

# United Utilities

## Investor presentation

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# Background

# Where we operate

Regulated UK water and wastewater business

**Around 3 million household and 200,000 non-household customer premises**

**Regional population of around 7.3 million people in the North West of England**

**Serving the North West since privatisation in 1989**



# Our Board

## Breadth and depth of experience



**Sir David Higgins, Chair**  
*Nomination Committee*

Sir David has spent his career overseeing high profile infrastructure projects. Chair of Gatwick Airport Limited and a member of the Council at the London School of Economics. Former chief executive of Network Rail, The Olympic Delivery Authority, and English Partnerships



**Steve Mogford, Chief Executive Officer**  
*Corporate responsibility committee*

Former chief executive of SELEX Galileo, chief operating officer at BAE Systems PLC and a member of its PLC board, Steve spent his earlier career with British Aerospace PLC. With effect from 1 August 2022, he will join the board of QinetiQ Group plc as a non-executive director.



**Phil Aspin, Chief Financial Officer**  
*Treasury committee*

Over 25 years' experience at United Utilities. Prior to his appointment as CFO, Phil was group controller having previously been group treasurer. He was appointed as a member of the UK Accounting Standards Endorsement Board in March 2021. He is chair of the pensions committee of the 100 Group a member of both the 100 Group main committee and the stakeholder communications and reporting committee.



**Louise Beardmore, Chief Executive Officer designate**

Joined United Utilities on its graduate programme and has comprehensive experience of the company, its customers and its regulators. She was appointed as customer service and people director in 2016, prior to which she held a number of senior positions across the group. She is a non-executive director of Engage for Success



**Liam Butterworth, NED**  
*Nomination and audit committees*

CEO of GKN Automotive Limited, owned by Melrose plc, since 2018. Over 30 years' experience in the automotive industry and was the former CEO of Delphi Technologies plc.



**Kath Cates, NED**  
*Nomination and remuneration committees*

Non-executive director at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, TP ICAP Group Plc and Brown Shipley. Former chief operating officer at Standard Chartered plc and a number of roles at UBS, prior to which she qualified as a solicitor. Former non-executive director at Brewin Dolphin Holdings plc and RSA Insurance Group plc



**Alison Goligher, NED**  
*Nomination, remuneration and corporate responsibility committees*

Non-executive director Meggitt PLC, Technip Energies NV and part-time executive chair Silixa Ltd. Former roles at Royal Dutch Shell, most recently Executive Vice President Upstream International Unconventionals



**Paulette Rowe, NED**  
*Nomination, audit and corporate responsibility committees*

CEO of Integrated and Ecommerce Solutions and member of the Paysafe Group executive. Formerly held directorships at Facebook, Barclays and the Royal Bank of Scotland/NatWest. Former trustee and chair of children's charity The Mayor's Fund for London.



**Doug Webb, NED**  
*Nomination, audit, remuneration and treasury committees*

NED and audit committee chair at Johnson Matthey plc, BMT Group Ltd, and the Manufacturing Technology Centre Ltd. Former CFO roles at Meggitt plc, London Stock Exchange, and QinetiQ Group plc, and NED and audit committee chair at SEGRO plc

# Our regulation

## Strong performance in early part of AMP7

We operate in **5-year** regulatory cycles called Asset Management Periods (AMPs)

We recently entered the seventh five-year period since privatisation (**AMP7** – running from April 2020 to March 2025)

Our economic regulator, Ofwat, sets the price, service and incentive package we must deliver in each of these five-year periods

There are four main areas in which companies can outperform by delivering a superior level of performance and/or doing so at a lower cost:

Total expenditure (**totex**)

**Financing** performance

Outcome Delivery Incentives (**ODIs**)

Customer satisfaction (measured using Ofwat's **C-MeX** assessment in AMP7)

We have **transformed** our performance in recent years and we exited AMP6 operating at the **upper quartile** across a range of metrics

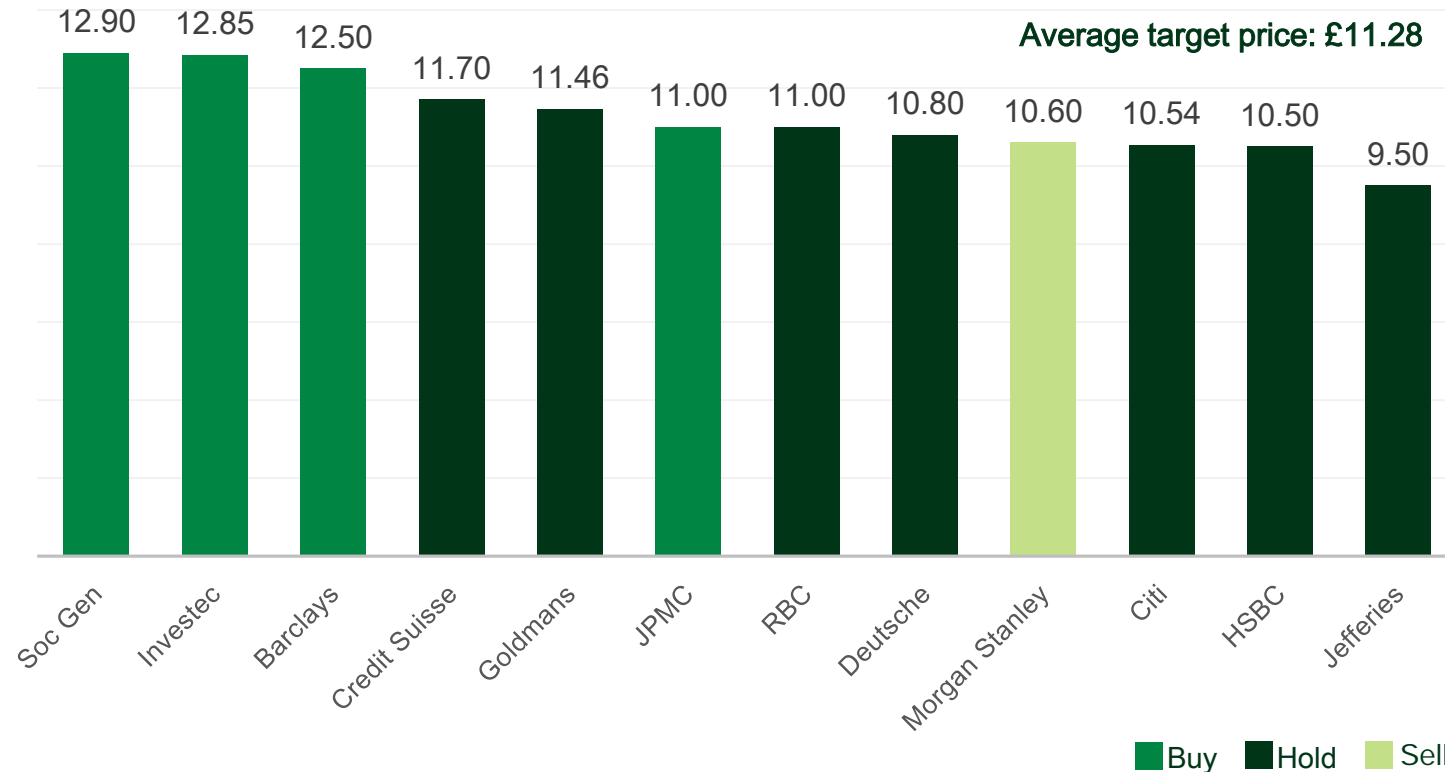
We were **fast-tracked** through the most recent price review (PR19) and given one of the lowest cost challenges in the sector by Ofwat

We reinvested **£130 million** of AMP6 outperformance, targeting key performance areas giving us a **flying start** to AMP7

# Market information

## Sell-side estimates and stock market information as at 3 August 2022

- FTSE 100 company, listed on the London Stock Exchange
- 681.9 million shares
- Market capitalisation of £7.7 billion, based on 1124.5p share price as at 31 March 2022



# Our vision and strategy

**Clear vision to be the best UK  
water and wastewater company**

Three consistent strategic themes:



**The best  
service to  
customers**



**At the  
lowest  
sustainable  
cost**



**In a  
responsible  
manner**



# Why invest in United Utilities

## Regulatory outperformance

Sustainable performance improvements and track record of outperformance in AMP5 and AMP6

## Systems Thinking approach

Use of technology, data and machine intelligence, which provides us with a competitive advantage

## Strong management team

Extensive commercial, operational and regulatory experience across the business

## Best in class treasury management

Low cost of debt locked in, stable A3 credit rating, robust capital structure with target 55%-65% RCV gearing range

## Low dependency pension schemes

Stable IAS19 pension surplus, and low dependency funding position in line with TPR recommendations

## Clarity on allowed returns to 2025

Wholesale revenue and asset base linked to CPIH inflation through to at least 2025

## ESG credentials

Strong record of high ESG standards with external recognition of our approach to ESG

# Systems Thinking and innovation

# Systems Thinking

## Pioneering approach and one of our competitive advantages

Looks at how each individual element interacts with the other parts of the system in which it operates – expanding the view to consider larger numbers of interactions rather than isolating small elements – using **technology, data and machine intelligence**

Rather than operating each asset or treatment works in isolation, we use **real-time data from telemetry** installed across our network to analyse the entire system and all its linkages, enabling us to find the **best all-round solutions**

**Improves efficiency, optimises costs, and delivers superior service performance and operational resilience**

Helped us deliver operational improvements and cost savings during AMP6, with further developments for AMP7 and beyond as part of our **long-term strategy**



# Systems Thinking is a competitive advantage

Approach to Systems Thinking, innovation and digital delivers best performance



## Systems Thinking

Benchmarking suggests **sector shifting improvements** can be delivered through Systems Thinking

12-30% cost savings

3-20% service improvements

8-50% productivity increases



## Innovation

An established innovation model delivering **£445m savings** from AMP5 to AMP7

Accessing the innovation ecosystem

Academia & leveraged funding

Breakthrough innovation

Innovation culture



## Digital

Leveraging value through **AMP6 investment** to deliver **benefits in AMP7**

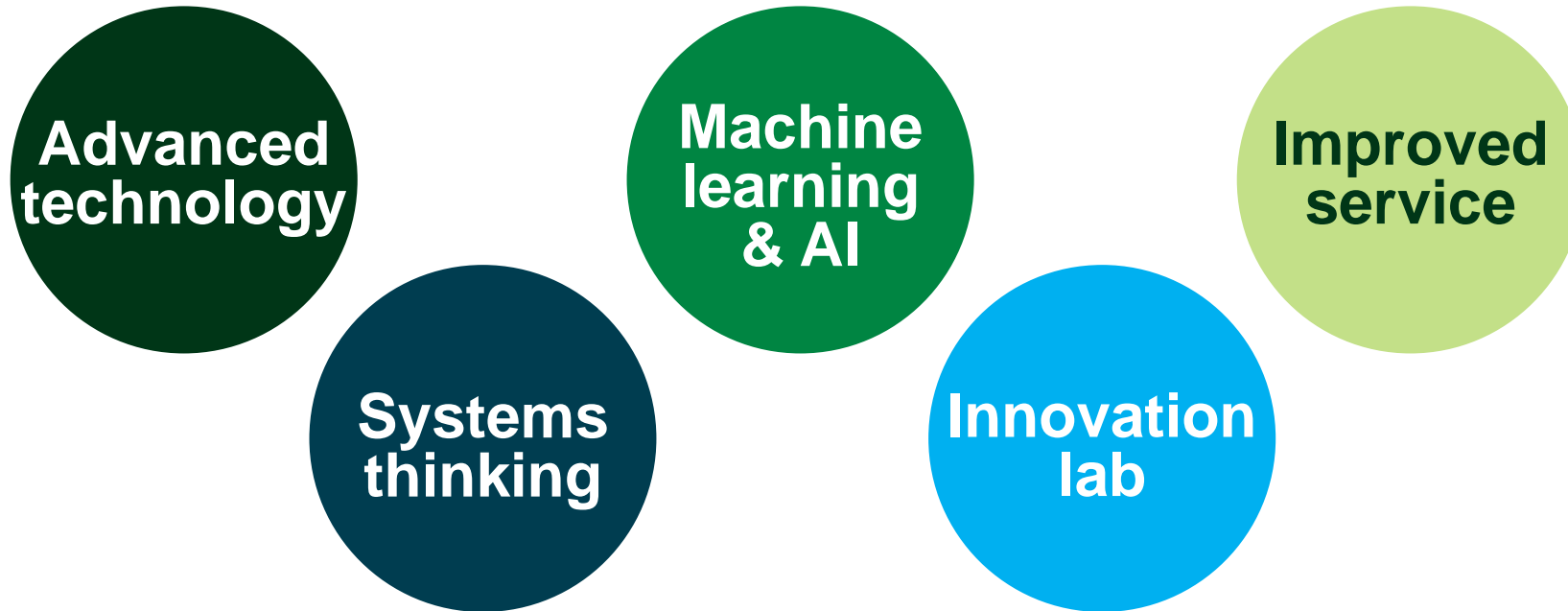
Sensors

Data & analytics

Machine intelligence

# Sector's most embedded innovation culture

Use of technology delivering efficiencies and improved service



“Out of all the water company business plans we have assessed, United Utilities’ plan has the best evidence of an embedded culture of innovation.”

*Ofwat: DD, April 2019*

# Our innovation model

We have an established innovation model that is estimated to deliver £445m of total savings through innovation from AMP5 to AMP7

## The 4 core components of our innovation model

### Accessing the innovation ecosystem

Lab 1 – 3 suppliers awarded contracts including Typhon who recently won a UK Water Industry Award for Drinking Water Initiative of the Year

Lab 2 – 4 promising ODI related innovations including FIDO, the runner up in KPMG Global Tech innovation competition

### Academia and leveraged funding

Academic research to scale-up (e.g. blockage prediction)

### Innovation culture

Innovation as a corporate value  
The 'Innovation 100'  
Annual CEO Challenge  
Apprentice sprints  
Embedded crowd sourcing capability

### Breakthrough innovation

Catchment, real-time sensing  
Carbon blocks

Leading or supporting on a number of projects that have secured a total of £45 million of funding from Ofwat's Innovation Fund

# Exploiting Digital Technology

Our technology strategy is focused on leveraging value through the investment made in AMP6. This is now enabling us to exploit this technology across AMP7 to deliver performance & cost benefits.



## Sensors

An existing fixed sensor network of over 100,000 devices monitoring pressure, flow, level, quality, temperature, power and sound

Further enhancement of the fixed sensors network in AMP7 – broader coverage and new traits and characteristics to measure

Plus our new, advanced mobile sensor network



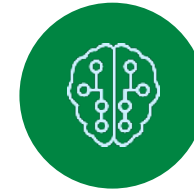
## Data and analytics

Best in class data and analytics platforms

½ billion rows of data automatically loaded daily

Analytic requests automatically processed daily

Advanced analytics developments underway for leakage and C-MeX performance



## Machine intelligence

### Simple Machine Intelligence

Robotic Process Automation

– embedded approach with over 2/3 million human tasks now completed by robots saving over 100,000 hours per year

### Advanced Machine Intelligence

Shifting our business from costly response and mitigation to predictive system management with our operational AIs: HARVI and ERWAN, soon to be joined by our third AI – EDDS

# Breakthrough innovation to tackle leakage

Mobile sensors supplementing other innovations



- Three mobile sensors
- Reading taken every millisecond
- Artificial intelligence pinpoints leaks
- Confirms leak likelihood and severity
- Low cost, real time results

Supplements existing activities



Sniffer dogs



Satellites



Customer leak  
finder app

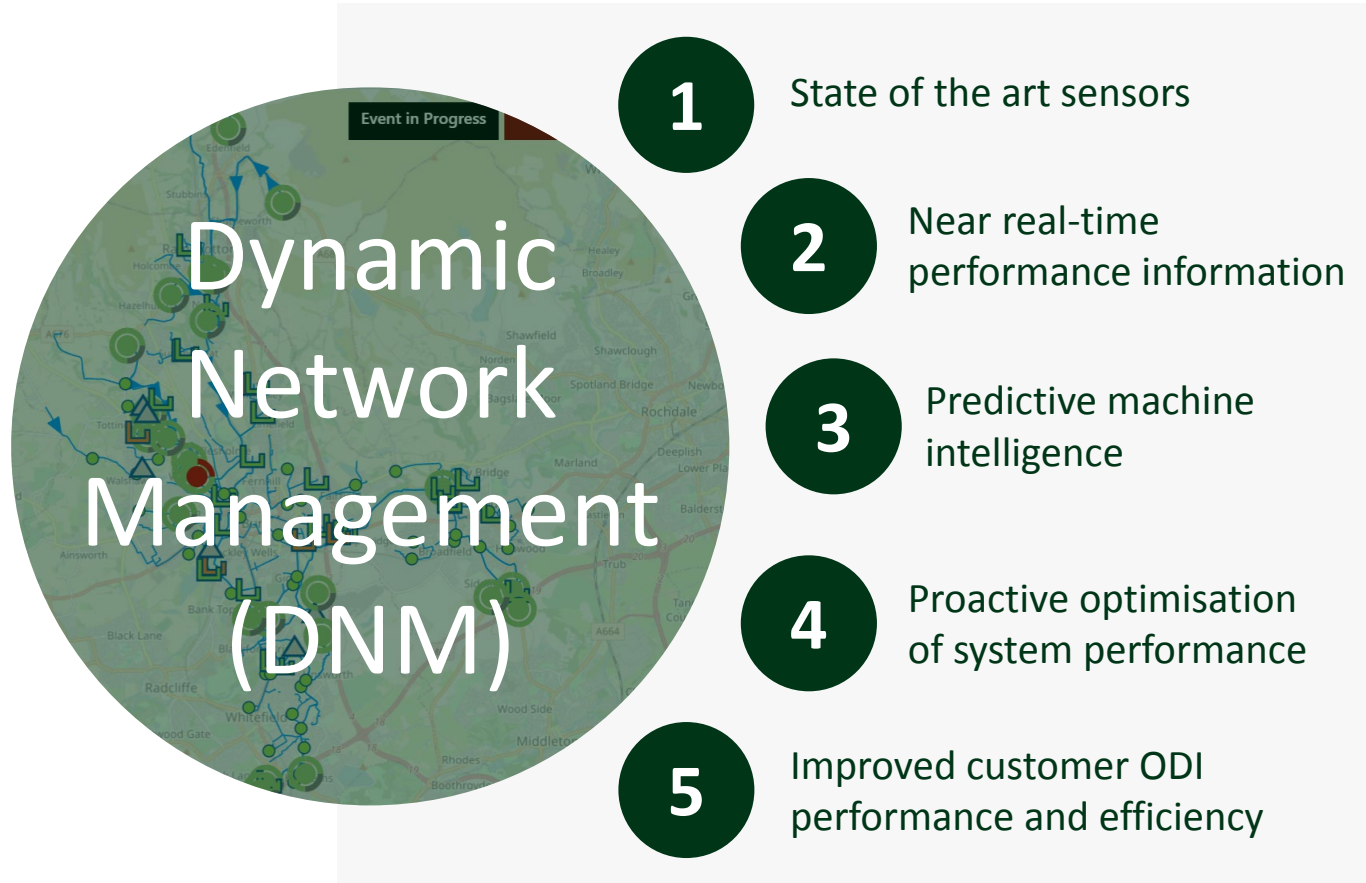


Acoustic leak  
sensors

Leakage AMP7 incentive range -£14m to +£15m



# Ground breaking application of Systems Thinking



Investing for sustainable performance

£100m incremental totex

Recovered through regulatory mechanisms

# £350m West Cumbria project delivering resilience and environmental benefits



A new 62 mile pipeline bringing water from Thirlmere to 80,000 homes and businesses

1

Most extensive application of Systems Thinking on a new, discrete system

2

Already achieved £20m ODI reward to date for specific West Cumbria ODI along with around £30m of innovation tax benefits

3

Integrated as part of our overall ESG strategy

4

Applied lessons learned to successful replacement of a section of the Haweswater aqueduct ahead of HARP

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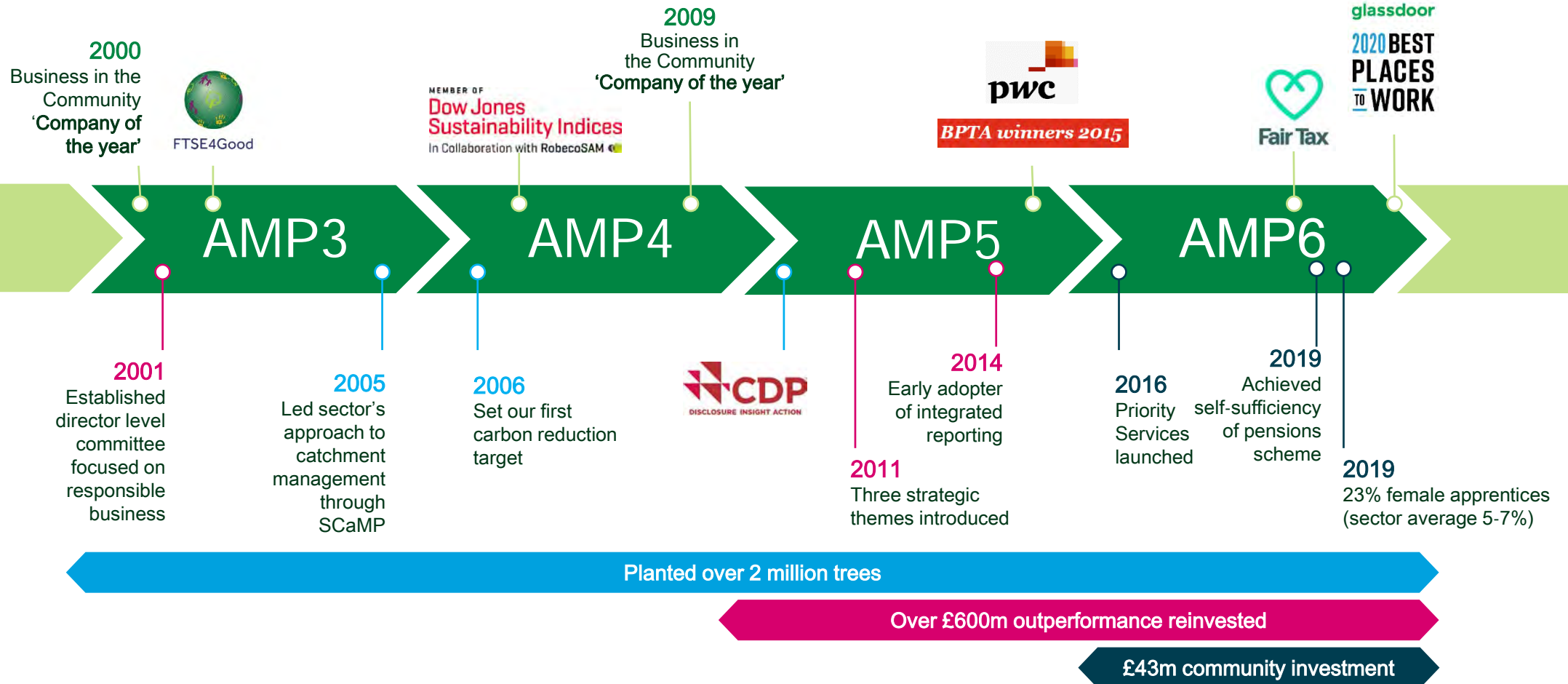
Learnings from use of Systems Thinking expected to deliver cost and ODI benefits of £15m - £40m across AMP7 and AMP8

