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a comparison of independent forecasts

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This edition of the comparison contains 22 new forecasts, all of which were received between 1st - 11th February 2022. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2022 and 2023 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2022					
	Independent⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		February		
	February	January	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	4.4	4.4	3.5	5.7	4.4
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	4.3	3.5	1.6	6.9	4.7
- RPI	5.9	5.0	3.5	8.8	6.4
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.1	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.1
Current account (£bn)	-79.0	-78.7	-127.0	-36.0	-80.8
PSNB (2022-23: £bn)	93.3	93.2	56.3	115.0	92.7

Forecasts for 2023					
	Independent⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		February		
	February	January	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.0	-	0.7	3.0	2.0
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.3	-	1.2	5.0	2.3
- RPI	3.8	-	2.2	6.4	3.8
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.0	-	3.1	4.5	4.0
Current account (£bn)	-79.7	-	-124.5	-24.3	-79.7
PSNB (2023-24: £bn)	66.0	-	41.4	98.0	66.0

+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months: December 6 institutions, January 2 institutions, and February 22 institutions.

*Calculated from new forecasts received for the comparison this month.

Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries except for house-price inflation (see notation)

Table 1 - 2022: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Quarterly GDP (QoQ %)		Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Business investment	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
			Q1	Q2									
City forecasters													
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	4.2	1.3	0.5	4.2	2.0	7.2	-	-	-	-	0.0	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	4.0	0.5	0.7	6.4	5.5	4.6	-	-	-	-	-0.9	-
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	4.1	0.2	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	4.0	0.0	1.2	5.1	1.2	2.5	5.1	3.9	3.4	2.7	0.2	-
Citigroup	Feb *	3.6	0.3	0.5	4.9	2.6	7.9	-0.1	5.1	5.2	6.1	-0.2	-
Credit Suisse	Feb *	4.3	0.3	1.1	6.3	4.9	5.4	-	4.4	3.5	3.8	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	4.0	0.7	0.5	5.3	4.5	7.0	7.5	5.4	4.5	7.6	-1.0	0.0
Deutsche Bank	Dec	3.5	-0.1	0.8	5.9	0.9	1.8	7.4	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	4.8	0.6	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Feb *	4.0	0.7	0.1	5.7	4.3	5.5	-	3.7	6.1	5.2	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	5.8	2.7	-	6.3	4.3	5.7	10.3	6.3	5.3	3.8	0.4	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	4.6	-	-	6.4	3.6	8.8	15.7	6.3	8.4	12.9	-1.3	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	4.0	0.4	0.7	5.8	5.5	2.4	-	4.8	3.9	6.6	-0.8	-
Nomura	Dec	4.2	0.5	0.6	6.1	4.1	3.6	-	-	3.0	5.3	-0.7	-
Pantheon	Feb *	4.0	0.3	0.8	5.7	2.2	5.7	-	4.7	1.7	4.1	-0.7	-
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	5.2	0.5	0.9	5.9	5.5	6.5	-	5.5	6.5	7.3	-0.3	-0.4
Societe Generale	Dec	5.3	1.0	0.7	5.6	4.4	8.0	-	5.4	3.5	4.0	-0.2	0.0
UBS	Feb *	4.3	0.5	0.9	5.7	3.5	2.4	-	4.7	2.4	3.7	-0.4	-
Non-City forecasters													
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	4.2	0.8	-	6.9	2.8	4.1	5.1	-	4.9	6.2	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	5.4	2.7	-0.2	7.0	4.9	4.7	5.1	6.8	10.4	14.8	-1.9	-
CBI	Feb *	5.1	0.7	1.0	7.6	2.2	4.8	8.2	-	-	-	-0.5	-
CEBR	Feb *	4.5	0.1	0.9	7.1	2.4	0.8	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.9	-0.4	-
Economic Perspectives	Sep	3.5	0.4	-	5.8	-5.3	3.5	-	3.4	5.7	5.6	0.0	-
Experian Economics	Feb *	3.8	0.7	0.4	5.0	3.3	5.7	10.1	4.0	6.3	7.4	-0.4	-
EIU	Feb *	4.3	0.6	0.8	4.8	4.7	6.2	-	5.0	5.7	8.1	-	-
Heteronomics	Feb *	3.9	0.7	0.4	5.1	4.3	3.7	-	4.7	3.8	2.4	0.3	0.3
ITEM Club	Feb *	4.9	0.7	0.8	5.6	1.5	7.5	0.9	4.9	7.0	6.8	-	-
Kern Consulting	Feb *	4.6	-	-	6.0	-	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	5.7	-	-	5.0	6.0	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Feb *	4.8	0.6	1.7	7.5	1.4	7.8	1.4	5.9	9.1	12.6	-	-
Oxford Economics	Feb *	3.8	0.4	0.4	4.6	1.2	7.7	12.5	3.6	6.3	7.5	-0.4	-1.5
OECD	Dec	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)													
Independent		4.4	0.6	0.7	5.9	3.5	5.1	6.4	4.9	5.3	6.7	-0.6	-0.3
New (marked *)		4.4	0.6	0.7	5.8	3.5	5.1	5.5	4.8	5.3	6.6	-0.5	-0.4
City		4.2	0.4	0.8	5.8	3.8	5.2	7.1	4.9	4.3	5.8	-0.6	-0.1
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)													
Highest		5.7	2.7	1.7	7.6	6.0	8.8	15.7	6.8	10.4	14.8	0.3	0.3
Lowest		3.5	-0.1	-0.2	4.6	0.9	0.8	-0.1	3.6	1.7	2.4	-1.9	-1.5
Median		4.3	0.5	0.8	5.8	3.6	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.9	6.2	-0.4	0.0
OBR	Oct	6.0	1.2	1.0	9.8	2.0	8.9	15.7	8.1	7.3	15.7	-2.5	0.6

