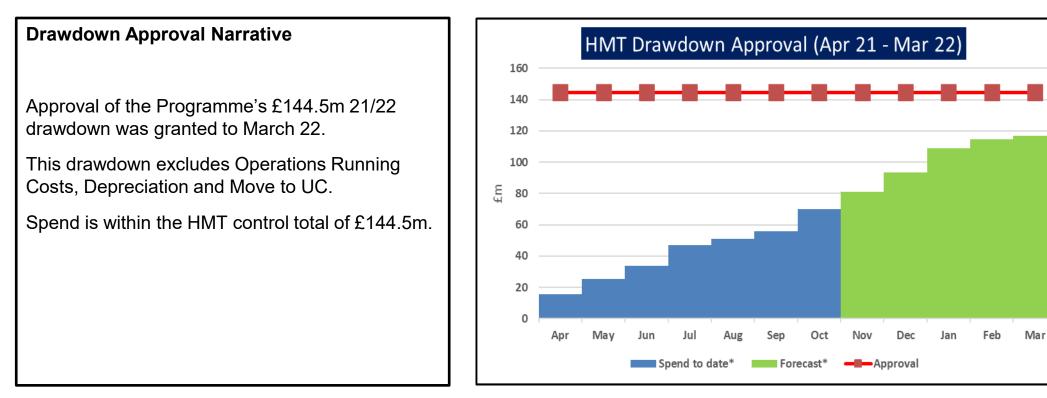
	Forecast 21/22			Budget	21/22	21/22 Forecast Movement and Budget						
	P7	P6	Var	Budget	Var	Programme Mgt					= P	
Programme Mgt	126	112	(14)	136	10	Move to UC					B	udget
Move to UC	17	18	1	26	9	Investment						
Investment	143	130	(13)	162	19	Running Costs						
Running Costs	1,647	1,659	12	1,678	31	Savings		1				
Savings	(2,229)	(2,229)	0	(2,229)	0							
Depreciation	14	14	(0)	13	(1)	Depreciation		00 1	,000	1,500	2,000	2,500
Total	(426)	(426)	(1)	(376)	49		2 2	00 1,	,000 £m		2,000	2,500

#### 21/22 Financial Narrative

- Transfer in from Corporate centre of £12.7m budget and associated forecast in respect of HMRC compensation for delayed migration. Both budget and forecast will transfer to HMRC in the supplementary estimate.
- Operations running costs have reduced by £12m due to actual staff costs lower than expected and higher attrition rates.
- Investment is under budget by £19m. Decrease in Partnership Support (£8m) due to delays in announcing voluntary phase resulting in the Programme not being able to engage with partners. Additional Features Team £3m, revised workforce plans £6m and an overlay reduction of £2m to mitigate future delays in recruitment.
- Running costs are under budget by £31m mainly due to a decrease in Operations running costs £25m and Local Authorities £6m.

## **Universal Credit Programme – Drawdown Approval**

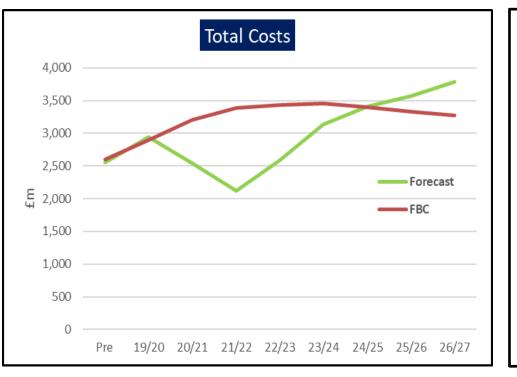
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\* Forecast and Spend to date only includes items included in the HMT drawdown approval

### **Universal Credit Programme – Total Programme Costs**

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#### 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	2,262	1,771
Move to UC	54	30	22	17	166	192	79	5	1	566	291
Investment	1,486	176	193	143	309	331	136	29	23	2,827	2,062
Running Costs	1,645	864	1,396	1,647	1,049	1,173	1,208	1,216	1,236	11,434	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)	(426)	472	547	272	159	215	3,783	3,268

# Universal Credit Programme – Investment, Running Costs and Savings

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#### **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.

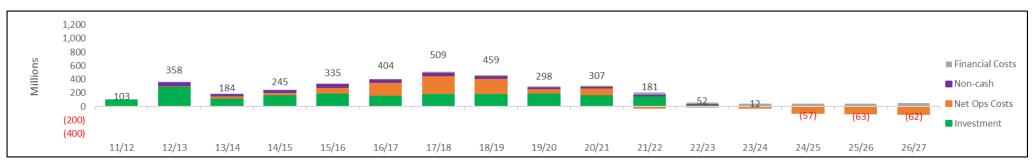
#### **Savings Headlines**

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.

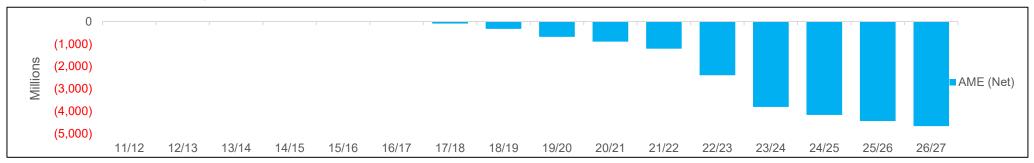
## **Full Business Case View**

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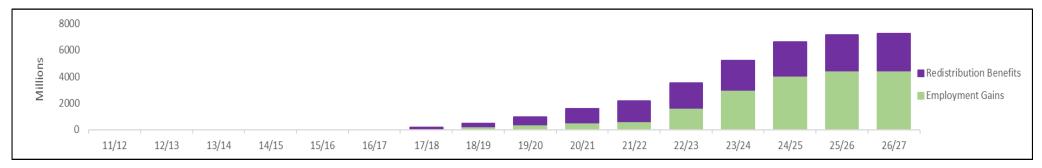
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#### AME Costs and Savings



#### **Economic Benefits**



These numbers are based on the Full Business Case approved by HMT in Spring 2018

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