A stone weir with a waterfall cascading down steps in a rural landscape. The weir is built with dark stone blocks and has a wooden walkway on top. The water flows over the weir and down a series of stone steps, creating a small waterfall. The surrounding landscape is hilly and covered in dry, golden-brown grass. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

# Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

# A strong track record of leading on ESG

Significant achievements against environment, social and governance



# Behaving responsibly

Delivering for customers and the community

1  
Upper quartile  
for AMP6 achieving  
**SIM**  
outperformance

3  
**3 accreditations**

5  
AMP7 incentive  
range of  
**+/- £66m**

2  
**30 awards**  
across customer  
service, collections and  
debt management

4  
**Strong C-MeX**  
performance to date,  
achieving **£2.3m**  
**reward** in year 2  
Year 1 reward £2.1m

# Behaving responsibly

## Supporting customers

Debt affordability and vulnerability schemes  
building social capital



Driving innovation to enhance  
experience and reduce cost



# Behaving responsibly

## Investing in colleagues

Building  
**social capital**  
sending our people home  
safe and well

Created over **£300,000<sup>1</sup>**  
of social/local economic value

**87% engagement;**  
5% above  
UK Utilities Norm

Evolving skills for a  
**digital utility**

**Technical Training  
Academy**  
- only water company  
governed by Ofsted with a  
**good**  
rating

Promoting  
**diversity & inclusion**

5 employee diversity  
networks with **730** members

**37%** of 2021/22 apprentice  
intake were female



<sup>1</sup> TOMS Social Value Portal

# Behaving responsibly

Working at the heart of communities

Virtual  
**engagement**  
with greater success



£1 invested in a  
**partnership**  
leverages a further £7



Enhancing  
**social mobility**



- Hosted the region's first **social mobility summit**
- Supporting the Government's **KickStart** programme



# Behaving responsibly

## Delivering for the environment

### Top performer on EPA

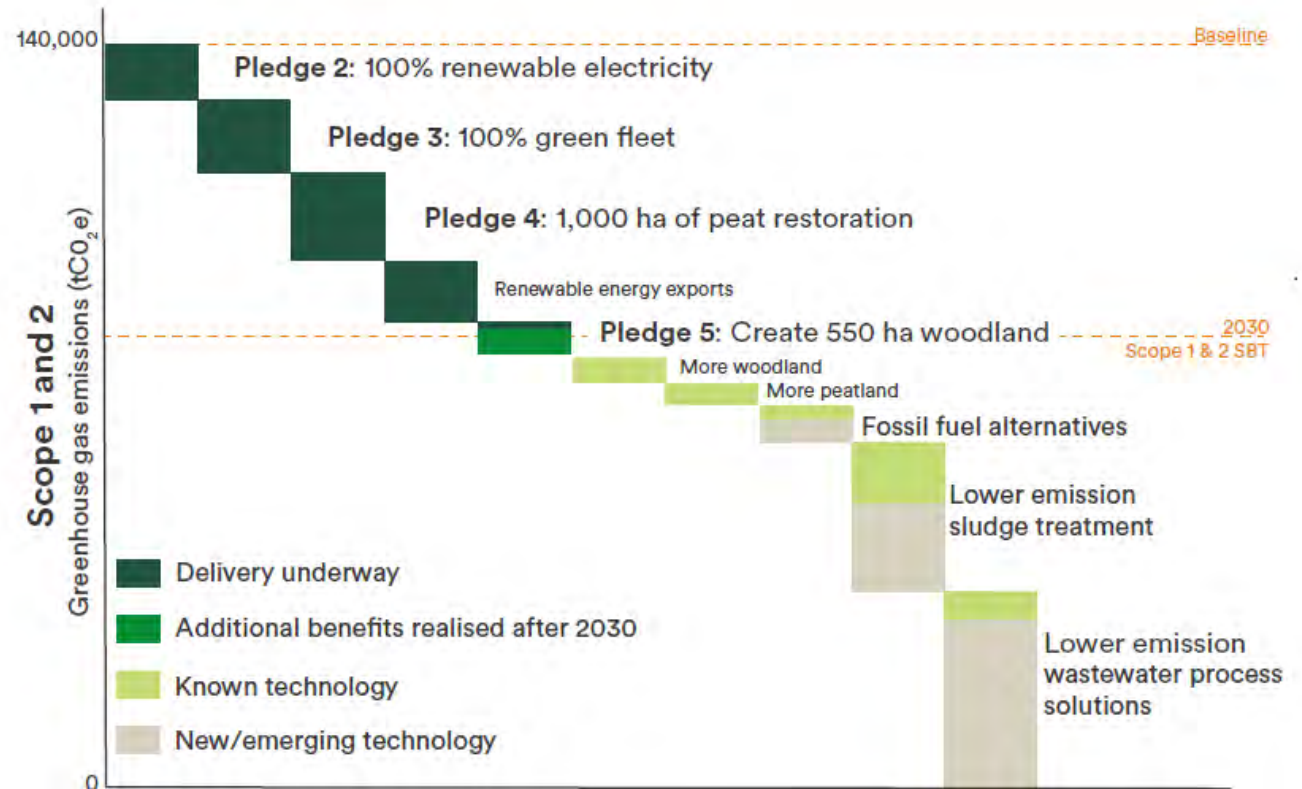
Leading performance in minimising pollution with zero serious incidents in AMP6

Achieved 4\* industry leading status on the Environment Agency's environmental performance assessment for 2020

### Sector leading catchment management

Led sector's approach to catchment management through SCaMP

Catchment Systems Thinking (CaST) delivers an optimised integrated approach



Carbon footprint significantly reduced since 2005/06 baseline

100% electricity usage from renewable sources from October 2021

# Behaving responsibly

Recognised for best practice corporate governance

Consistently recognised as going above and beyond the minimum and early adopters of best practice



# Economic regulation

# Ofwat's legal duties

1

## Primary

Ensure companies properly carry out their functions

Ensure companies can finance their functions

Protect interests of consumers, wherever appropriate by promoting effective competition

Secure the long-term resilience of water and sewerage systems<sup>1</sup>

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## Secondary

Promoting economy and efficiency

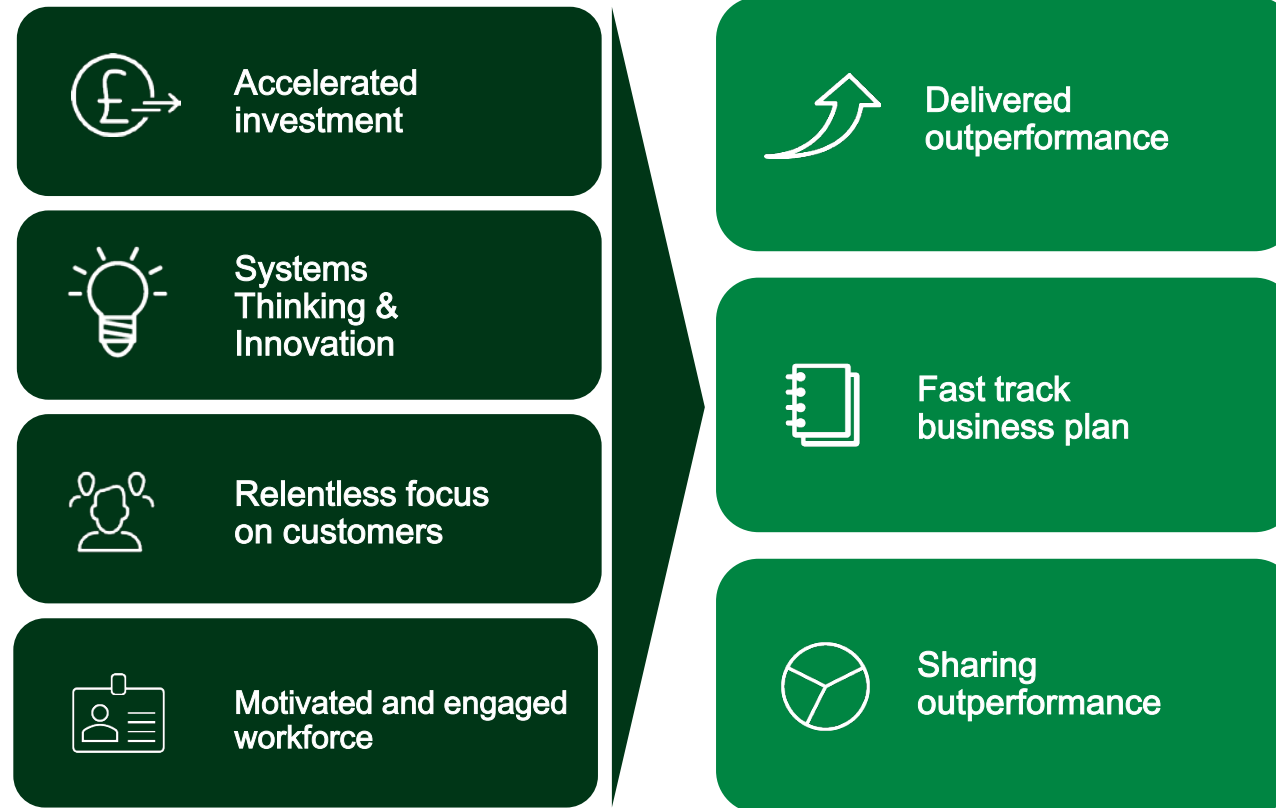
Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development

Ensure Ofwat gives no undue preference<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Added as part of the Water Act 2014

# Exceeded our targets in AMP6

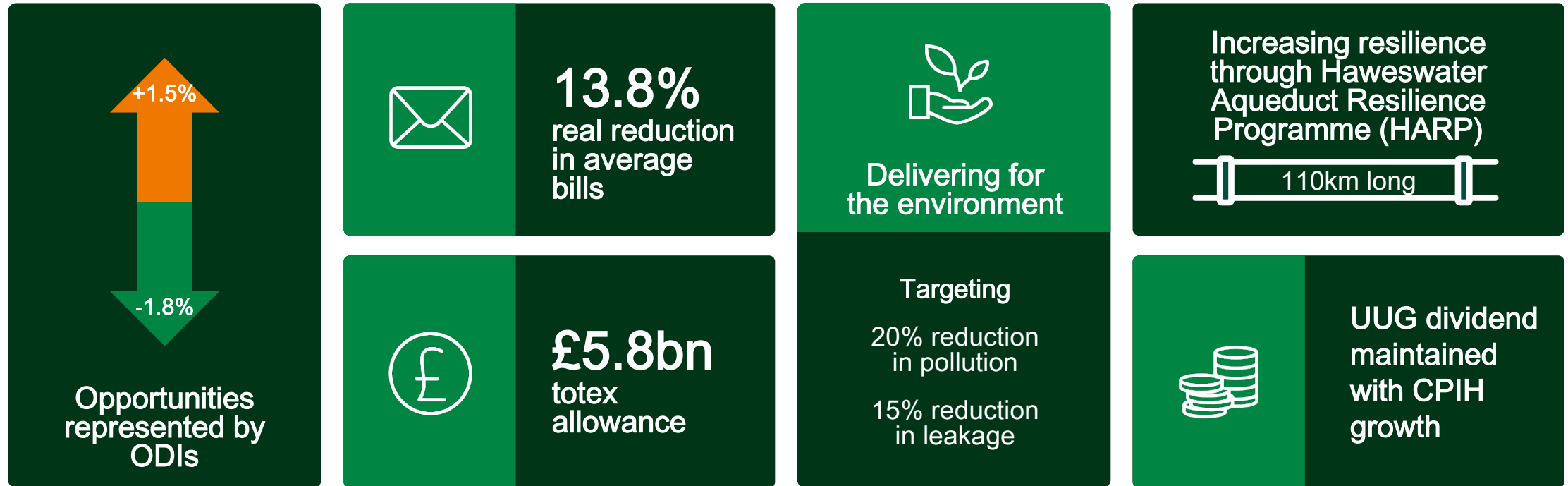
Executed and delivered our purpose



To provide great water and more for the North West

# Summary of UUW's AMP7 final determination

A balanced settlement overall

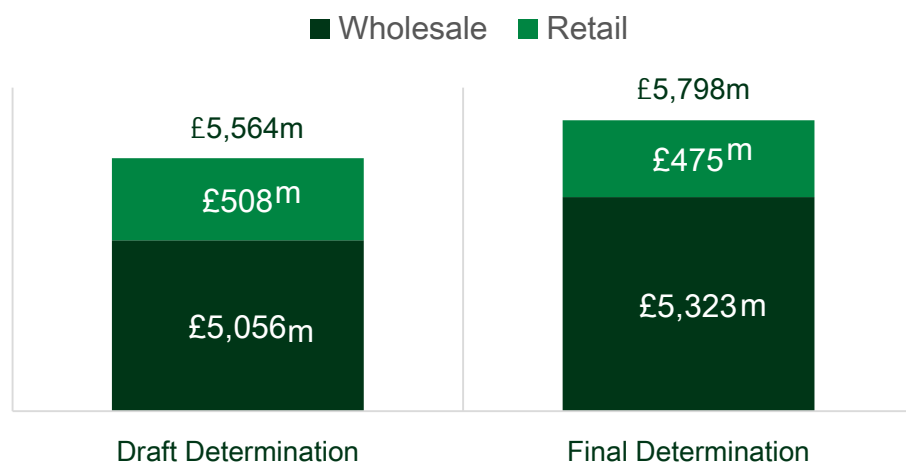


A purpose led company, recognising the needs of all of our stakeholders

# AMP7 totex allowance increased from draft determination

£5.8bn AMP7 totex allowance

AMP7 net totex allowances (£m)



Final determination allowance was **£234m higher** than draft determination



**50:50** customer sharing ratio



Weighted average **PAYG** of **59.6%**  
- aligned to the natural rate



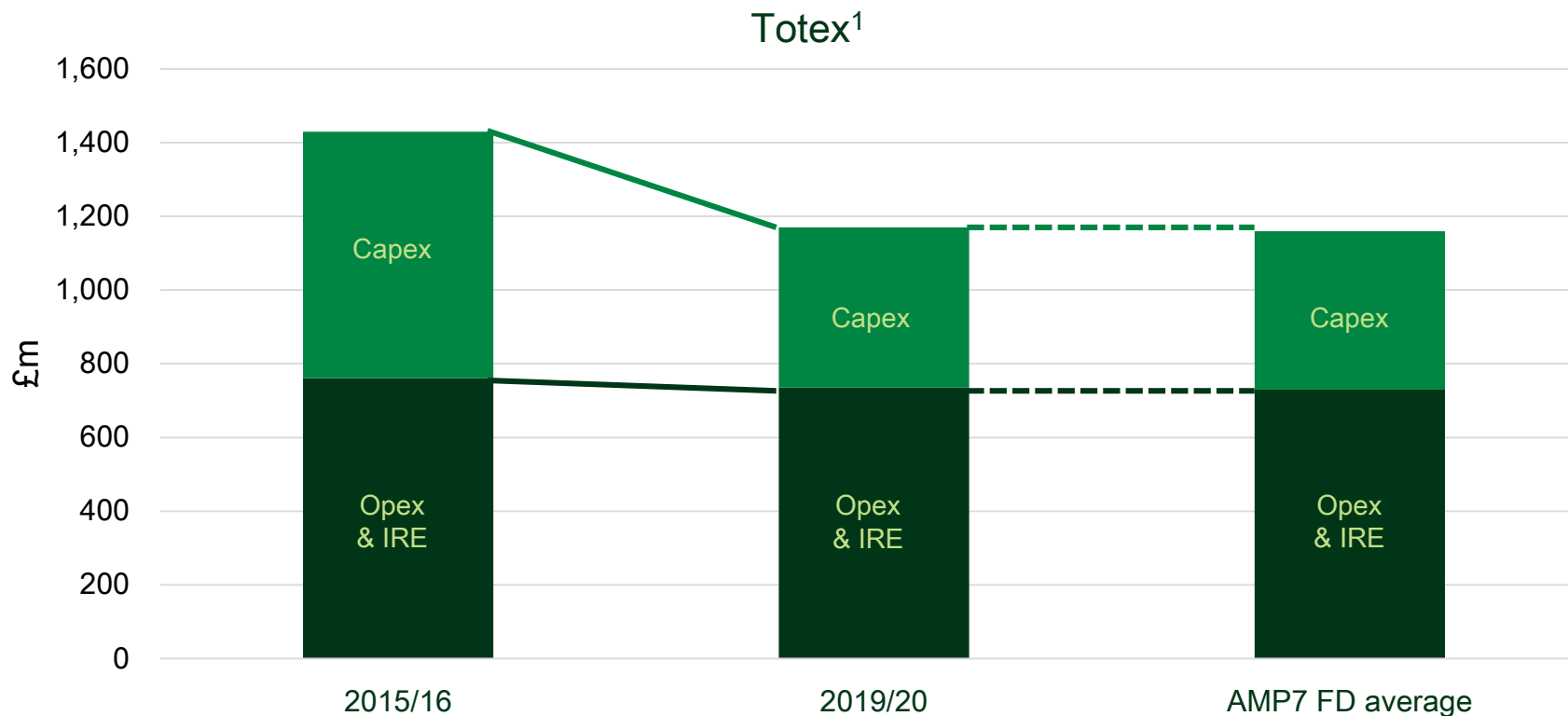
**£57m** HARP allowance and **£44m** for strategic water resource development



**Exiting AMP6** at the required **totex run rate**

# Totex run rate on target

AMP6 investment delivering efficiencies to be sustained into AMP7



Source: Company PR19 business plan submission, September 2018 and Final Determination

<sup>1</sup> 2017/18 prices, including £250m AMP6 additional investment but not the further £100m announced in May 2019.



# Delivering efficiencies

AMP6 focus on innovation, market testing and cost challenge delivered efficiencies required for AMP7



## Innovation

Identified as having the **most embedded culture of innovation**

### Systems Thinking

delivering efficiencies and better service for customers

**Innovation Lab** a source of global ideas to keep us at the **frontier** of new ideas



## Market testing

**Market Engagement Methodology** to procure as efficiently as possible

**Appointed two capital delivery partners** as preferred bidders for **over £300m** of AMP7 capital programme achieving **£40m savings** versus the traditional delivery route



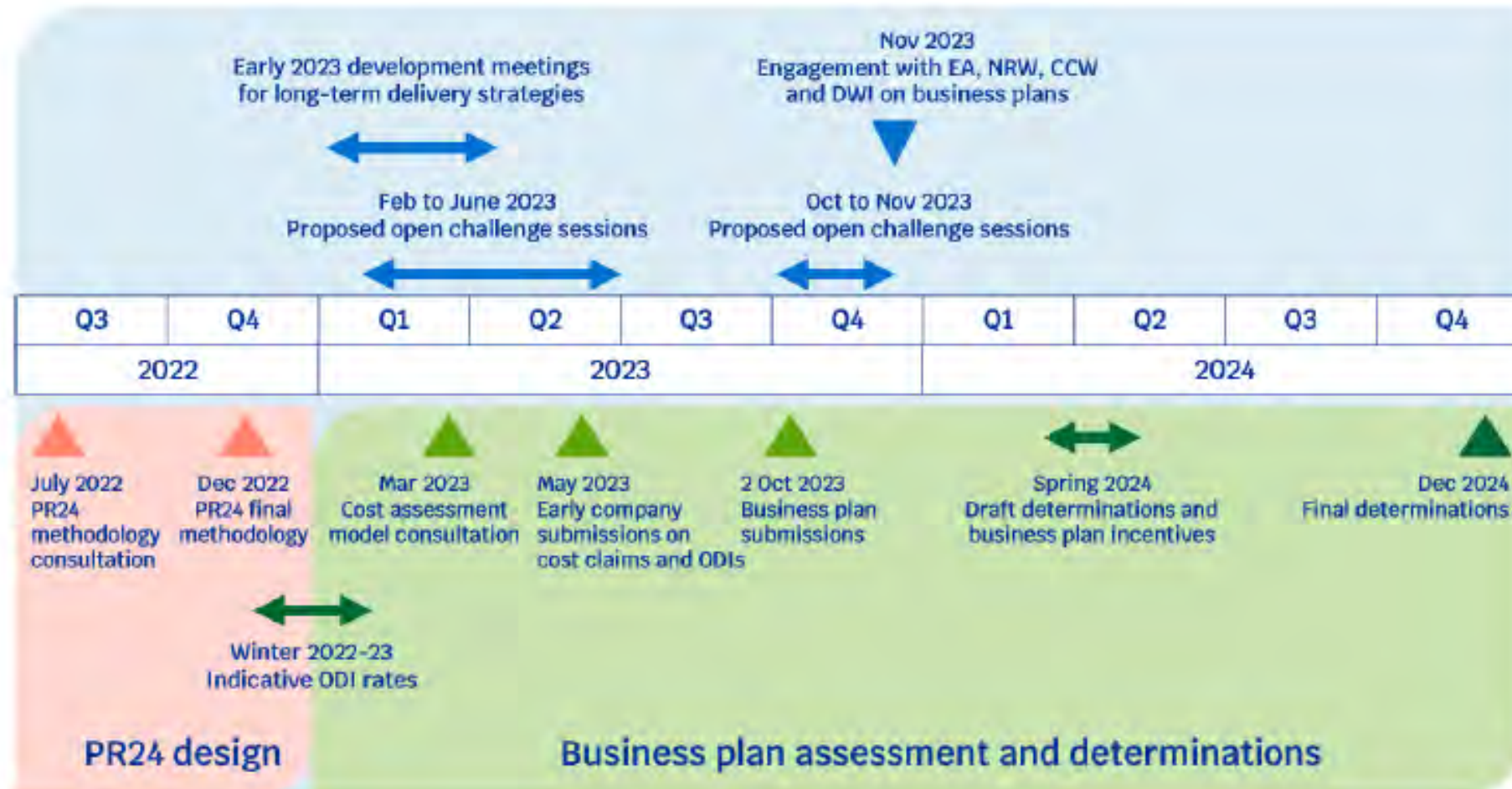
## Cost challenge

**Risk and value** assessment across all major projects expected to deliver **£100m savings** in our plan

**£110m reduction** in scope of wastewater environment programme through **working proactively** with the Environment Agency