Table 2 - 2022: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	3.1	3.9	-	-	0.25	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	4.0	6.2	-	-	1.00	85.0	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	5.0	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	4.6	6.8	4.3	81.7	1.25	70.0	-	5.0
Citigroup	Feb *	5.0	5.8	4.4	-	1.00	-	-	5.6
Credit Suisse	Feb *	5.1	-	-	-	1.25	-	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	4.6	-	4.0	85.0	1.25	85.0	-	5.0
Deutsche Bank	Dec	3.1	5.0	-	-	0.50	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	4.5	-	-	-	1.25	95.8	7.2	-
HSBC	Feb *	4.7	-	4.1	-	1.25	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	2.2	-	-	-	0.25	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	2.7	3.9	-	-	0.75	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	5.1	6.9	4.4	-	1.25	81.0	7.4	-
Nomura	Dec	3.3	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-
Pantheon	Feb *	5.3	6.1	4.0	-	1.00	-	-	3.0
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	1.6	3.5	3.5	-	0.50	-	9.2	2.2
Societe Generale	Dec	2.6	4.2	4.4	-	1.00	-	8.9	-
UBS	Feb *	4.0	5.8	3.8	-	1.00	-	7.6	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	4.7	-	-	-	0.75	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	5.1	7.1	4.8	85.2	0.75	81.5	11.5	-
CBI	Feb *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CEBR	Feb *	3.7	4.4	1.8	80.8	0.75	-	-	-1.9
Economic Perspectives	Sep	4.5	5.3	5.5	77.0	0.25	55.0	7.5	2.0
Experian Economics	Feb *	6.4	8.7	3.8	88.9	1.15	73.0	4.1	1.8
EIU	Feb *	2.7	-	7.6	-	1.00	74.1	7.7	0.5
Heteronomics	Feb *	6.9	5.9	3.0	82.5	1.00	79.6	-	2.0
ITEM Club	Feb *	3.3	4.6	2.9	82.4	0.92	-	-	3.1
Kern Consulting	Feb *	4.4	-	4.2	-	1.25	90.0	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	5.1	-	4.8	78.2	1.00	-	-	-
NIESR	Feb *	4.7	8.8	4.8	-	1.18	-	-	0.4
Oxford Economics	Feb *	4.3	6.4	4.5	83.9	1.25	86.3	7.0	3.4
OECD	Dec	4.4	h	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Independent		4.3	5.9	4.2	83.2	1.01	81.9	7.8	2.5
New (marked *)		4.7	6.4	4.2	83.2	1.08	81.9	7.5	2.5
City		4.1	5.4	4.1	83.3	1.02	83.4	8.1	4.2
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Highest		6.9	8.8	7.6	88.9	1.25	95.8	11.5	5.6
Lowest		1.6	3.5	1.8	78.2	0.50	70.0	4.1	-1.9
Median		4.6	5.9	4.2	82.5	1.00	81.5	7.6	2.6
OBR	Oct	3.3	4.2	3.9	81.8	0.4	68.3	8.2	1.3