# PR24 Timetable

Final methodology expected December 2022; business plan submissions October 2023

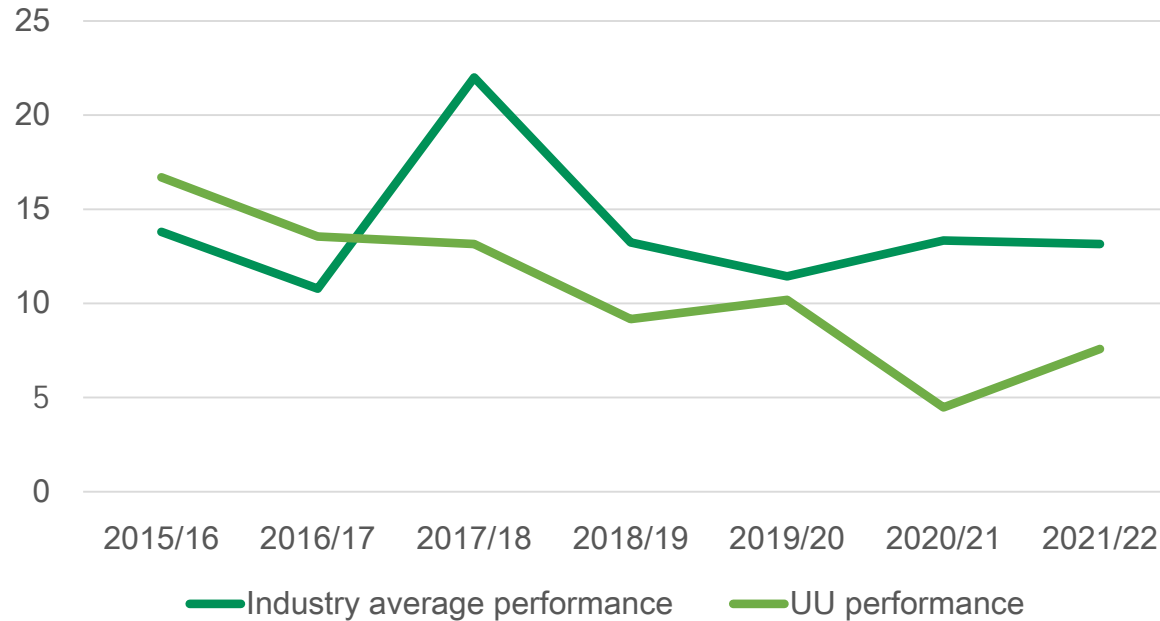


Source: Ofwat's draft methodology published 7 July 2022

# Operational transformation

# Operational transformation: Water

## Interruptions to water supply



- **Lowest ever level** of leakage
- **More than halved** supply interruptions to customers since beginning of AMP7
- Focus on 3Rs:  
**Response**  
**Restoration**  
**Repair**
- **ICC** support
- Growing fleet of **ASVs**



**69% reduction** in significant water quality events (Cat 3 or greater) over AMP6



**£180m resilience** investment in AMP6



**West Cumbria** project delivered early providing environmental benefit

# Operational transformation: Wastewater

## Leading performance on Wastewater



	Environmental Performance Assessment Performance Rating						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Anglian	3	3	3	3	2	3	2
Northumbrian Water	3	2	2	4	2	4	4
Severn Trent Water	4	3	4	3	4	4	4
Southern Water	3	3	3	2	1	2	1
South West Water	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
Thames Water	3	2	3	3	3	3	2
<b>United Utilities</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Wessex Water	4	4	4	3	4	4	2
Yorkshire Water	3	3	3	2	3	4	2

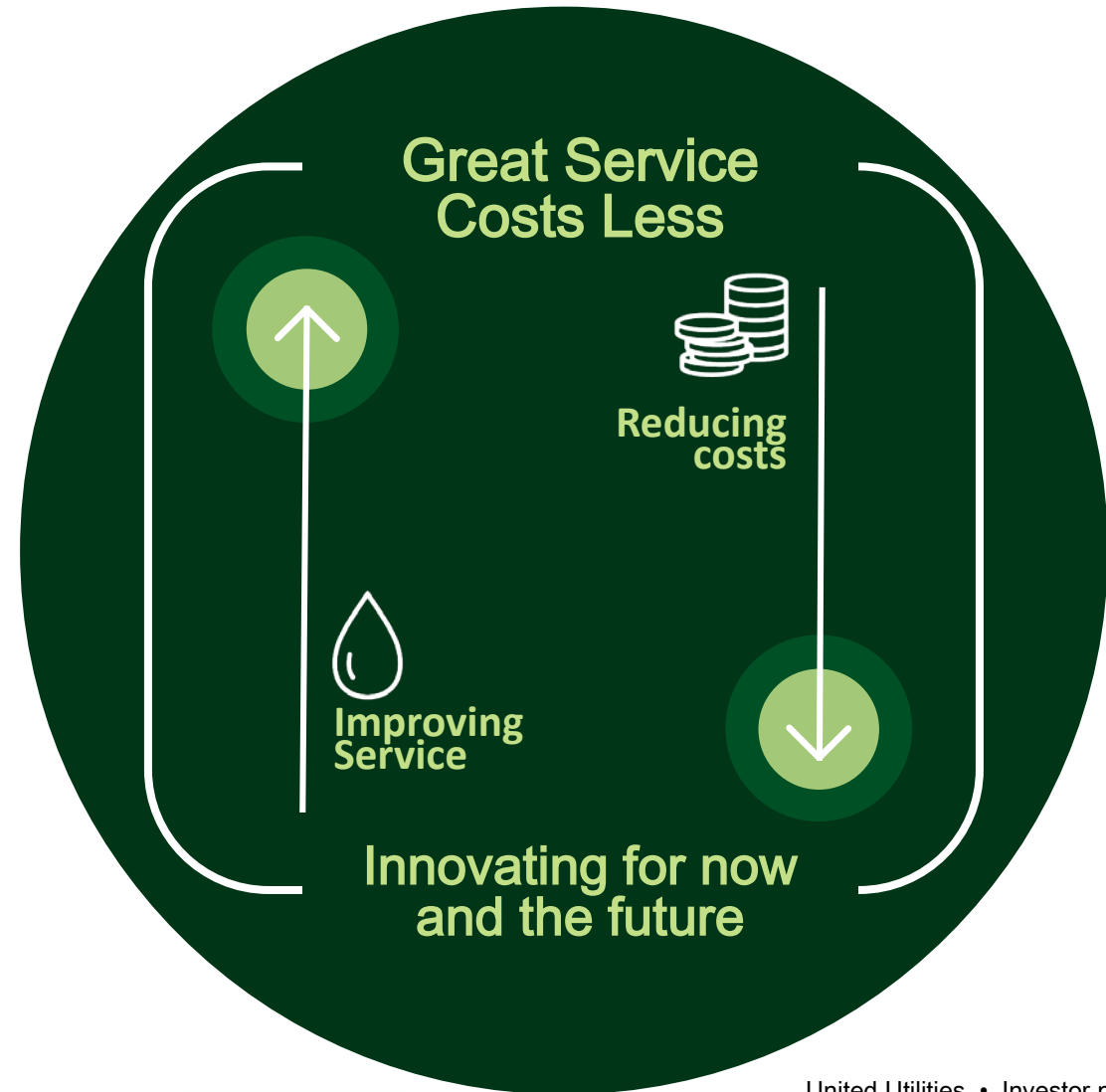
**Leading performer**  
on reducing pollution

Achieved **4\*** industry leading  
status for 2021 performance

# Customer Services Strategy

We have a clear strategy in place delivering new services and capabilities to position us now and in the future...

...and at the same time we are responding to the unique demographics of our region.

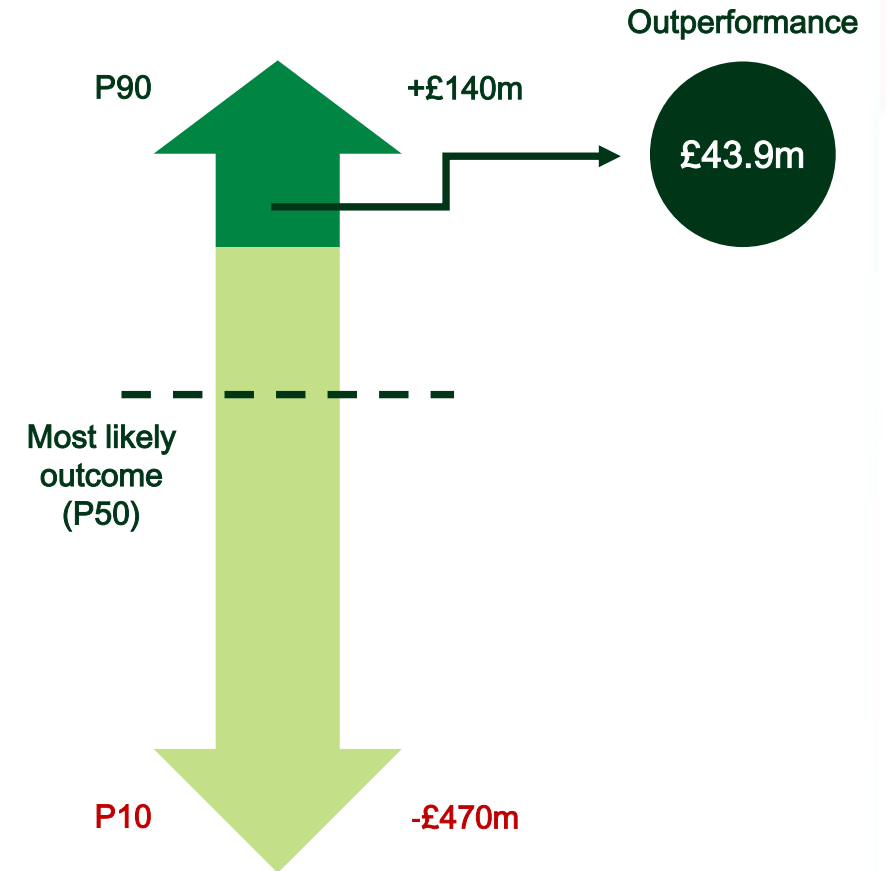


# Outcome Delivery Incentives (ODIs)

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AMP6 performance well in excess of our original most likely outcome

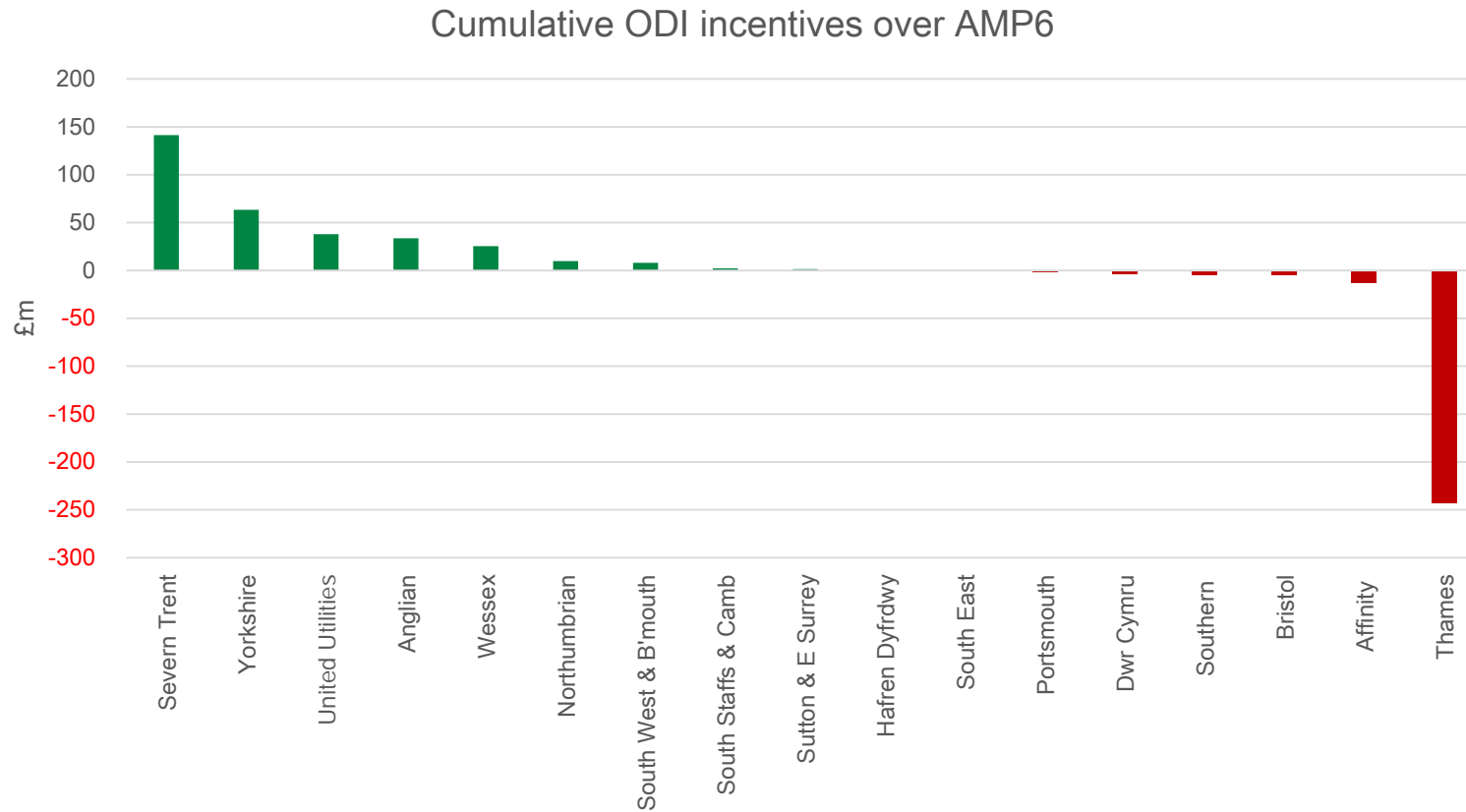
	Reward / (Penalty) in 5 years 2015-20 (£m)
Private sewers service index	36.9
Wastewater category 3 pollution incidents	16.4
Sewer flooding index	(9.3)
Thirlmere transfer to West Cumbria	21.6
Total leakage at or below target	13.1
Reliable water service index	(31.9)
Average minutes supply lost per property	12.5
Water quality service index	(14.2)
Other 11 wholesale ODIs	(1.2)
<b>Total wholesale ODIs</b>	<b>43.9</b>





# ODI reset

## Lessons learned from AMP6



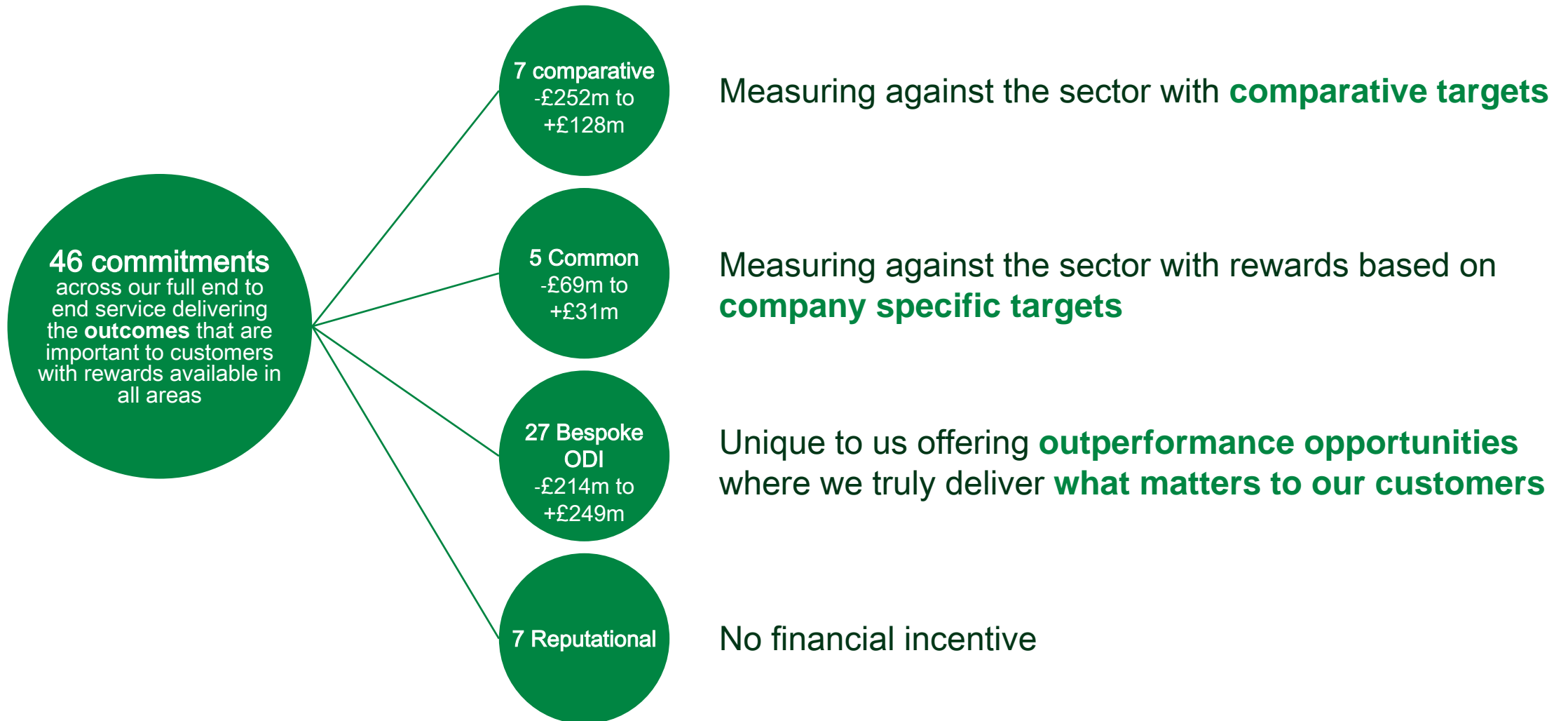
ODIs have incentivised company behaviour

ODIs are not a proxy for operational efficiency

Incentives to be reset with greater consistency required

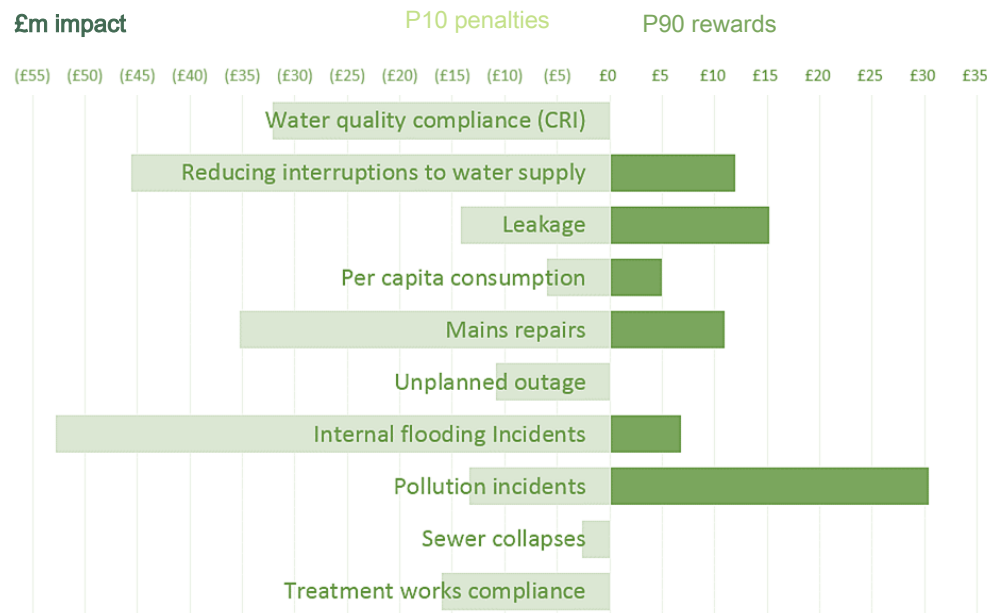
Cross sector comparisons require harmonised performance measurement methodologies

# AMP7: Customer commitments: Outcome Delivery Incentives (ODIs)



# Robust plans across common AMP7 ODIs

£100m flying start investment targeted improved performance in key areas



**Accelerated investment with a flying start**



Smarter networks, increased visualisation and predictability

**Systems Thinking & Innovation**



Central planning and decision making capability

**Leading Capability in our people and ways of working**



Embedded innovative technologies with AMP7 trials already underway

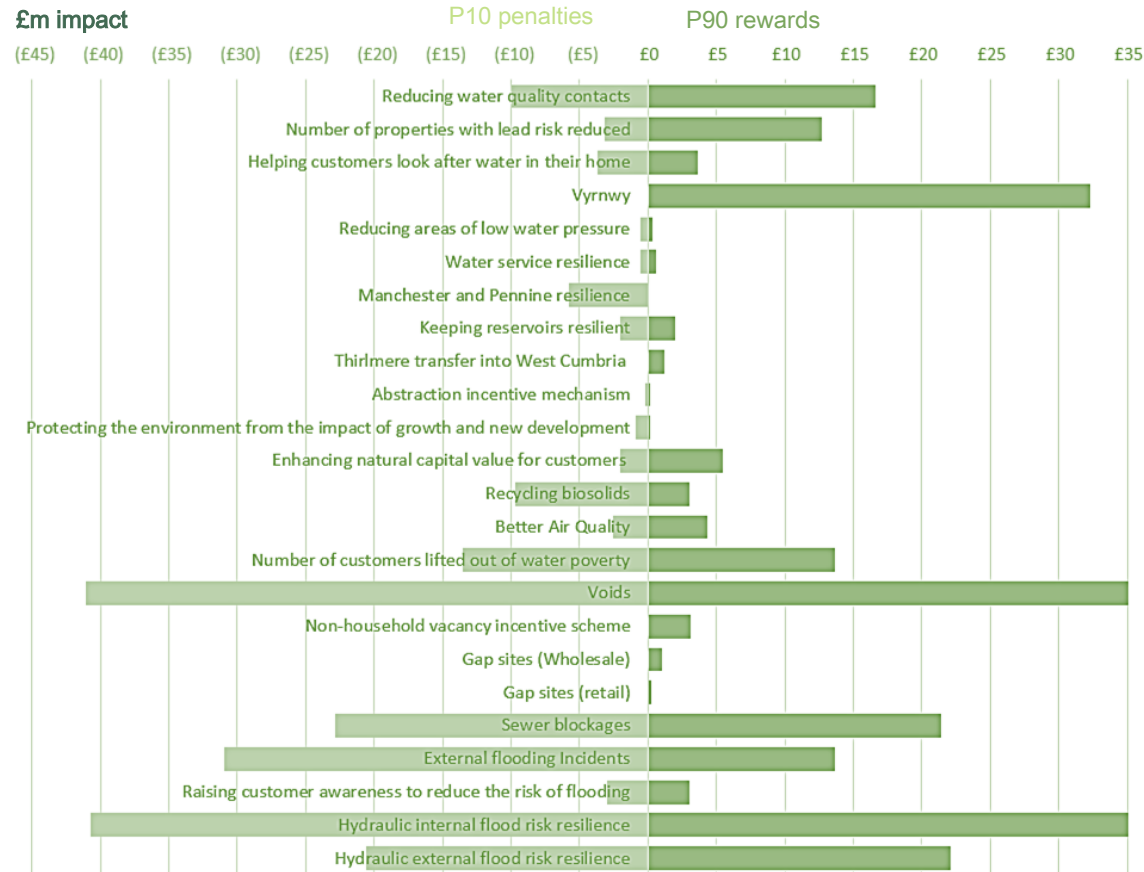


Integration, optimisation and collaboration across all our asset plans

Projected P10 underperformance payments and P90 outperformance payments for United Utilities' common and comparative performance commitments over 2020-25 excluding C-MeX and D-MeX. Source: Ofwat Final Determination, December 2019

# Opportunities across bespoke AMP7 ODIs

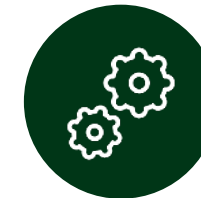
## Opportunities to unlock outperformance across bespoke ODI measures



Optimised investment plan for multiple benefit



Industry leading technologies backed by industry leading innovation culture



Systems Thinking enabling a data driven proactive approach

Projected P10 underperformance payments and P90 outperformance payments for United Utilities' bespoke performance commitments over 2020-25

Source: Ofwat Final Determination, December 2019

# Ambition and innovation across our performance commitments (PCs)

We co-developed with our customers some really innovative PCs that are important to them, they are industry leading and with incentives that provide good opportunities for outperformance

**First in the industry** to commit to tackling the issues of **air quality** by incentivising a reduction of emissions from our energy generation activities through an ODI.



£4.3m reward  
£2.6m penalty

Reducing the number of properties with **water quality risk from lead**. The **most stretching target** of any other company, with equally leading outperformance opportunities.



£12.7m reward  
£3.1m penalty

Reducing the **hydraulic risk of flooding** using innovative advanced modelling techniques for risk and investment planning. Exploring more scenarios in minutes than you could do manually in months.



£68.0m reward  
£61.2m penalty

Delivering additional **natural capital** value. **First in the industry** to unlock opportunities for outperformance by generating value for communities across the North West from ecosystems services.



£5.5m reward  
£2.0m penalty

Engaging with customers to change their behaviour. Using an innovative methodology to **raise customer awareness to reduce the risk of flooding**.



£3.0m reward  
£3.0m penalty

New contingency plans increase the **resilience in our water service**. The **first forward looking measure in the industry** to incentivise long term resilience.



£9.3m reward  
£5.5m penalty

# Customer Services Performance Commitments

12 of United Utilities' performance commitments are focused on customer services, delivering the outcomes that are important to customers with rewards available for outperformance on specific performance commitments.

- 4 Common** Measuring against sector, with rewards based on company specific targets
- 8 Bespoke** Unique to us, offering outperformance opportunities where we fully deliver what matters to customers
- 9 Financially incentivised** Of the 12 performance commitments, rewards are available across 9 of the performance commitments
- 3 Reputational** No financial incentive



# Transition from SIM to C-MeX and D-MeX

## Old SIM measure



Reward/penalty range = +£36m - £72m



## New C-MeX measure

Customer Contactor Satisfaction Survey of customers who have contacted us (similar to SIM)

50%

Customer Experience Survey, survey of any customer across the North West

50%

Reward/penalty range = +/-£66

## New D-MeX measure

Qualitative Component, developer services customer satisfaction Survey

50%

Quantitative component, company performance against a key set of WaterUK metrics

50%

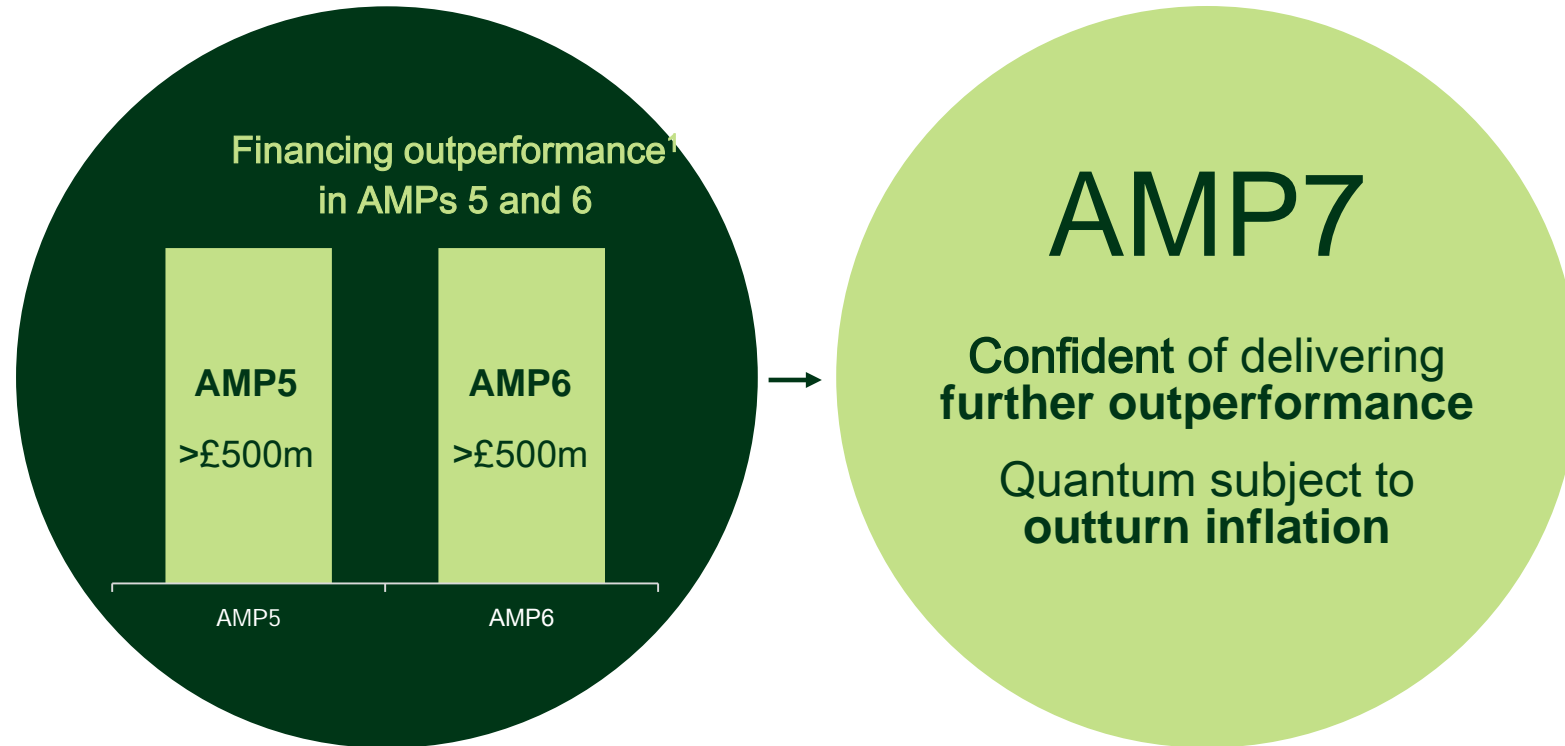
Reward/penalty range = +£13m to -£26m

# Financial summary



# Best in class treasury management

Track record of delivering significant financing outperformance



<sup>1</sup> Pre-tax on an actual company basis

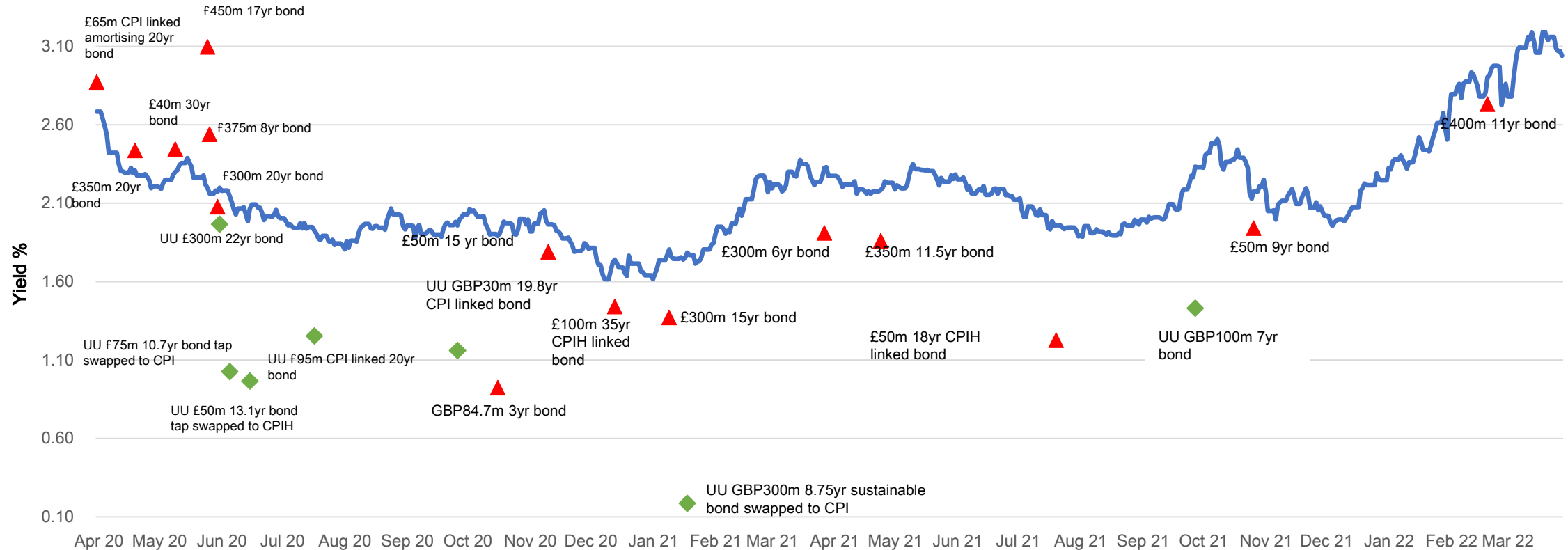
Flexibility to **reinvest** over **£600m** across AMPs 5 and 6

**Financial resilience** to withstand credit crises

# Benefit of our treasury policies and excellence

We typically outperform the index for new debt by 50-100bps

UK Water sector GBP bonds (excl. fees) vs iBoxx yield less 15bps  
(1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022)



# Credit rating summary

Aim to at least retain U UW credit ratings to support efficient access to debt capital markets



U UW<sup>1</sup> rated A3

UU PLC rated Baa1

A3 threshold: net debt to  
RCV ratio <65%

A3 threshold: adjusted  
interest cover >1.7x



U UW<sup>1</sup> rated<sup>2</sup> A-

UU PLC rated<sup>2</sup> A-

A- threshold: net debt to  
RCV ratio <67%

A- threshold: PMICR<sup>3</sup> >1.6x



U UW<sup>1</sup> rated BBB+

UU PLC rated BBB-

BBB+ threshold: adjusted  
FFO to debt >9%

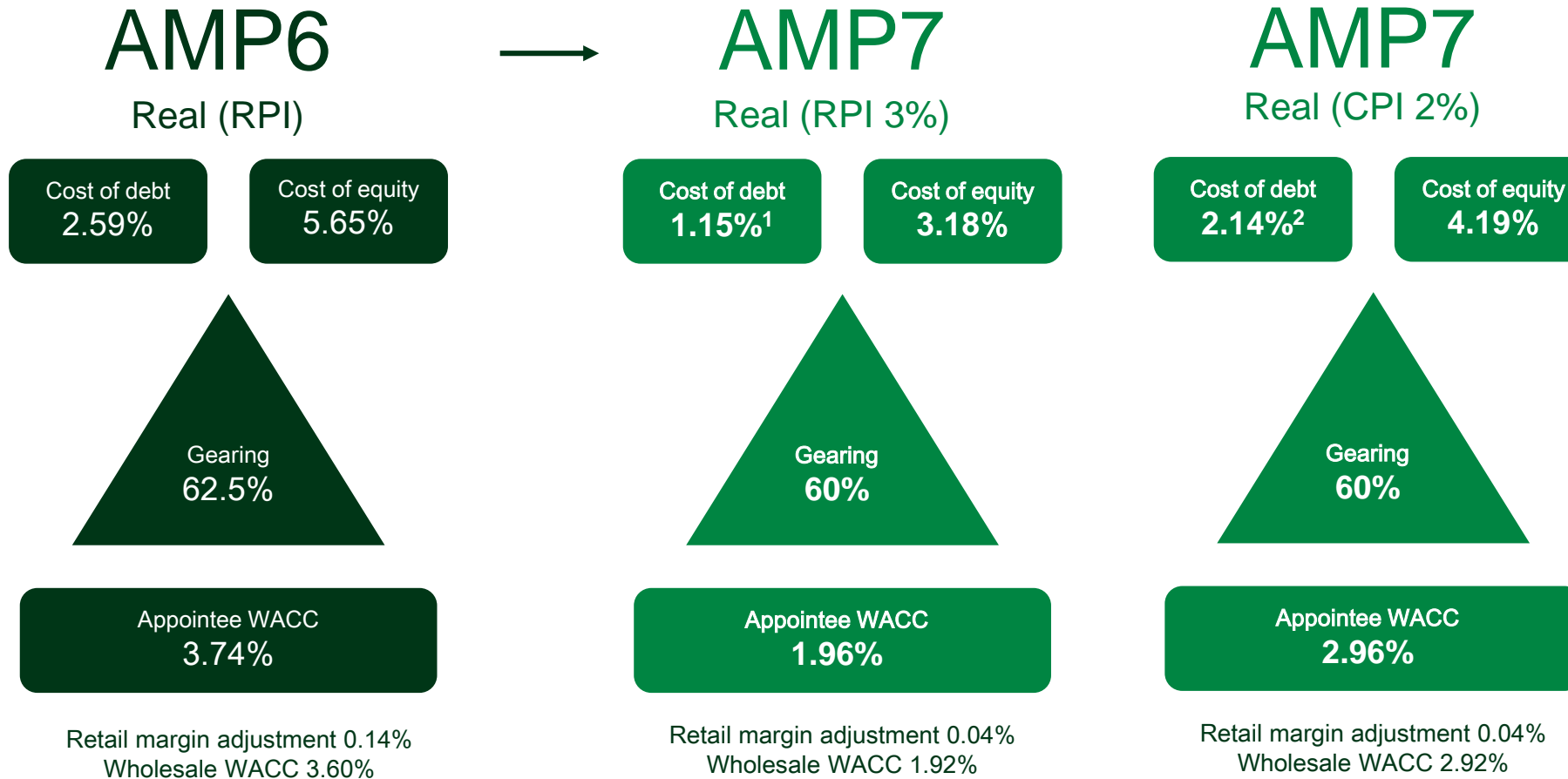
BBB+ threshold: net debt:EBITDA < 9x

<sup>1</sup> Any notes issued by U UW's financing subsidiary United Utilities Water Finance PLC (U UWF) are expected to be rated in line with U UW's credit rating

<sup>2</sup> Rating for senior unsecured debt, issuer default rating is one notch lower

<sup>3</sup> Post maintenance interest cover ratio

# Weighted average cost of capital (WACC)



Industry average WACC based on notional company with 60% gearing

Debt indexation to apply for new debt assumed to be 20% of total debt

CPIH to be adopted for the indexation of future price controls

<sup>1</sup> Cost of debt split: 1.43% embedded debt (assumed to be 80% of total); -0.45% new debt (assumed to be 20% of total)  
<sup>2</sup> Cost of debt split: 2.42% embedded debt (assumed to be 80% of total); -0.53% new debt (assumed to be 20% of total)

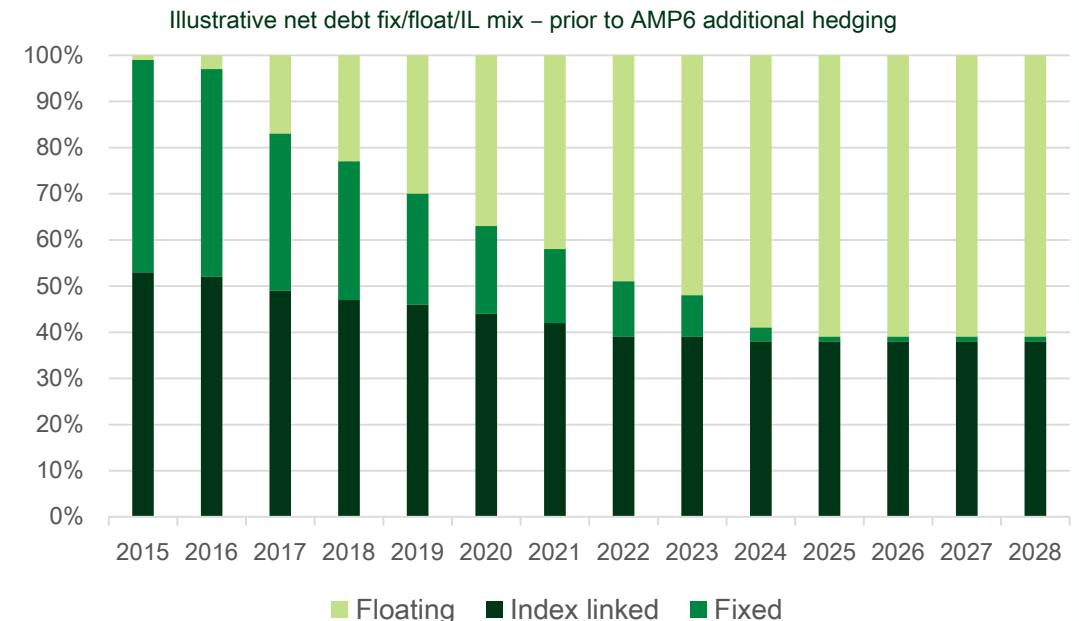
# Risk reduction – Interest rate hedging policy

Aims to minimise regulatory risk

- AMP7 cost of debt set through PR19 process
- We target around half of our debt to be in index-linked form, and we keep index-linked debt un-swapped as a good match for the RCV, which is 50% RPI-linked and 50% CPIH-linked as at 1 April 2020 with post-2020 new additions linked to CPIH
- We fix underlying rates on the remaining nominal floating rate debt on a 10-year reducing balance basis
- This helps to manage uncertainty regarding Ofwat's approach to setting the cost of debt at future price reviews

## 10-year rolling interest rate profile

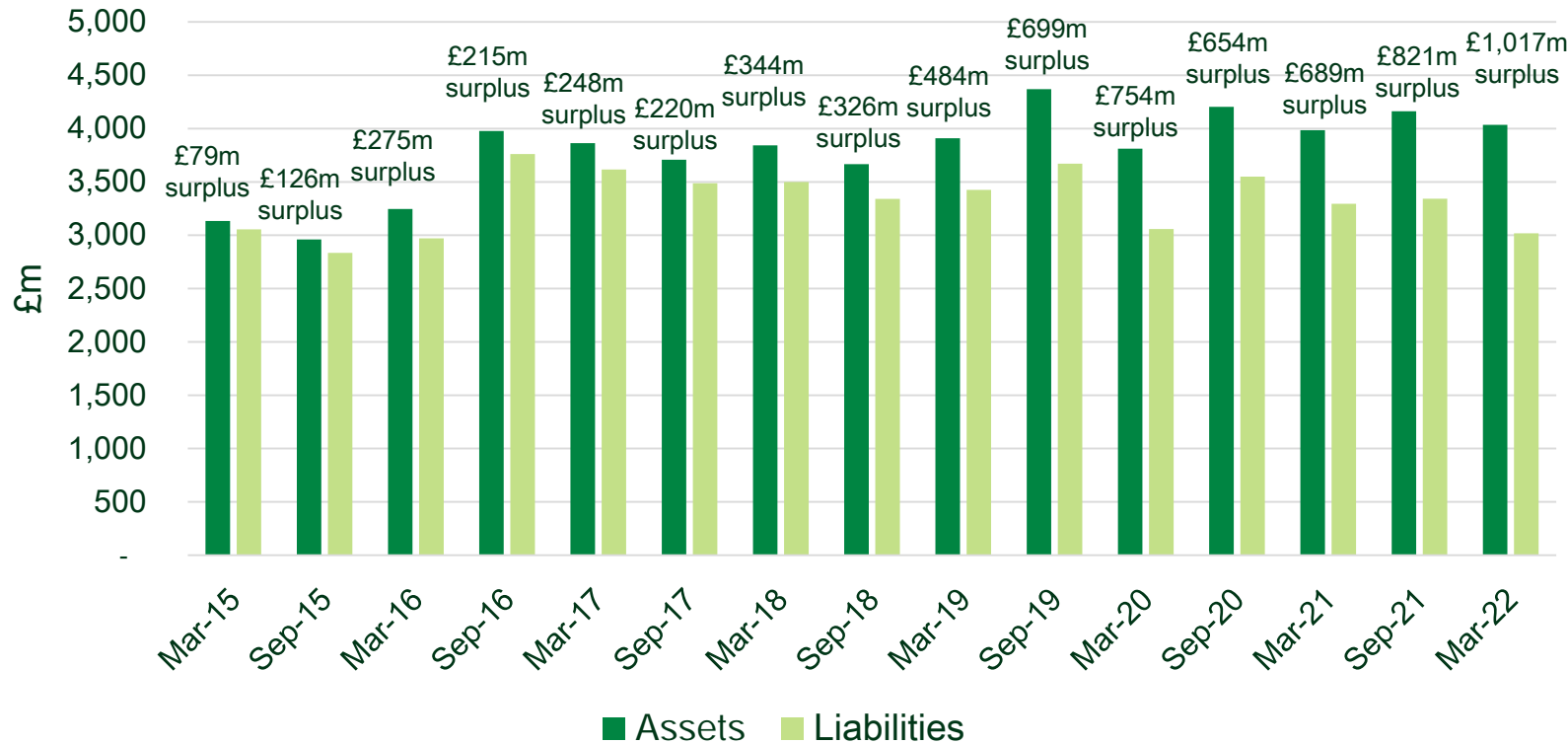
Lock in rolling 10-year average interest rate on nominal debt



# Pensions

United Utilities' pensions are fully funded on a low dependency basis

IFRS pensions surplus



IAS19 surplus, no funding deficit

Low risk assets, hedged for inflation and interest rate risk

No deficit on a low dependency basis

Future contributions are ongoing service costs only

# Defined Benefit Funding Consultation – 3 March 2020

## Fast Track compared with Bespoke valuations

### Long term objective (LTO)

Low dependency by time scheme is significantly mature  
Fast Track G+25/50, duration 12-14yrs

### Covenant

Stronger covenants can take more risk but trustees required reduce reliance over time  
Fast track limited to 3 to 5 years

### Investment strategy

Consideration of investment risk including liquidity and hedging

### Journey plan

Linkage from LTO to TPs  
Stepping stones

### Recovery plans and dividends

As short as affordability allows  
Equitability of deficit recovery contributions opposite dividends & management bonuses

### Stressed schemes

Very long recovery periods or unsupported investment risk will not qualify for Fast Track

### Technical provision (TP)

Basis of funding  
Maturity and covenant linked matrix of acceptability for Fast Track

### Contingent assets

Not allowed for Fast Track

### Open schemes

Benefits accruing should be secure

# Impact of inflation

Short-term timing differences – for 2022/23 year end

## Regulated revenue

Price limits are based on the movement in CPIH<sup>3</sup> inflation between November 2020 and November 2021 (i.e. 4.6%)

## Dividends

Dividends are linked to the same inflation as regulated revenue in order to mirror the inflationary uplift in price limits

## Regulatory capital value (RCV)

Opening RCV is inflated by the movement in inflation between March 2022 and March 2023, 50% linked to RPI<sup>1</sup> inflation and 50% linked to CPIH<sup>3</sup> inflation

Plus RCV additions (from totex) during the year, gives 31 March 2023 RCV (which is used for year-end gearing calculation)

## Index-linked debt<sup>4</sup>

**RPI 3 month lag:**  
Adjustment to principal is based on the movement in RPI<sup>1</sup> inflation between January 2022 and January 2023

**RPI 8 month lag:**  
Adjustment to principal is based on the movement in RPI<sup>1</sup> inflation between July 2021 and July 2022

**CPI 3 month lag:**  
Adjustment to principal is based on the movement in CPI<sup>2</sup> inflation between January 2022 and January 2023

<sup>1</sup> Retail Prices Index (RPI)

<sup>2</sup> Consumer Price Index (CPI)

<sup>3</sup> Consumer Price Index adjusted for Housing (CPIH)

<sup>4</sup> Indexation of principal is calculated based on monthly movements in RPI / CPI



# Glossary

Term	Description
<b>AMP6 / AMP7</b>	Asset Management Plan periods. The five-year regulatory price control periods since privatisation. AMP6 runs from 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2020. AMP7 runs from 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2025.
<b>APR</b>	Annual Performance Report. Separate from the statutory financial statements, this provides detailed regulatory performance information.
<b>C-MeX / D-MeX</b>	C-MeX: measure of customer satisfaction for AMP7. Similar to qualitative SIM assessment in AMP6. D-MeX: measure of developer satisfaction for AMP7.
<b>CPI / CPI-H</b>	Consumer Price Index / Consumer Price Index including Housing. CPI-H is the UK Government's preferred measure of inflation, and will be used by Ofwat to calculate inflation of revenue and RCV in AMP7. CPI is the closest proxy for which debt and derivatives are available in the financial markets.
<b>DWI</b>	Drinking Water Inspectorate. Independent quality regulator that assesses our comparative performance in the water side of our business.
<b>EA</b>	Environment Agency. Independent environmental regulator that assesses our comparative performance in the wastewater side of our business.
<b>FD</b>	Final Determination. The regulatory settlement Ofwat gives each company to deliver for the 5-year regulatory price control period.
<b>IAP</b>	Initial Assessment of Plans. Ofwat graded water companies' business plan submissions for AMP7 across 9 key test areas and categorised the plans, leading to different timelines and base returns for higher/lower rated plans.
<b>ODIs</b>	Outcome Delivery Incentives. The rewards and penalties associated with operational performance against regulatory targets agreed for the period.
<b>Ofwat</b>	Independent economic regulator for the water sector in England and Wales.