Table 3 - 2022: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

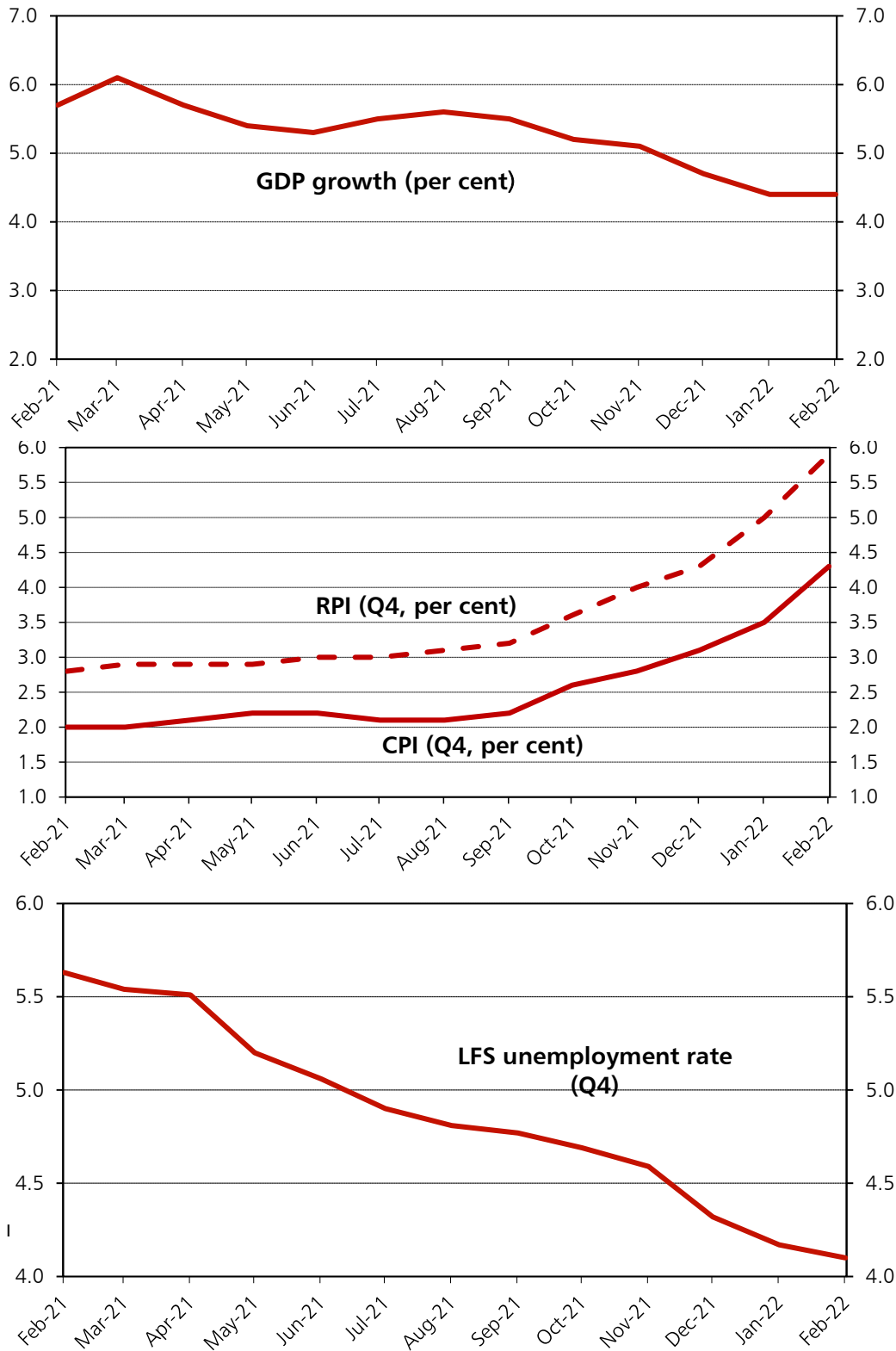
Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real household disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (C4)	Claimant unemployment (C4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (C4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2022-23)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	4.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	-	1.9	4.2	-	-	-	-89.1	-	-	89.3
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	-	-	4.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	-1.9	1.1	4.0	-	-	-	-60.1	-	0.2	104.8
Citigroup	Feb *	-	1.2	4.3	-	6.1	-	-83.3	845.5	-	75.0
Credit Suisse	Feb *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Dec	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	96.7
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	827.5	-	94.2
HSBC	Feb *	-	-	3.8	-	2.8	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	-	-	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	107.0
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	895.0	-	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	0.3	0.5	4.4	-	4.2	-	-46.0	838.0	-	85.0
Nomura	Dec	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	886.0	-	-
Pantheon	Feb *	-1.8	1.2	3.8	-	-	-	-98.0	828.0	-	100.0
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	-	0.8	3.6	-	2.0	-	-80.0	895.0	-	90.0
Societe Generale	Dec	-1.8	0.3	4.2	-	-	-	-62.3	795.0	1.2	99.8
UBS	Feb *	-	-	4.2	-	2.2	-	-	-	-	108.0
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	4.0	-	3.0	-	-71.8	-	-	97.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	2.8	3.5	3.3	1.5	3.4	8.4	-127.0	865.0	2.6	101.7
CBI	Feb *	-	1.5	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.1
CEBR	Feb *	-2.4	0.7	4.0	2.1	2.8	-	-106.9	787.5	-	108.0
Economic Perspectives	Sep	-1.0	0.3	6.0	1.8	3.1	5.0	-45.0	850.0	2.0	155.0
Experian Economics	Feb *	-0.9	0.9	4.1	1.4	-	-	-83.5	-	-	78.0
EIU	Feb *	-	0.8	-	1.5	-	5.7	-77.3	-	-	-
Heteronomics	Feb *	-	1.6	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-
ITEM Club	Feb *	-	1.5	4.2	-	-	-	-	880.0	-	81.0
Kern Consulting	Feb *	-	-	4.6	-	2.5	-	-80.0	-	-	115.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	-	-	4.7	1.4	-	-	-36.0	-	-	56.3
NIESR	Feb *	1.1	1.7	4.0	-	-	6.2	-83.1	-	0.0	97.0
Oxford Economics	Feb *	-1.2	0.6	4.0	1.5	3.1	5.5	-80.0	-	0.0	104.1
OECD	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ^h
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		-0.6	1.2	4.1	1.6	3.2	6.5	-79.0	849.3	1.0	93.3
New (marked *)		-0.5	1.3	4.1	1.6	3.4	6.5	-80.8	838.8	1.0	92.7
City		-1.3	1.0	4.1	-	3.5	-	-74.1	851.2	0.7	94.3
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		2.8	3.5	4.7	2.1	6.1	8.4	-36.0	895.0	2.6	115.0
Lowest		-2.4	0.3	3.3	1.4	2.0	5.5	-127.0	787.5	0.0	56.3
Median		-1.2	1.2	4.1	1.5	2.9	6.0	-80.0	845.5	0.7	96.8
OBR	Oct	0.3	1.1	4.5	-	-	6.8	-130.9	-	0.9	81.1