Term	Description
<b>PAYG ratio</b>	Pay-as-you-go ratio. The allocation of expenditure between that recovered through revenues in the current regulatory period and that added to the RCV to be recovered in future periods (see RCV run-off), helping to ensure intergenerational equity by sharing the cost of long-term investments.
<b>PR14 / PR19</b>	Price Review years. PR14: the price review process for AMP6, concluded in 2014. PR19: the price review process for AMP7, will be concluded in 2019.
<b>RCV</b>	Regulatory Capital Value. This represents the value of accumulated investment in the company's asset base, and is used as a building block upon which companies earn a return in each 5-year regulatory price control period.
<b>RCV run-off</b>	The rate at which expenditure previously added to the RCV (see PAYG ratio) is recovered through revenues in a regulatory period.
<b>RPI</b>	Retail Price Index. Until recently (see CPI-H) this was the UK Government's preferred measure of inflation, and RPI is being used by Ofwat to calculate inflation of revenue and RCV in AMP6.
<b>SIM</b>	Service Incentive Mechanism. This is the metric used to measure customer satisfaction during AMP6, with separate assessments of quantitative SIM and qualitative SIM giving an overall combined SIM score for the period that can be used to compare performance versus peers within the water sector.
<b>TCQi</b>	Time Cost and Quality index. This is the internal measure we use to assess our capital projects, giving equal weighting to cost efficiency, quality, and on-time delivery.
<b>Totex</b>	Total expenditure. This comprises operating costs, infrastructure renewals expenditure (IRE) and capital expenditure. Any variation from companies' allowed level of totex for the period represents out- or under-performance.



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# Full year results

Year ended 31 March 2022

United Utilities Group PLC



Water for the North West

**Steve Mogford**  
Chief Executive



# Highlights

01

Sector leading customer support; **c£280m of support** to struggling households over AMP7

03

Highest annual ODI reward of **£25m** for FY22; increasing AMP7 ODI guidance by a third to a net reward of **£200m**

05

**£765m total additional AMP7 investment** driving sustainable performance and contributing to **21.4%<sup>1</sup>** RCV growth

02

Improving operating performance and higher inflation; contributing to **RoRE of 7.9%**

04

Responsibly sharing outperformance through **£400m additional investment**


06

Responding to **emerging environmental standards**; reviving rivers and waterways over the next 3 years through our **Better Rivers plan**

<sup>1</sup> RCV growth over AMP7 in nominal prices, see slide 79

# c£280m of customer support over AMP7

Significant support for customers 50% company funded



**Sector leading package providing significant support to North West households**

1

Supporting over 200,000 households across the North West through extensive affordability schemes

2

Sector leading implementation of Open Banking to streamline eligibility for support tariffs

3

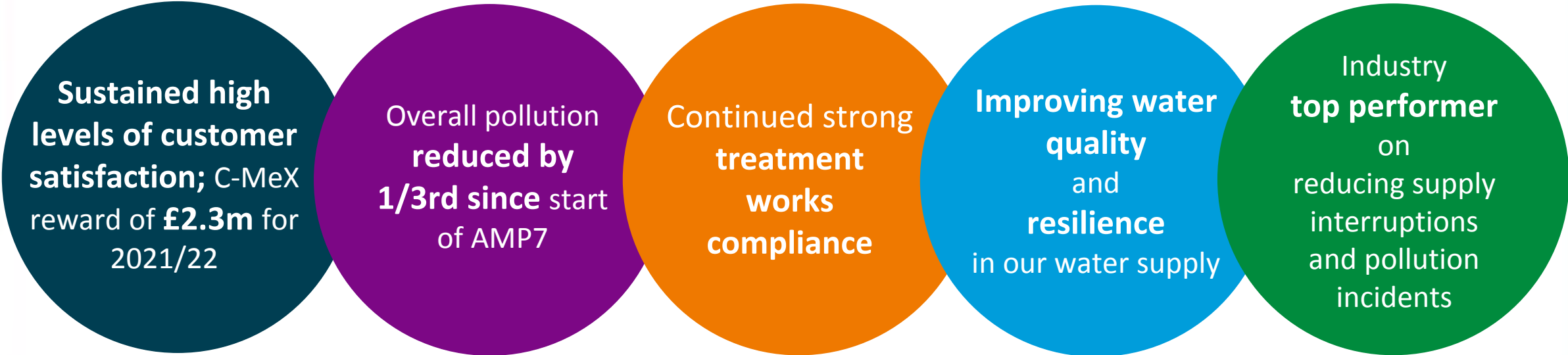
Promoting support on offer through the North West Hardship Hub, developed in partnership with the advice sector

4

Leading supporter of the CCW's drive to launch a national social tariff

# Sustained high level of operational performance

A sector leading company in Ofwat’s assessment of outcome delivery



Source: <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/service-and-delivery-2020-21/>

## Ofwat’s Service Delivery Report 2020/21

Performance areas targeted through £765m incremental investment plan – see slide 66

Outcomes											
Customer satisfaction	Priority services	Leakage	Household water use <sup>1</sup>	Supply interruptions	Water quality	Mains repairs	Unplanned outage	Sewer flooding	Pollution incidents	Sewer collapses	Treatment works compliance
<b>Key</b>		Top performers		At or better than target		Poorer than target					

<sup>1</sup> Relates to Per Capita Consumption. Ofwat will be revisiting this at the 2024-25 price review once there is a better understanding of the impact of Covid-19 and any enduring effects.

# AMP7 investment delivering for stakeholders

Investment focusing on targeted areas of improvement

## Dynamic Network Management<sup>1</sup>

Global first application of Systems Thinking; most holistic deployment of sensing and AI across a network

AI system facilitating proactive action

Contributing to a one third reduction in internal flooding

Expected AMP7 ODI benefits of over £30m

## Drinking Water Quality<sup>2</sup>

c£100m investment to improve water taste, smell and appearance

DWI driven requirement

26% reduction in taste, smell and appearance contacts

44% improvement in risk score<sup>3</sup>

Expected ODI improvements of over £30m

<sup>1</sup> c£100m investment in Dynamic Network Management is included within £365m additional investment previously announced

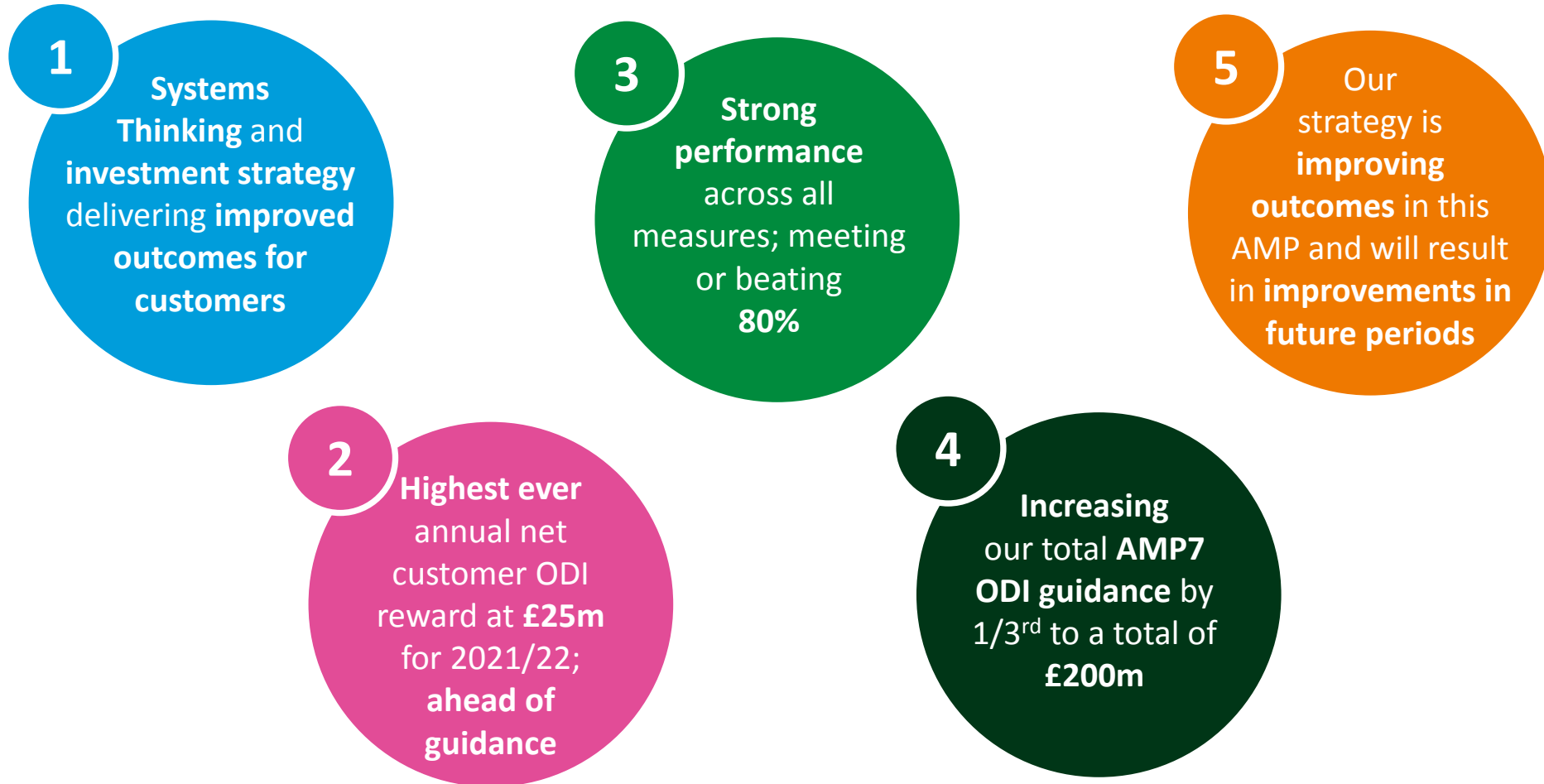
<sup>2</sup> c£100m investment in Drinking Water Quality improvements is included within £400m additional investment announced today

<sup>3</sup> The Event Risk Index (ERI) is a DWI measure that assesses the impact of water quality events



# Increasing AMP7 ODI guidance to £200m

2021/22 customer ODI reward ahead of target at £25m; 1/3<sup>rd</sup> increase in AMP7 ODI guidance to £200m



Note: 2021/22 performance excludes the impact of per capita consumption (PCC) measure for which Ofwat has proposed to assess company performance at the end of the AMP

# Sharing outperformance through £400m of additional totex investment

Responsibly sharing our successes for the benefit of all stakeholders

RoRE of  
7.9% for FY22

Strong operational performance;  
£200m reward AMP7 ODI guidance

AMP7 average inflation 149bps higher  
than FD assumptions

No increase in average bills  
for FY23 and c£280m  
affordability support  
over AMP7

## £250m new investment to improve environmental outcomes

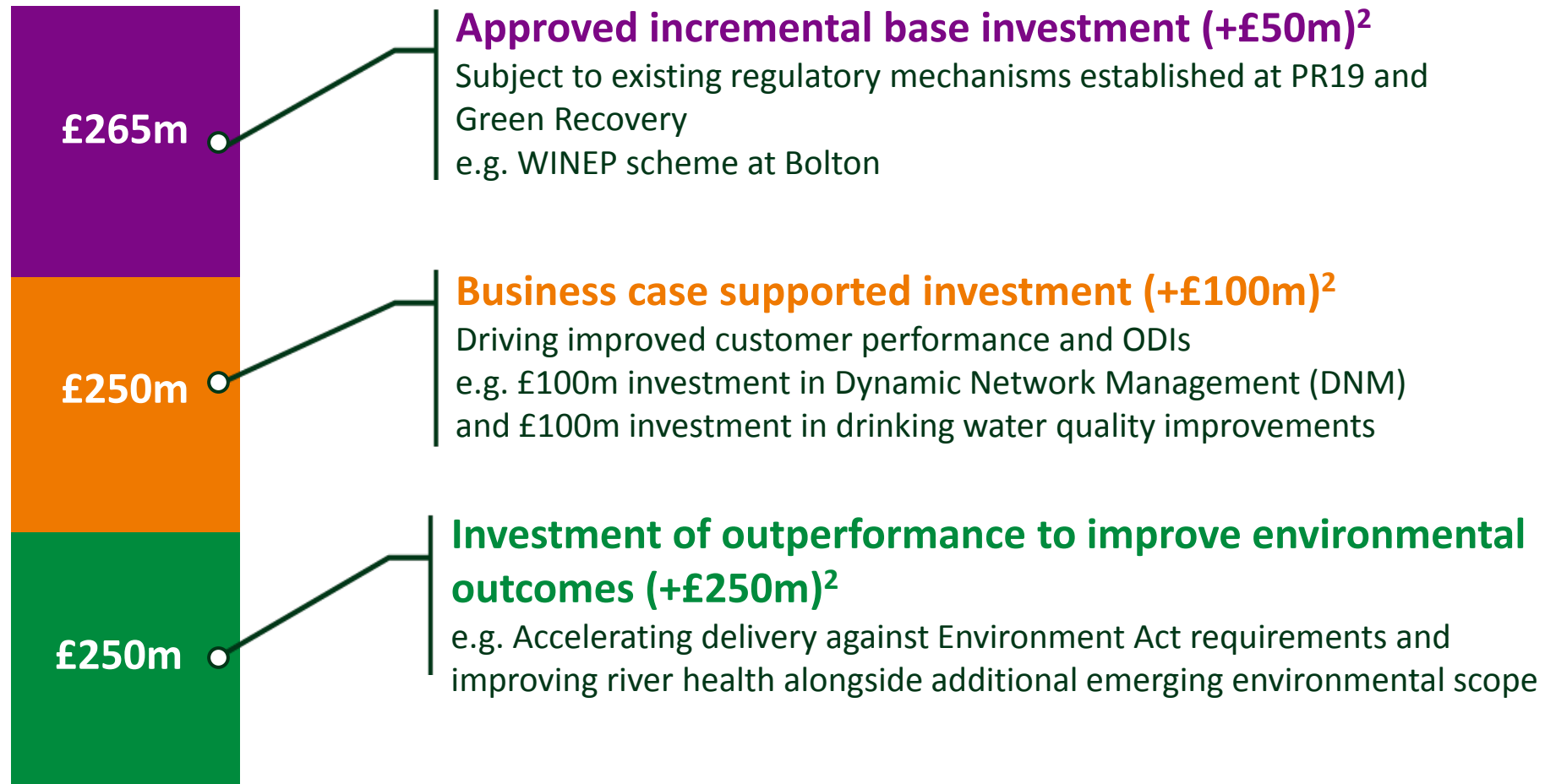
Responding to new and emerging environmental standards and accelerating the requirements of the Environment Act

## £150m additional base and business case driven investment

Accelerating improvements in service to customers and driving ODI performance now and in the future

# Investing a total of £765m<sup>1</sup> beyond FD allowance over AMP7

## Financial strength and balance sheet headroom to fund



### Approved incremental base investment (+£50m)<sup>2</sup>

Subject to existing regulatory mechanisms established at PR19 and Green Recovery  
e.g. WINEP scheme at Bolton

### Business case supported investment (+£100m)<sup>2</sup>

Driving improved customer performance and ODIs  
e.g. £100m investment in Dynamic Network Management (DNM) and £100m investment in drinking water quality improvements

### Investment of outperformance to improve environmental outcomes (+£250m)<sup>2</sup>

e.g. Accelerating delivery against Environment Act requirements and improving river health alongside additional emerging environmental scope

<sup>1</sup> Comprises £365m investment previously announced and £400m additional investment announced today

<sup>2</sup> Figures in brackets represent the incremental investment being announced today

# Better Rivers, Better North West

**28% reduction in spills between 2020 and 2021**



**Progressively  
reduce our impact on  
river health**

**Open and transparent about our  
performance and plans**

**Make rivers beautiful and support  
others to improve and care for them**

**Opportunities for everyone  
to enjoy rivers and  
waterways**

**1**

£230m base investment included in FD plus £250m additional investment to accelerate plans

**2**

Supporting a reduction in the number of recorded spills by at least a third between 2020 and 2025

**3**

Improving 184km of waterways

**4**

All storm overflows monitored by 2023

**5**

Real time data on operation of storm overflows made available to the general public



Phil Aspin  
Chief Financial Officer

# Financial highlights

Return on regulated equity

**7.9% real**  
(CPIH/RPI blended basis)

Revenue

**£1,863m**

2020/21:  
£1,808m

Household bad debt

**1.8%**  
of regulated revenue

2020/21:  
2.2%

Underlying operating profit<sup>1</sup>

**£610m**

2020/21:  
£602m

Managing inflation impact

**c90% power hedging for FY23**

Underlying EPS<sup>1</sup>

**53.8p**

2020/21:  
56.2p

Dividend per share

**43.5p**

2020/21:  
43.24p

Strong balance sheet

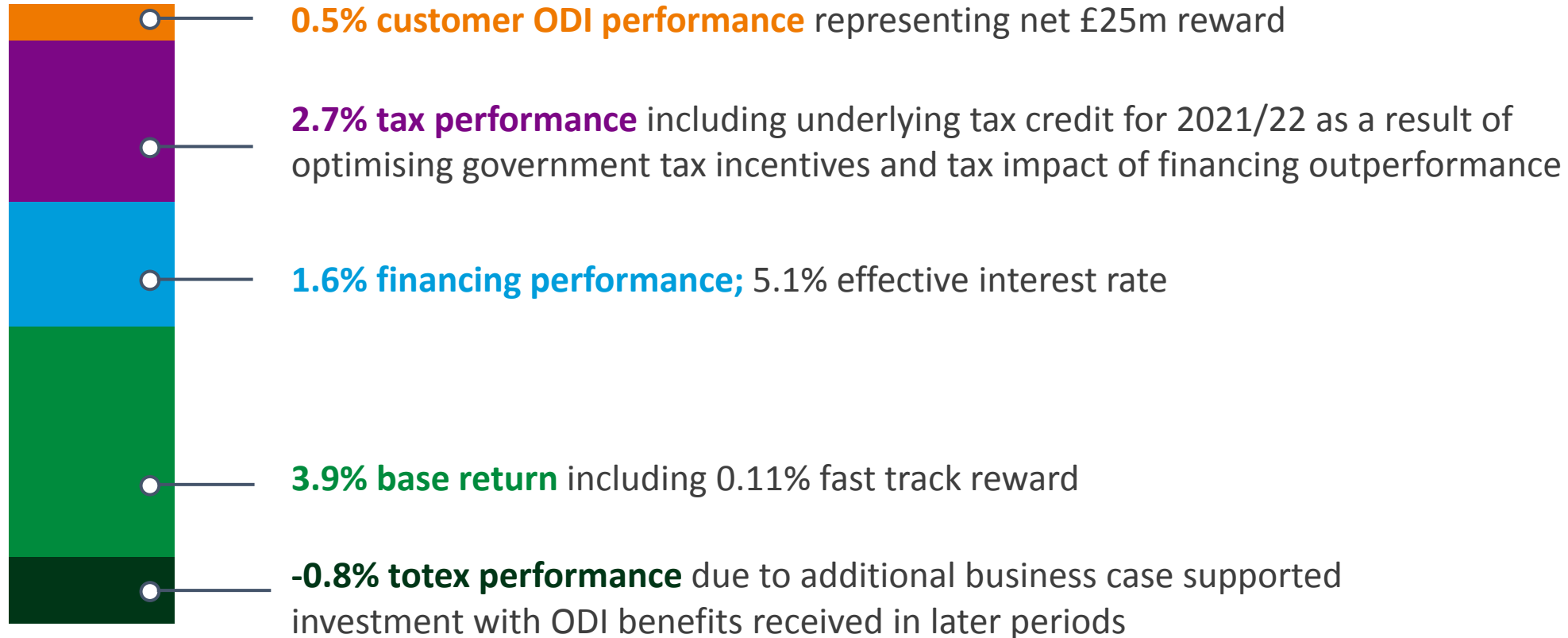
**61% RCV gearing and fully funded, inflation hedged pension**

<sup>1</sup> Underlying profit measures are reconciled to reported profit measures in the appendix

# Return on regulated equity (RoRE) for 2021/22

Reported RoRE of 7.9%; underlying<sup>1</sup> RoRE of 7.7%

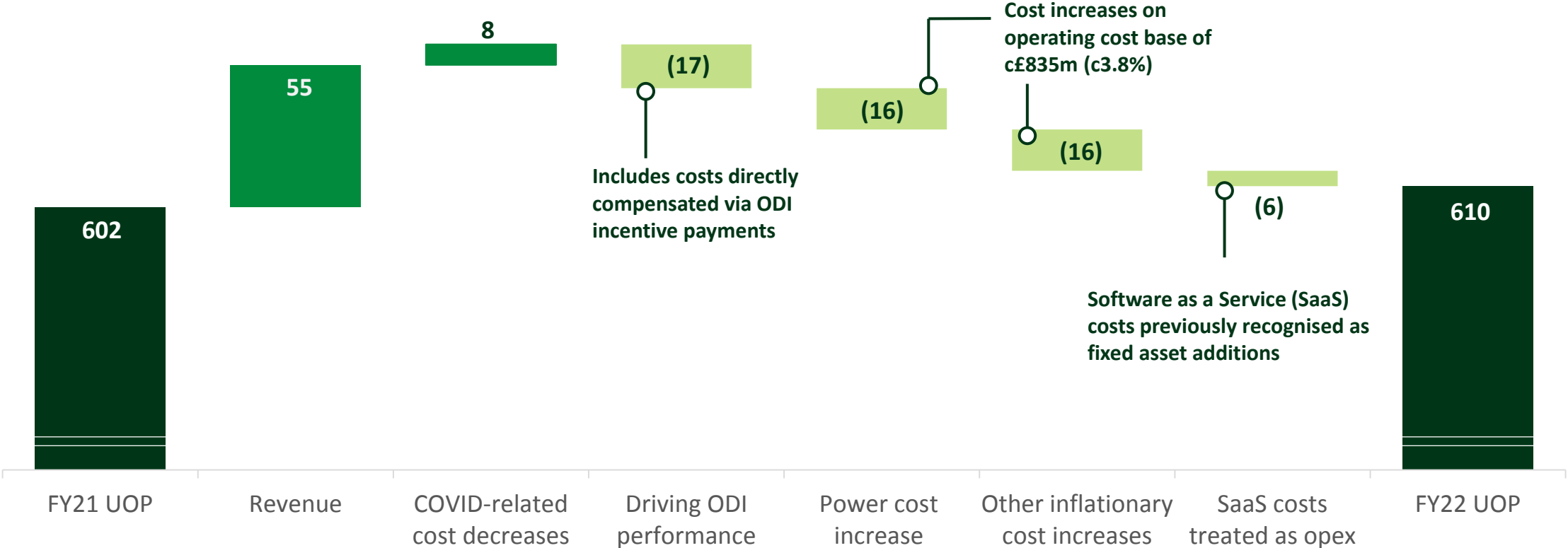
7.9% RoRE



<sup>1</sup> Underlying RoRE adjusts for our assessment of the tax impact that will be adjusted for through the tax sharing mechanism

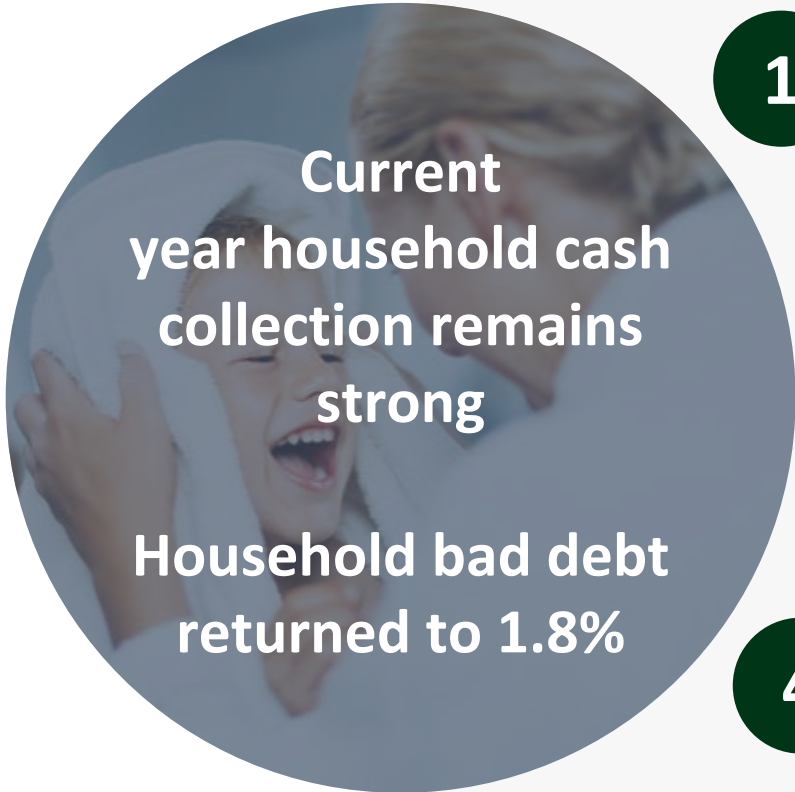
# Underlying operating profit

£m





# Strong collections performance



Current  
year household cash  
collection remains  
strong

Household bad debt  
returned to 1.8%

1

Over 80% on direct debit or other payment plan

2

Comprehensive, data led approach to collections

3

Award winning collections capability; evidencing our best in class approach

4

One of the best managed customer receivables positions in the sector



**BRITISH CREDIT AWARDS 2022**



# Managing inflation impact

Totex allowance increases by c£150m for each 1% increase in CPIH over AMP7

RCV increases by c£600m for each 1% increase in CPIH over AMP7

## Operating costs

Wage deal agreed for FY23 at 4.75%

Power **90% hedged** for FY23

**Chemical prices** impacted by increasing power costs & current geopolitical environment

## Capital programme

Over **90%** of AMP7 base capital programme already **on contract**

Construction contracts awarded **under target price arrangements**, incentivises both parties to **manage cost pressures**

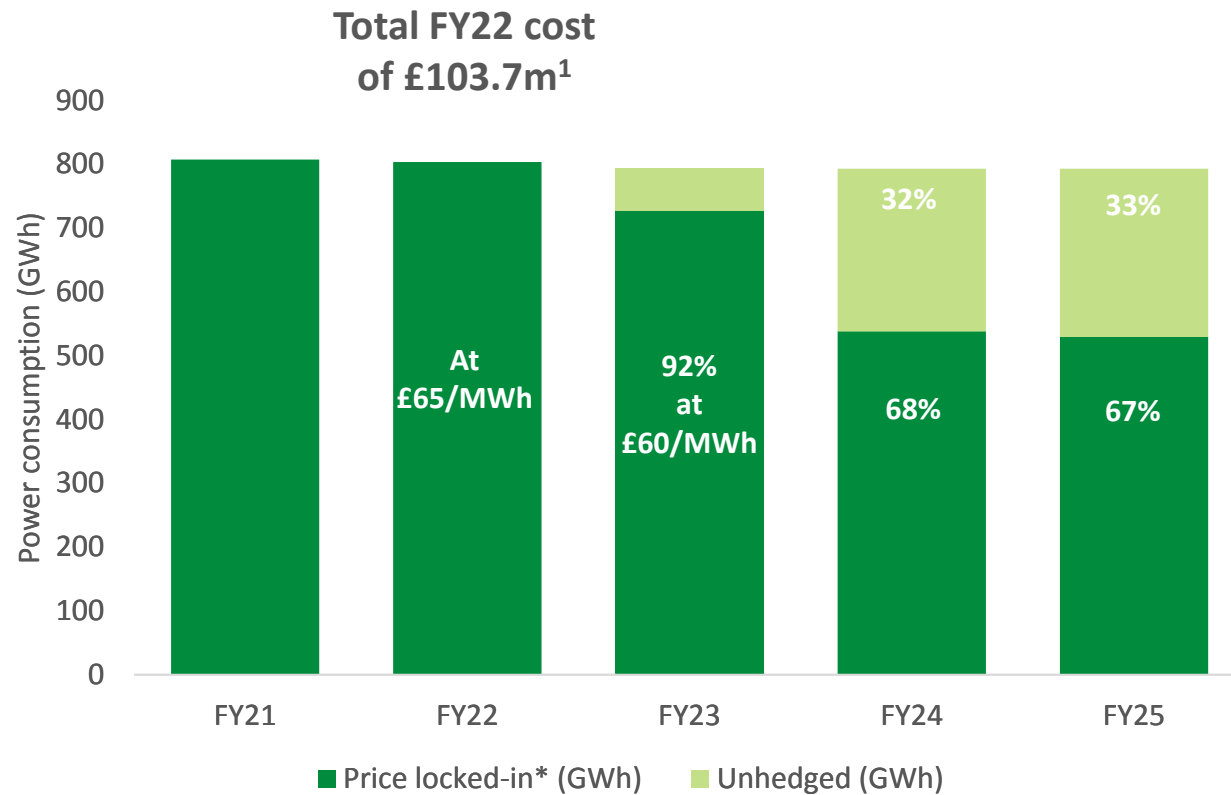
## Interest costs

**Hedging policy** targets **50% net debt** in index-linked form

**In year impact** of cost of index-linked debt; inflation return to RCV **not reflected in P&L**

Equity leveraged **1.75x** to inflation

# AMP7 power consumption and hedging



\*Price locked-in includes bought power, hedged power and includes the benefits of self-generation

<sup>1</sup> Represents UuW gross electricity costs prior to consolidation adjustments and capitalisation and therefore will differ from P&L cost

<sup>2</sup> Winter-22 market price as at 20 May 2022

Power consumption in FY21 and FY22 represents actual consumed power. Subsequent years are based on current assumptions and may change.

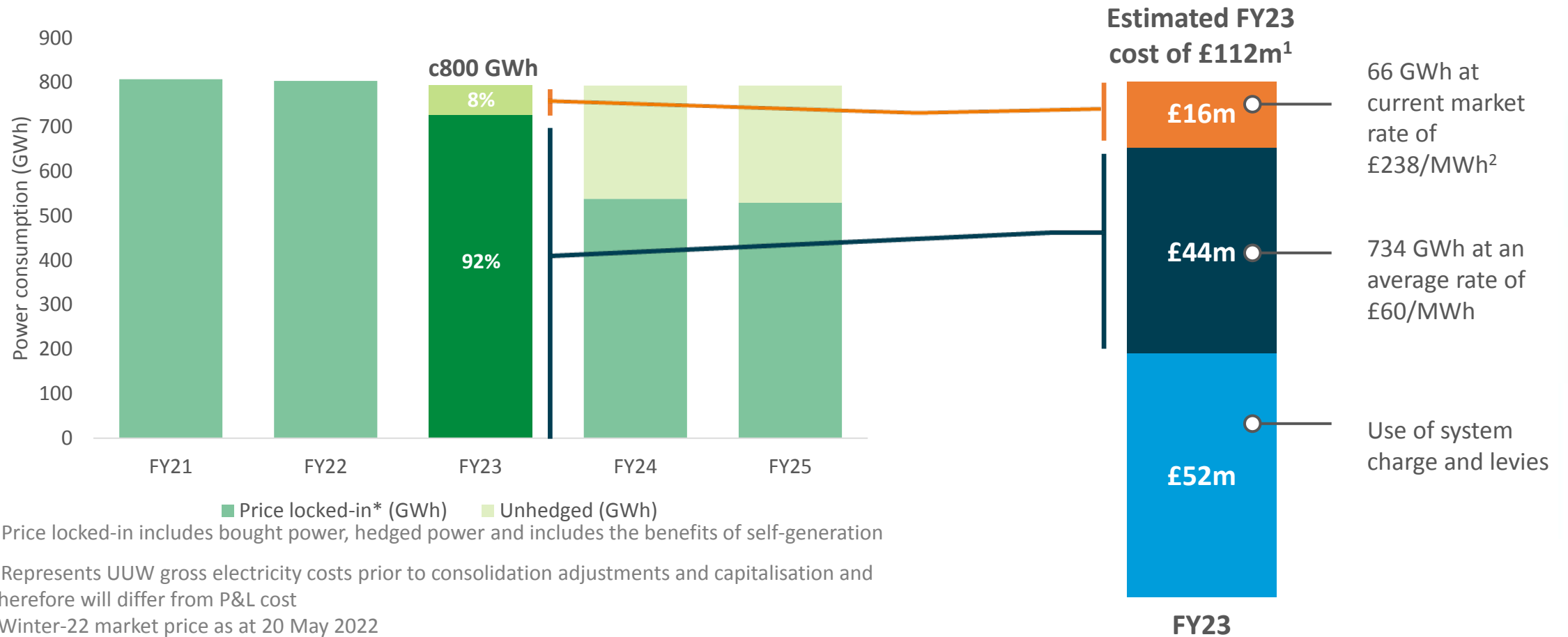
01

**Controlling cost** in FY22 at an average rate of £65/MWh compared with current market rate of £238/MWh<sup>2</sup> for FY23

02

**Price secured in line with hedging policy** with estimated consumption for FY23 over 90% hedged and for FY24 and FY25 around 2/3rds hedged

# Price fixed on over 90% of FY23 power



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# Interest, tax and earnings

Underlying net  
finance expense<sup>1</sup>

**£306.3m**

**£173m higher**  
than 2020/21

Higher inflation on  
index-linked debt

Cash interest of  
£118m;

FY21: £129m

Underlying  
tax credit<sup>1</sup>

**£65.1m**

Equivalent to  
**-22% underlying tax  
rate**

Optimising government tax  
incentives

One-off deferred tax charge  
of £403m

Underlying profit  
after tax<sup>1</sup>

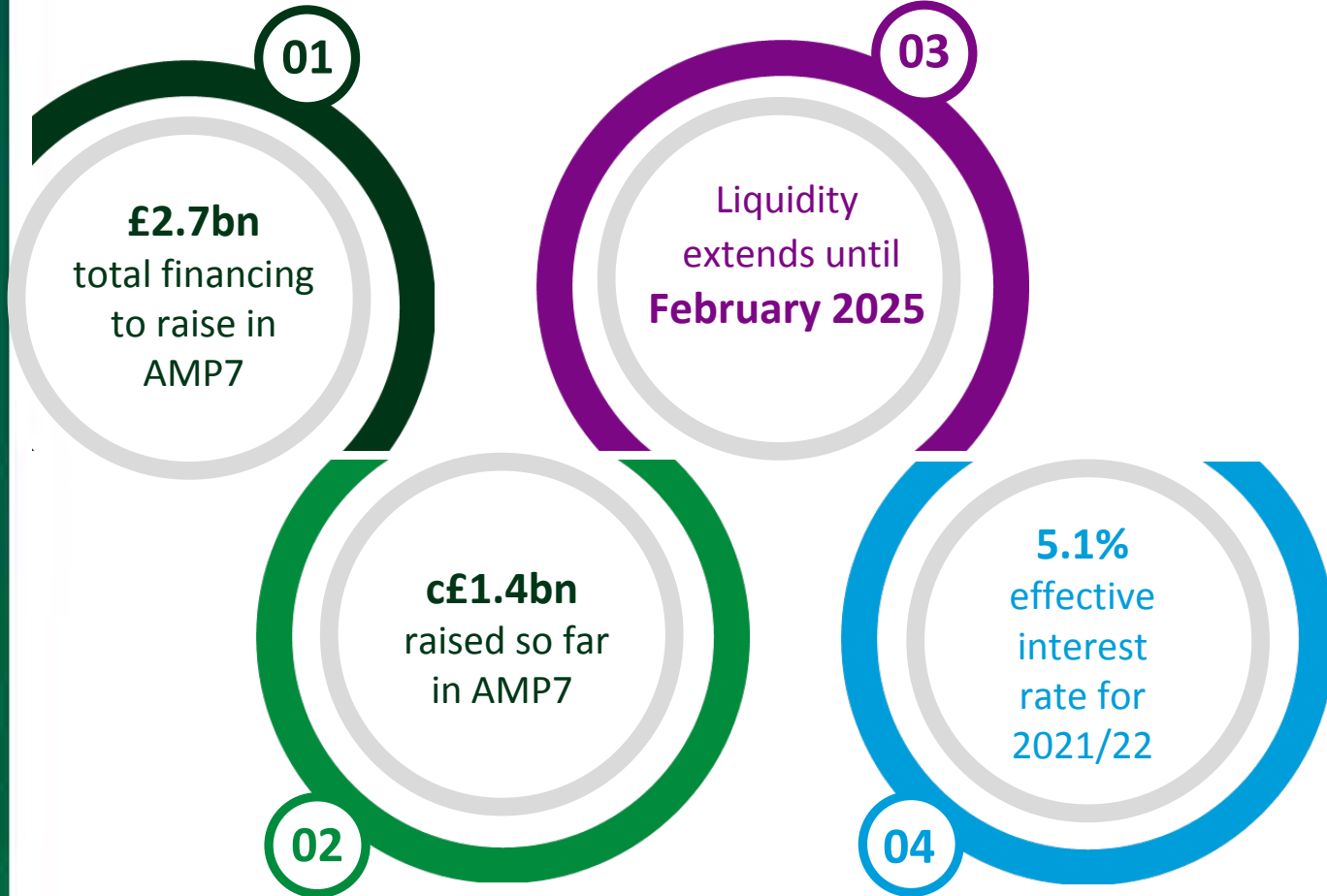
**£367.0m**

2020/21:  
**£383.0m**

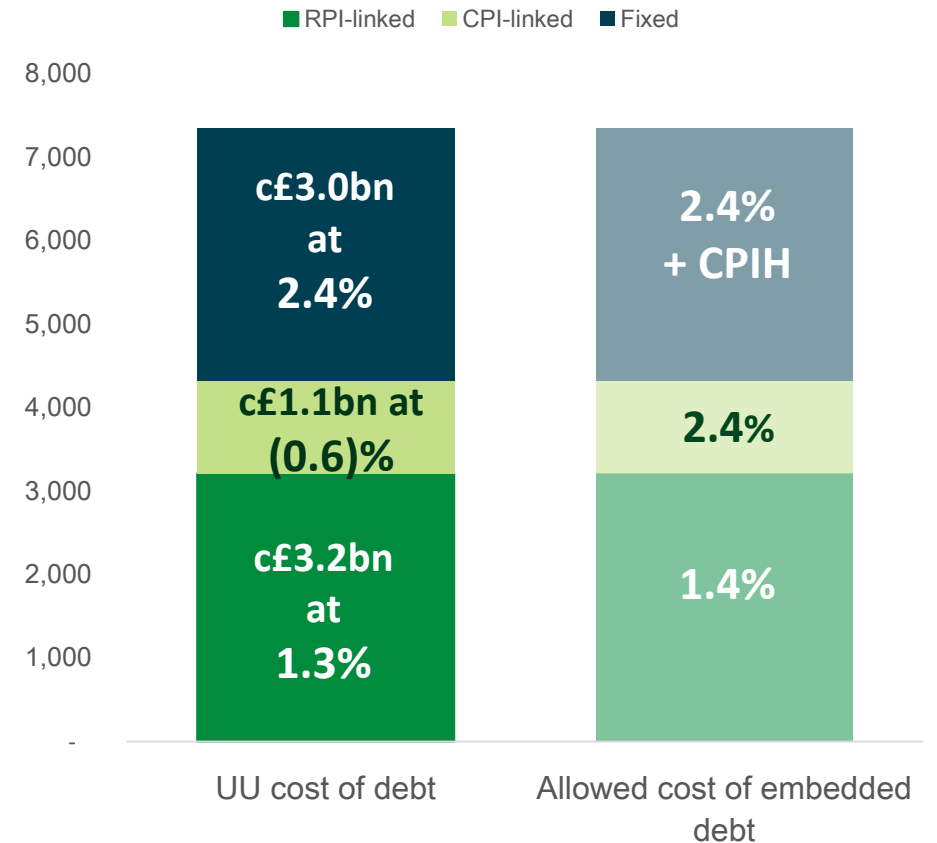
Underlying EPS  
of 53.8p

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# Financing performance



AMP7 average cost of debt

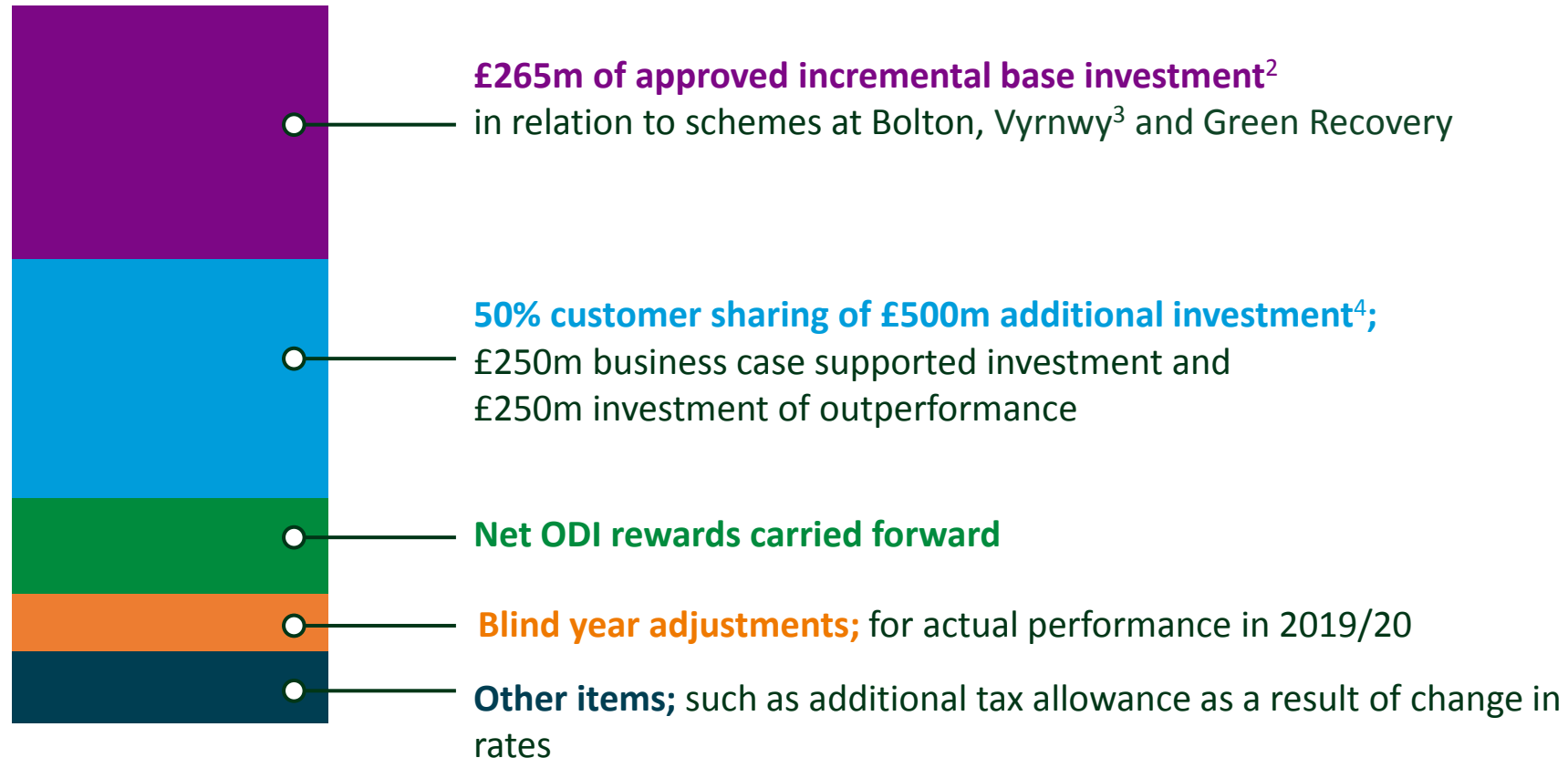


The rates shown are real rates for the index-linked debt and nominal rates for the fixed rate debt.

# c£750m value expected to be received in AMP8

**c£750m<sup>1</sup>**

value carried forward



<sup>1</sup> £100m already included in the shadow RCV of £12,436m

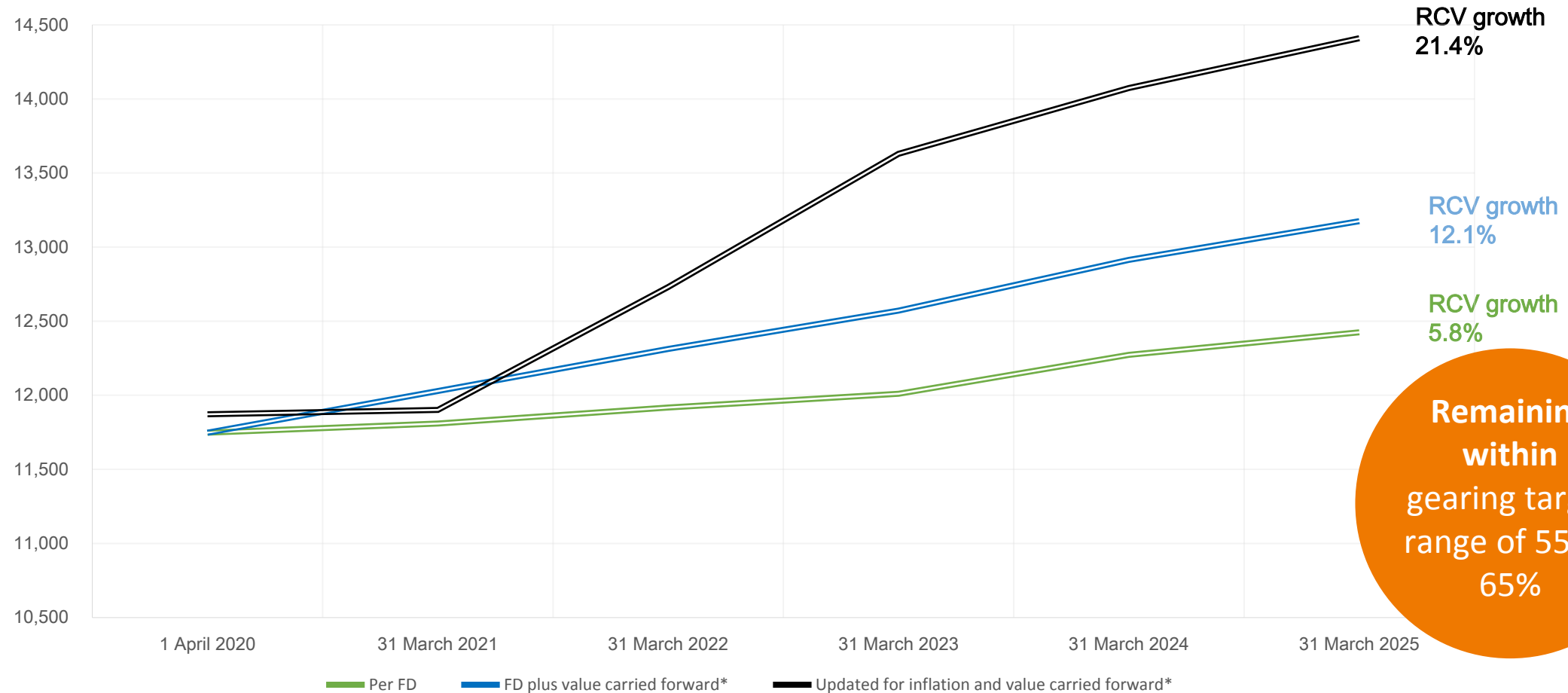
<sup>2</sup> £265m fully recoverable base investment as detailed on slide 66

<sup>3</sup> 50% recovered through totex adjustment and 50% through ODIs

<sup>4</sup> 50% of £500m investment as detailed on slide 66

# Investment driving growth

## REGULATORY CAPITAL VALUE



\*Includes returns to be received as revenues in AMP8 and inflation assumptions based on a consensus from a selection of banks and HM Treasury

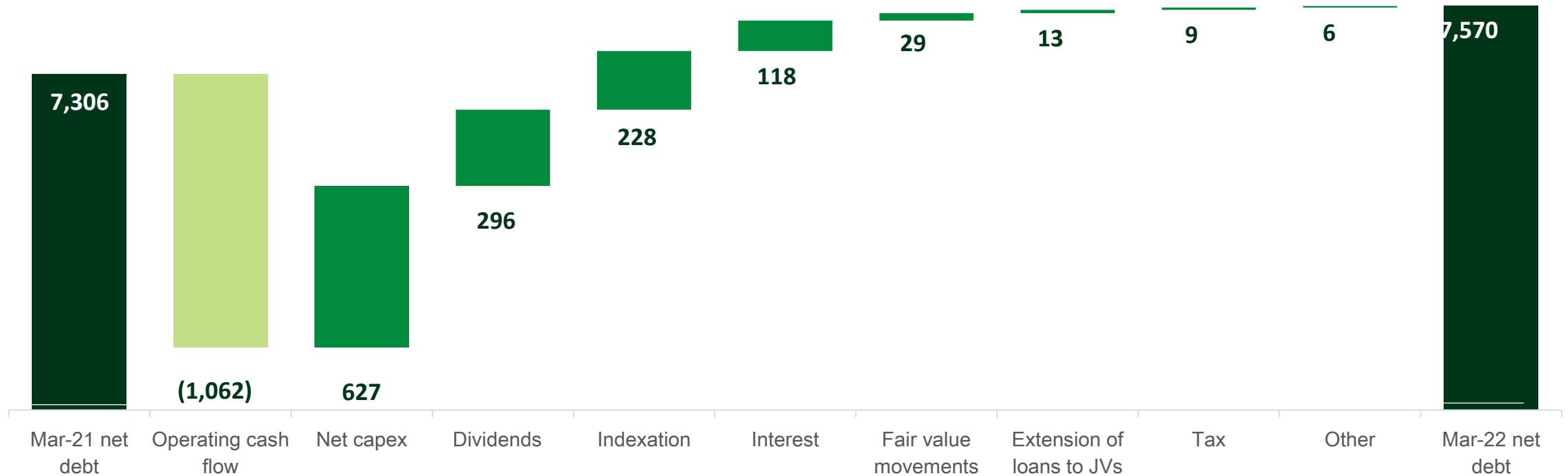
RCV for FY21 and FY22 represents actual UuW shadow RCV. Subsequent years are based on current assumptions and may change.  
Shadow RCV at 31 March 2022 is £12,436m



# Strong balance sheet – net debt and RCV gearing

RCV gearing of **61%** supports **stable A3** credit rating with Moody's

Net debt £m



# Pensions schemes fully funded and inflation hedged

1

Retirement benefit  
IFRS surplus of  
**£1bn** as at  
31 March 2022

3

Latest finalised  
funding valuation  
carried out as at  
31 March 2021

5

Long-term  
strategies agreed  
for reducing  
investment risk

2

Fully funded  
on a low  
dependency basis  
with no further  
pension deficit  
contributions  
due

4

Group and  
trustees  
committed to  
exploring further  
**de-risking options**  
for the future

6

Pension schemes  
fully hedged for  
inflation  
exposure

# 2022/23 full year outlook

Revenue	↑ c1% y-o-y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over-recovery in 2021/22</li> <li>4.6% CPIH offset by -1.3% k factor</li> </ul>
Underlying operating costs	↑ c£100m y-o-y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c£50m largely reflecting FY23 opex impact of £765m additional investment</li> <li>c£50m inflationary increases affecting labour, power, chemicals and other costs</li> </ul>
Underlying finance expense	Non-cash indexation ↑ c£150m y-o-y <hr/> Cash interest ↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher inflation impacting index-linked debt</li> <li>RPI 3 month lag (£2.4bn debt; Jan-23 forecast<sup>1</sup> 10.5%, Jan-22 7.8%)</li> <li>CPI 3 month lag (£1.1bn debt; Jan-23 forecast<sup>1</sup> 8.0%, Jan-22 5.4%)</li> <li>RPI 8 month lag (£0.8bn debt; Jul-22 forecast<sup>1</sup> 11.0%, Jul-21 3.8%)</li> </ul>
Underlying tax	Small tax charge of £0-10m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimising capital allowance “super deductions”</li> </ul>
Capex	£640-690m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceleration of AMP7 capex profile</li> <li>Includes incremental capex as part of £765m additional investment</li> </ul>
ODIs	c£30m reward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with targeting net AMP7 reward of c£200m</li> </ul>
Dividends	↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In line with AMP7 dividend policy</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Forecasts based on bank data compiled following the latest inflation release on 18 May 2022

# Financial summary

## Strong financial performance

**7.9% RoRE**

double our base returns

**Bad debt** position returned to **1.8%**

**Higher inflation** causing short term impact on costs but contributing to **higher totex allowance, financing outperformance** and **RCV growth**

Strong balance sheet with **low household debtor risk** and **leading pension position**





Steve Mogford  
Chief Executive

# Strategic direction for UK Water

## Significant developments ahead of PR24



**New and emerging requirements could drive significant increases in investment that need to be balanced with affordability**

**1**

Water system resilience to climate change and population growth

**2**

Environment Act requirement to reduce the adverse impact of storm overflows

**3**

Controlling the balance of phosphorus and other nutrients

**4**

Commitment to ensuring net gains for biodiversity on new developments

# Summary



Supporting customers;  
£280m package of support  
over AMP7

Improving operational performance;  
AMP7 ODI forecast increased to £200m

Reported RoRE for 2021/22 of 7.9%

Strong financial performance; managing  
inflation impact

Sharing outperformance responsibly for  
the benefit of all stakeholders

Ambition to address evolving  
environmental legislation in  
AMP8 and beyond

A young child with curly hair is sitting at a table, holding a white cup to their mouth. The child is wearing a patterned shirt and a red bib. The table is covered with a purple and white checkered tablecloth. In the background, there is a pink teapot and a white teapot on a shelf. The lighting is warm and focused on the child.

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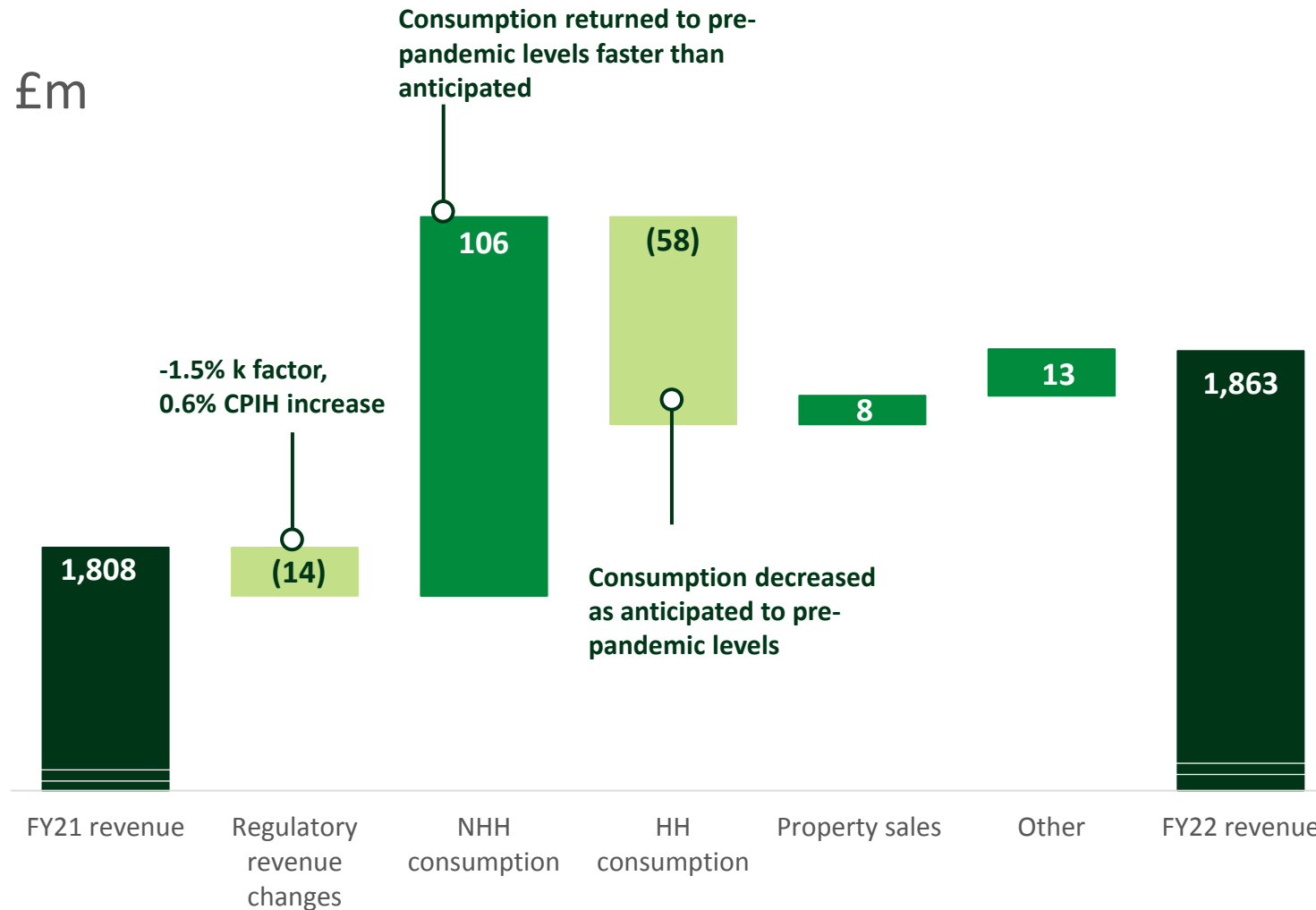
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# Revenue



Overall revenue higher as business activity returned to pre-Covid levels faster than anticipated

Full year 2022/23 revenue expected to be c1% higher year-on-year

# Underlying income statement

Year ended 31 March

£m

	2022	2021	Change (%)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1,862.7</b>	<b>1,808.0</b>	<b>+3%</b>
Operating expenses	(665.0)	(618.8)	
Infrastructure renewals expenditure	(169.5)	(164.8)	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>1,028.2</b>	<b>1,024.4</b>	<b>+0%</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	(418.2)	(422.3)	
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>610.0</b>	<b>602.1</b>	<b>+1%</b>
Net finance expense	(306.3)	(132.8)	
Share of losses of joint ventures	(1.8)	(9.3)	
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>301.9</b>	<b>460.0</b>	<b>-34%</b>
Tax	65.1	(77.0)	
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>367.0</b>	<b>383.0</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Earnings per share (pence)</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Total dividend per ordinary share (pence)</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>43.24</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>

# Underlying operating costs

Year ended 31 March £m	2022	2021	Change (%)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1,862.7</b>	<b>1,808.0</b>	<b>+3%</b>
Employee costs	(184.3)	(173.5)	+6%
Power	(99.6)	(83.6)	+19%
Hired and contracted services	(95.4)	(84.7)	+13%
Materials	(90.8)	(82.2)	+10%
Property rates	(90.5)	(89.4)	+1%
Regulatory fees	(28.4)	(28.0)	+1%
Bad debts	(23.4)	(28.7)	-18%
Other expenses	(52.6)	(48.7)	+8%
	<b>(665.0)</b>	<b>(618.8)</b>	<b>+8%</b>
Infrastructure renewals expenditure (IRE)	(169.5)	(164.8)	+3%
Depreciation and amortisation	(418.2)	(422.3)	+6%
<b>Total underlying operating expenses</b>	<b>(1,252.7)</b>	<b>(1,205.9)</b>	<b>+4%</b>
<b>Underlying operating profit</b>	<b>610.0</b>	<b>602.1</b>	<b>+1%</b>

# Profit before tax reconciliation

Year ended 31 March	2022	2021
£m		
Operating profit	610.0	602.1
Investment income and finance expense	(168.3)	(78.5)
Share of losses of joint ventures	(1.8)	(9.3)
Profit on disposal of joint ventures	-	36.7
<b>Reported profit before tax</b>	<b>439.9</b>	<b>551.0</b>
<u>Adjustments:</u>		
Fair value (gains)/losses on debt and derivative instruments, excluding interest on derivatives and debt under fair value option	(138.0)	(54.3)
Profit on disposal of Tallinn joint venture	-	(36.7)
<b>Underlying profit before tax</b>	<b>301.9</b>	<b>460.0</b>

# Profit after tax reconciliation

Year ended 31 March £m	2022	2021
<b>Reported profit after tax</b>	<b>(56.8)</b>	<b>453.4</b>
<u>Adjustments:</u>		
Fair value (gains)/losses on debt and derivative instruments, excluding interest on derivatives and debt under fair value option	(138.0)	(54.3)
Deferred tax adjustment	562.5	18.4
Tax in respect of adjustments to underlying profit before tax	(0.7)	2.2
Profit on disposal of Tallinn joint venture	-	(36.7)
<b>Underlying profit after tax</b>	<b>367.0</b>	<b>383.0</b>
<b>Basic earnings per share (pence)</b>	<b>(8.3)</b>	<b>66.5</b>
<b>Underlying earnings per share (pence)</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>56.2</b>

# Finance expense

Year ended 31 March £m	2022	2021
Investment income	19.4	25.0
Finance expense	(187.7)	(103.5)
	<b>(168.3)</b>	<b>(78.5)</b>
Fair value (gains)/losses on debt and derivative instruments, excluding interest on derivatives and debt under fair value option	(138.0)	(54.3)
<b>Underlying net finance expense</b>	<b>(306.3)</b>	<b>(132.8)</b>
Adjustment for net pension interest income	(14.3)	(17.5)
Adjustment for capitalised borrowing costs	(52.7)	(30.4)
<b>Effective net finance expense</b>	<b>(373.3)</b>	<b>(180.7)</b>
 <b>Average notional net debt</b>	 <b>7,368</b>	 <b>7,315</b>
 <b>Average effective interest rate</b>	 <b>5.1%</b>	 <b>2.5%</b>
Effective interest rate on index-linked debt	7.0%	2.4%
Effective interest rate on other debt	2.5%	2.5%



# Finance expense: index-linked debt

Year ended	2022	2021
£m		
Interest on index-linked debt	(35.7)	(46.2)
RPI adjustment (£2.2bn debt; Jan-22 7.8%, Jan-21 1.4%) – 3 month lag <sup>1</sup>	(166.9)	(37.3)
CPI adjustment (£1.1bn debt; Jan-22 5.4%, Jan-21 0.7%) – 3 month lag <sup>2</sup>	(58.4)	(2.4)
RPI adjustment (£0.9bn debt; Jul-21 3.8%, Jul-20 1.6%) – 8 month lag <sup>3</sup>	(30.9)	(12.9)
<b>Finance expense on index-linked debt<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>(291.9)</b>	<b>(98.8)</b>
Interest on other debt (including fair value option debt and derivatives)	(81.4)	(81.9)
<b>Effective net finance expense</b>	<b>(373.3)</b>	<b>(180.7)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Affected by movement in RPI between January 2021 and January 2022

<sup>2</sup> Affected by movement in CPI between January 2021 and January 2022

<sup>3</sup> Affected by movement in RPI between July 2020 and July 2021

<sup>4</sup> Adjusted to overlay the impact of inflation swaps

# Derivative analysis

At 31 March

£m

	2022	2021
Derivatives hedging debt	198.5	402.7
Derivatives hedging interest rates	10.7	(99.2)
Derivatives hedging commodity prices	111.0	6.5
<b>Total derivative assets and liabilities</b>	<b>320.2</b>	<b>310.0</b>

- Derivatives hedging debt; hedge our non index-linked debt into sterling, floating interest rate debt. Typically these are designated in fair value hedge accounting relationships.
- Derivatives hedging interest rates; the majority fix our sterling interest rate exposure on a 10 year rolling average basis. A portion of these derivatives instead fix future real interest rates through inflation-linked swaps.
- Derivatives hedging commodity prices; fix a proportion of our future electricity prices in line with our policy. These are in addition to prices fixed in the physical market with power purchase agreement which are not subject to fair value measurement.
- Derivatives hedging specific debt instruments are included within net debt to eliminate, to a certain extent, the fair value recognised in borrowings and thereby present a more representative net debt figure.
- Further details of our group hedging strategy can be found in the Group financial statements.

# Statement of financial position

At £m	31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2021	Change (%)
Property, plant and equipment	12,147.5	11,799.0	+3%
Retirement benefit surplus	1,016.8	689.0	+48%
Other non-current assets	259.5	267.9	-3%
Cash	240.9	744.1	-68%
Other current assets	314.9	254.4	+24%
Total derivative assets	457.4	424.7	+8%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>14,437.0</b>	<b>14,179.1</b>	<b>+2%</b>
Gross borrowings	(7,979.8)	(8,451.8)	-6%
Other non-current liabilities	(2,983.3)	(2,247.8)	+33%
Other current liabilities	(378.8)	(333.8)	+13%
Total derivative liabilities	(137.2)	(114.7)	+20%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>(11,479.6)</b>	<b>(11,148.1)</b>	<b>+3%</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,957.4</b>	<b>3,031.0</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Share capital	499.8	499.8	0%
Share premium	2.9	2.9	0%
Retained earnings	2,038.5	2,192.0	-7%
Other reserves	416.2	336.3	+24%
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>2,957.4</b>	<b>3,031.0</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>NET DEBT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(7,570.0)</b>	<b>(7,305.8)</b>	<b>+4%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reconciliation of net debt included on the following slide

# Reconciliation of net debt

At £m	31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2021
Cash	240.9	744.1
Total derivative assets	457.4	424.7
Gross borrowings	(7,979.8)	(8,451.8)
Total derivative liabilities	(137.2)	(114.7)
<b>Balance sheet net debt</b>	<b>(7,418.7)</b>	<b>(7,397.7)</b>
Exclude the fair value impact of:		
Interest rate derivatives fixing future nominal interest rates	(55.1)	84.6
Inflation derivatives fixing future real interest rates	14.8	13.8
Electricity derivatives fixing future electricity costs	(111.0)	(6.5)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>(7,570.0)</b>	<b>(7,305.8)</b>

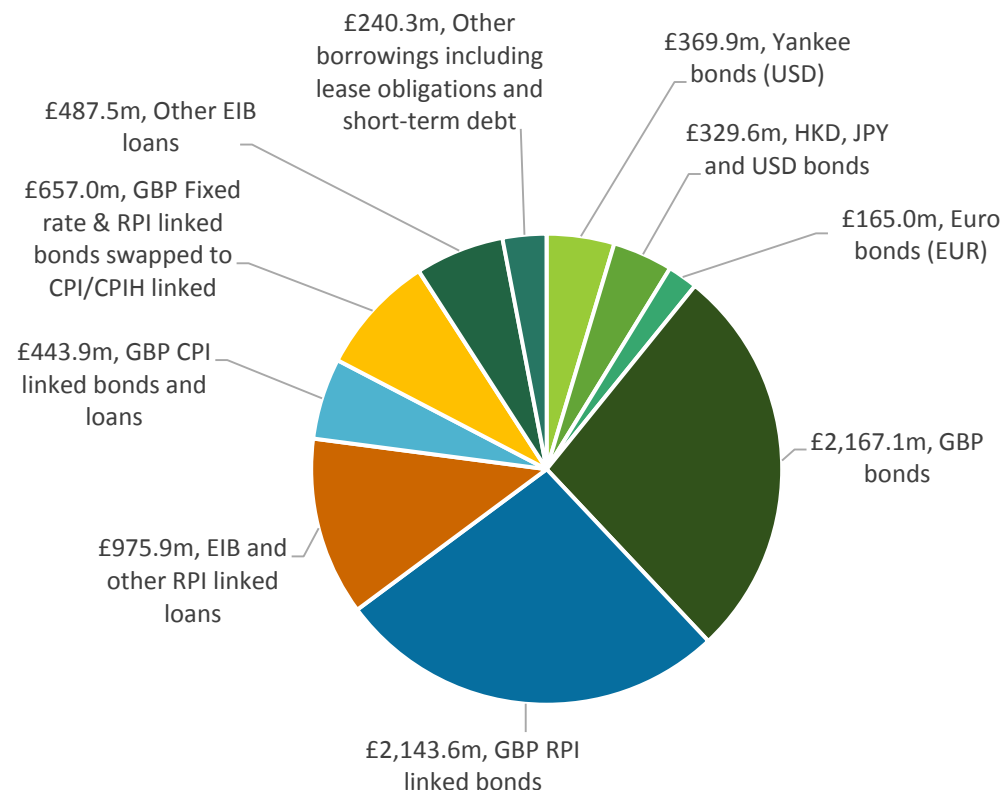
# Household debtors reconciliation

As at £m	31 March 2022	31 March 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Household net debtors	73.1	77.6
Household accrued income	46.4	69.4
Non household net debtors	1.1	0.6
Non household accrued income	58.2	52.6
Other sundry net debtors	46.1	23.5
<b>Total net debtors (including related parties)</b>	<b>224.9</b>	<b>223.7</b>
Less related party debtors	(39.9)	(40.4)
Less total accrued income	(74.7)	(87.9)
<b>Net debtors per U UW statutory accounts</b>	<b>110.3</b>	<b>95.4</b>
<b>Aged debt profile - Household net debtors</b>		
Debt aged <1 year	68.7	65.6
Debt aged 1-2 years	4.4	12.0
Debt aged >2 years	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>77.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Presentation of reconciliation has been updated to provide further granularity, prior year numbers have therefore been re-presented

# Financing and liquidity at 31 March 2022

Gross debt = £7,979.8m



Headroom / prefunding = £635.4m

	£m
Cash and short-term deposits <sup>1</sup>	240.9
Medium-term committed bank facilities <sup>2</sup>	700.0
Short-term debt	(70.0)
Term debt maturing within one year	(235.5)
<b>Total headroom / prefunding</b>	<b>635.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes £99.8m net proceeds from a £100m 8-year term loan facility executed on 22 April 2022

<sup>2</sup> Excludes £50m of new facilities executed for a 5-year term on 19 April 2022 plus £100m of facilities maturing within one year.

# Debt structure at 31 March 2022

## United Utilities Group PLC

### United Utilities PLC

Baa1 stable; BBB- stable; A- stable<sup>7</sup>

**Yankees:**  
• \$400m in 28s

### United Utilities Water Limited

A3 stable; BBB+ stable; A- stable<sup>7</sup>  
Ring-fenced and regulated by Ofwat

**Euro MTNs:**

- £300m in 27s
- £50m in 32s<sup>1</sup>
- £200m in 35s
- £100m in 35s<sup>1</sup>
- £35m in 37s<sup>1</sup>
- £70m in 39s<sup>1</sup>
- £100m in 40s<sup>1</sup>
- £50m in 41s<sup>1</sup>
- £100m in 42s<sup>1</sup>
- £20m in 43s<sup>1</sup>
- £50m in 46s<sup>1</sup>
- £50m in 49s<sup>1</sup>
- £510m in 56s<sup>1</sup>
- £150m in 57s<sup>1</sup>

**Other debt:**

- EIB RPI-linked loans £468m<sup>1</sup>
- Other RPI-linked loans £300m<sup>1</sup>
- CPI-linked loans £100m<sup>2</sup>
- Other EIB loans £488m
- Short-term loans £49m
- ¥10bn dual currency loan
- Other sterling loans £25m

### United Utilities Water Finance PLC<sup>6</sup>

Guaranteed by United Utilities Water Ltd

**Euro MTNs:**

- £450m in 25s
- £25m in 25s<sup>1</sup>
- HK\$320m in 26s
- HK\$739m in 26s
- €52m in 27s
- HK\$830m in 27s
- £20m in 28s<sup>1</sup>
- £100m in 28s
- £300m in 29s<sup>2</sup>
- £35m in 30s<sup>1</sup>
- ¥11bn in 30s
- €30m in 30s
- £425m in 31s<sup>4</sup>
- €30m in 31s
- HK\$600m in 31s
- US\$35m in 31s
- £38m in 31s<sup>3</sup>
- £20m in 31s<sup>2</sup>
- €28m in 32s
- €26m in 32s
- €30m in 33s
- £350m in 33s<sup>5</sup>
- £27m in 36s<sup>3</sup>
- £29m in 36s<sup>3</sup>
- £20m in 36s<sup>2</sup>
- £60m in 37s<sup>2</sup>
- £250m in 38s
- £125m in 40s<sup>2</sup>
- £300m in 42s
- £32m in 48s<sup>2</sup>
- £33m in 57s<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> RPI linked finance

<sup>2</sup> CPI linked finance / fixed rate finance subsequently swapped to CPI linked

<sup>3</sup> RPI linked finance subsequently swapped to CPI linked

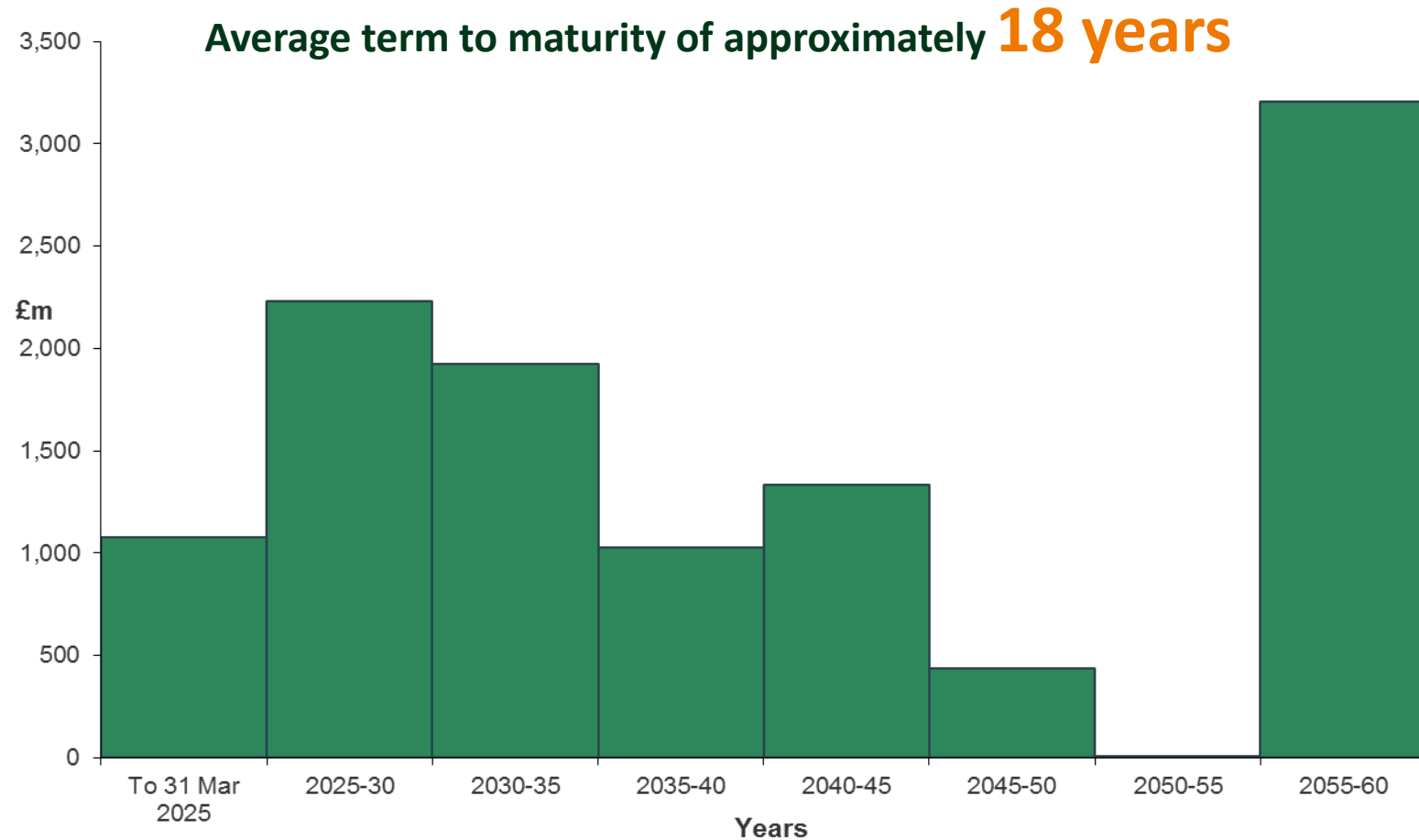
<sup>4</sup> £100m and £75m fixed rate tranches of this bond have been swapped to CPI linked

<sup>5</sup> Two £50m fixed rate tranches of this bond have been swapped to CPI/CPIH linked

<sup>6</sup> United Utilities Water Finance PLC (UUWF) is a financing subsidiary of United Utilities Water Limited (UUW) established to issue new listed debt on behalf of UUW. Notes issued by UUWF are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by UUW and are rated in line with UUW's credit ratings

<sup>7</sup> Senior unsecured debt ratings published by Moody's; Standard & Poor's; Fitch respectively

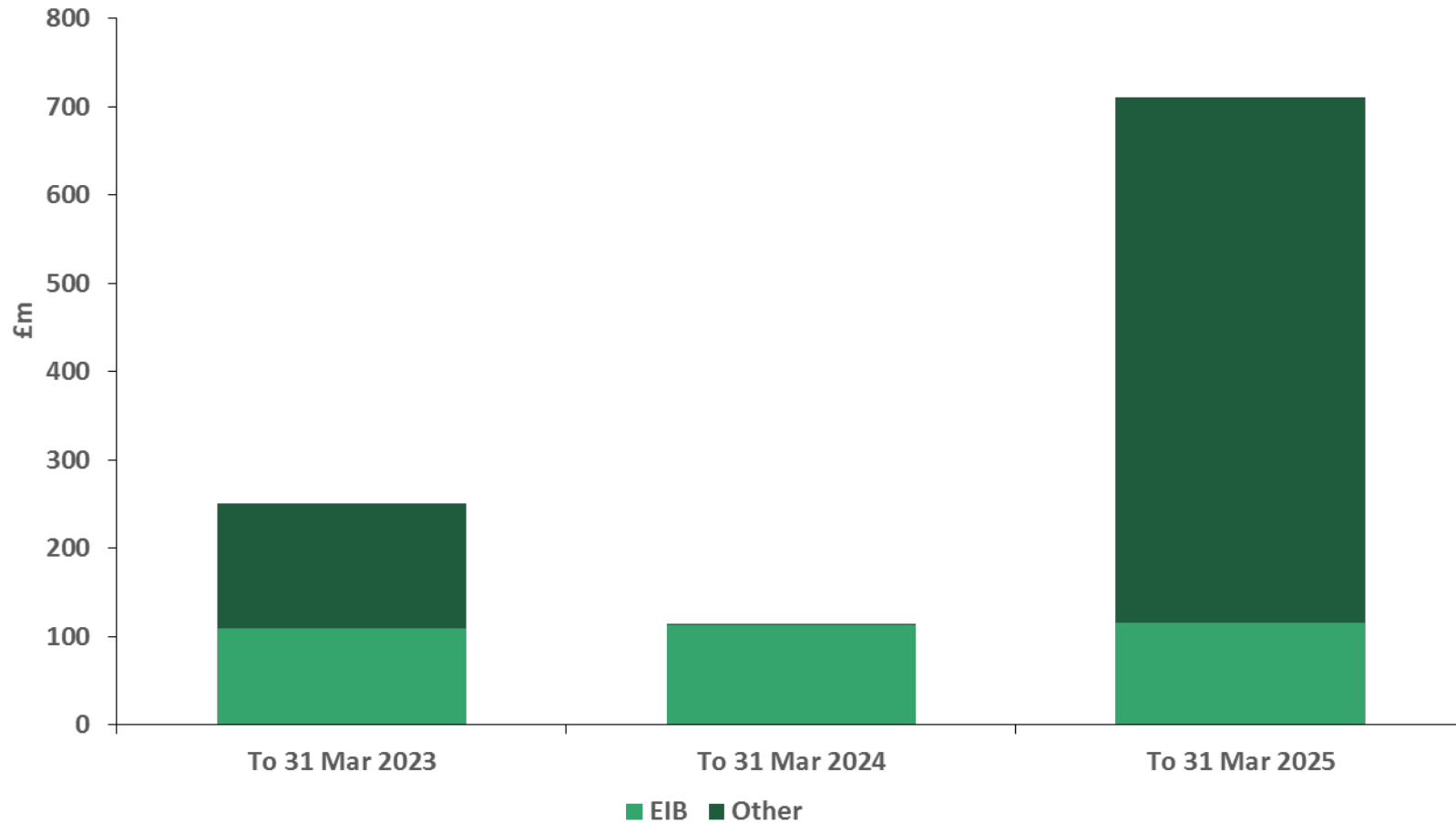
# Term debt maturity profile as at 31 March 2022<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Future repayments of index-linked debt include RPI/CPI/CPIH market derived forecasts out to 2026, subsequently transitioning to an average annual RPI rate of 3% and an average annual CPI/CPIH rate of 2%



# AMP7 maturity profile

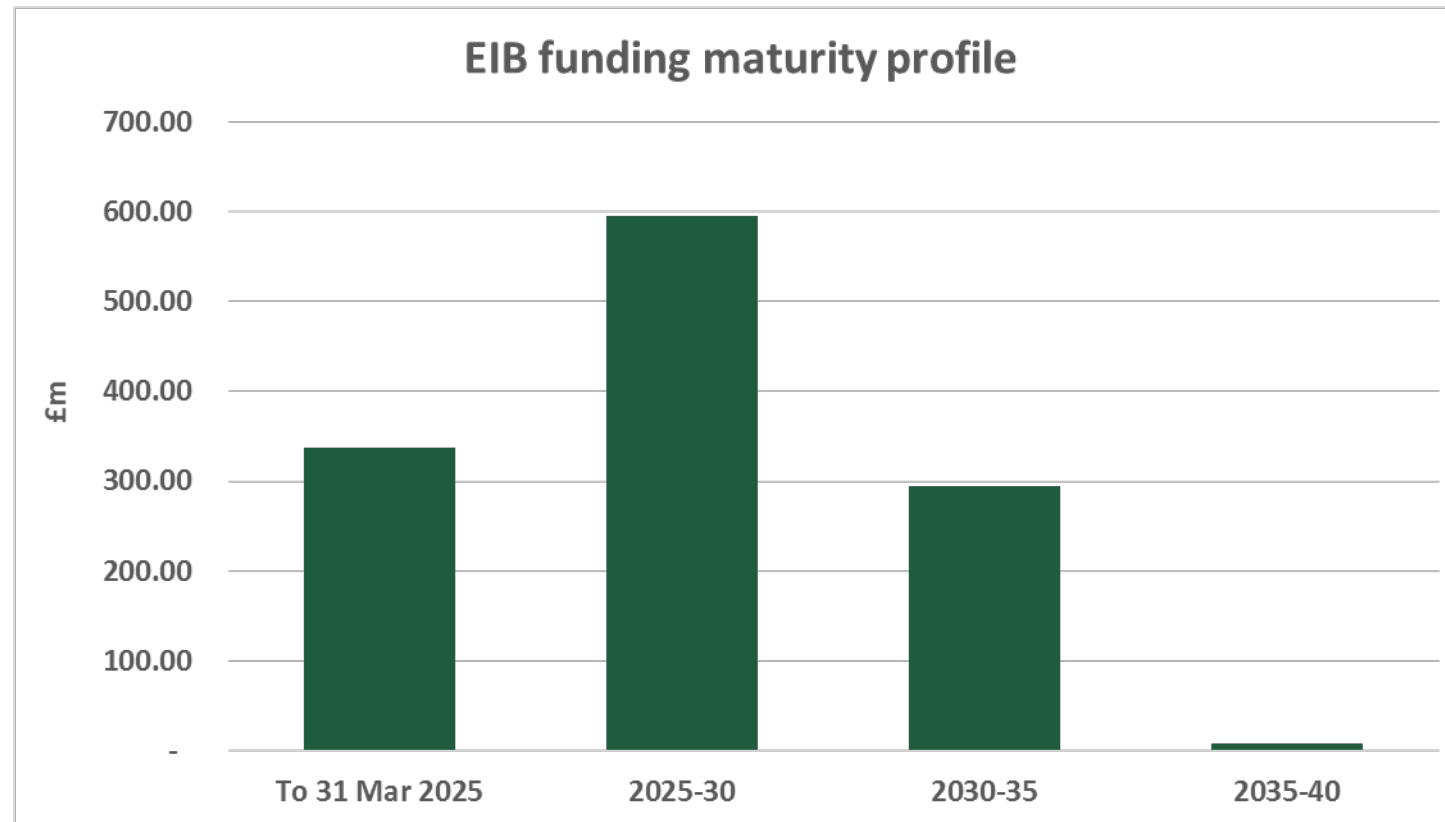


## Notes

Future repayments of RPI linked debt include market derived forecasts out to 2026, subsequently transitioning to an average annual RPI rate of 3%

Light green areas represent EIB debt maturing whereas dark green areas represent other debt maturing.

# EIB funding maturity profile

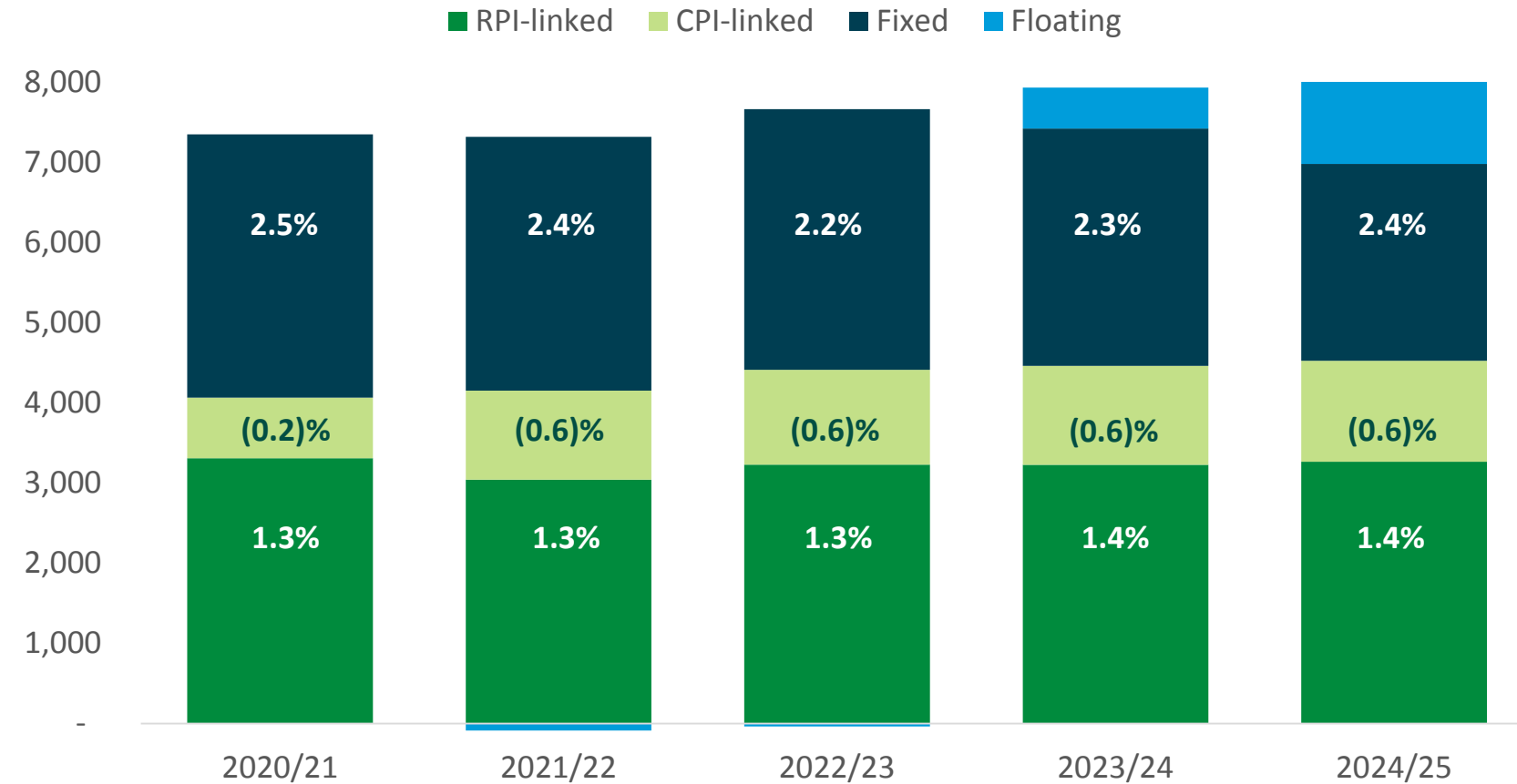


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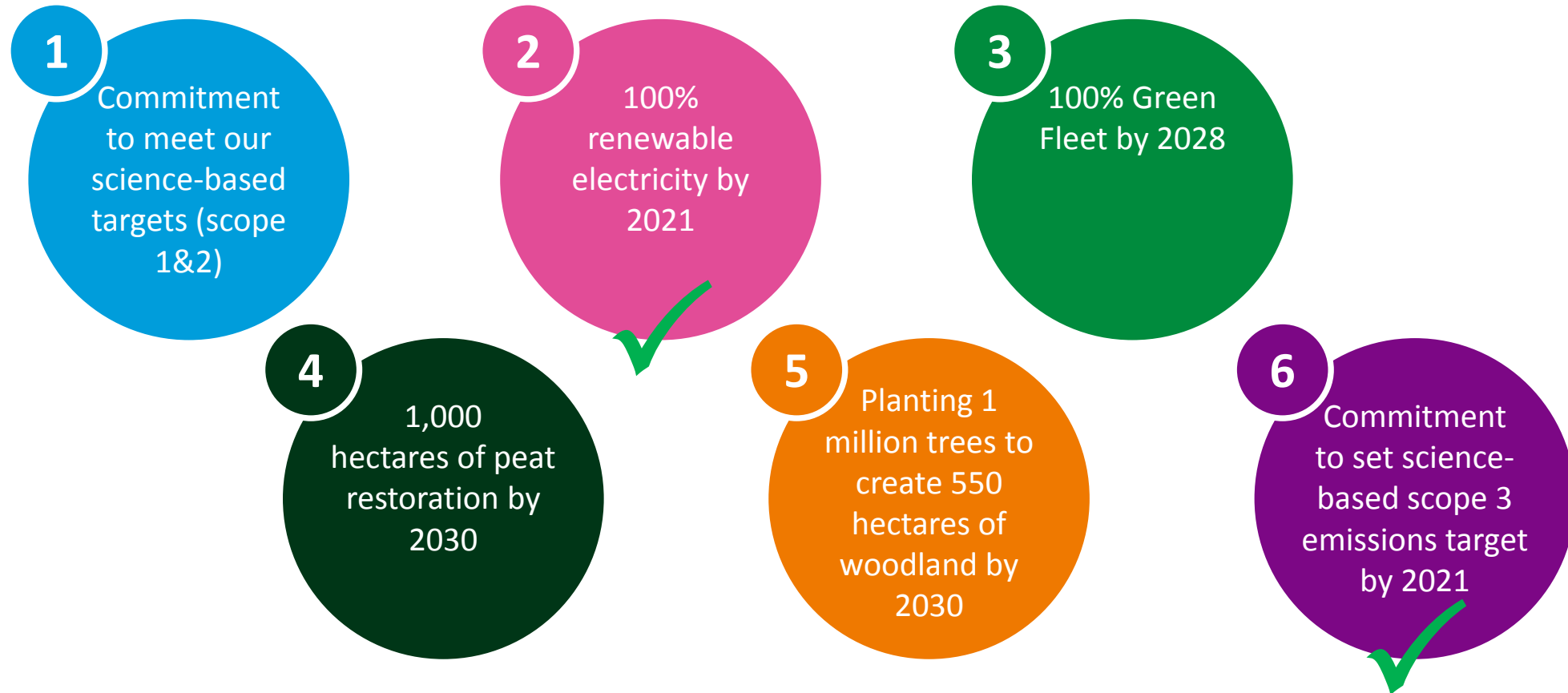
# Financing performance

Existing debt locked in at rates favourable to the AMP7 allowed cost of embedded debt



The rates shown are real rates for the index-linked debt and nominal rates for the fixed rate debt.  
 Floating rate debt will be progressively fixed in line with 10 year reducing balance hedging policy.

# Commitment to net zero by 2030



Further detail on our approach to climate change can be found in the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) report within our 2022 Annual Report