Table 4 - 2023: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)											
Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Business investment	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.5	-	-	-	-	0.0	-
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	3.0	4.2	1.5	3.8	7.3	3.8	6.9	9.8	-0.8	-
Citigroup	Feb *	1.5	0.4	-0.5	6.8	0.1	2.4	6.3	5.7	0.2	-
Credit Suisse	Feb *	1.9	2.1	1.7	3.3	-	2.2	1.1	2.0	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	1.2	0.8	1.5	4.8	5.8	1.7	2.8	3.3	-1.5	-0.3
Deutsche Bank	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Feb *	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.1	-	1.7	2.2	2.6	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	1.5	1.4	2.9	2.9	-	1.5	3.3	2.9	0.1	-
Nomura	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Feb *	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.3	-	2.1	2.8	3.5	-0.2	-
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	Feb *	1.8	2.2	0.1	1.4	-	1.7	1.7	1.1	0.1	-
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	0.7	1.1	2.5	1.3	0.7	1.6	7.6	9.6	-1.2	-
CBI	Feb *	3.0	3.1	1.5	4.5	4.2	-	-	-	-0.1	-
CEBR	Feb *	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.9	3.4	2.2	2.5	3.2	-0.2	-
Economic Perspectives	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	Feb *	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	3.3	1.4	3.0	3.1	-0.1	-
EIU	Feb *	2.0	1.5	1.8	4.5	-	2.1	3.2	3.6	-	-
Heteronomics	Feb *	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.1	-	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.3
ITEM Club	Feb *	2.7	2.9	1.2	3.6	12.7	2.7	4.4	4.4	-	-
Kern Consulting	Feb *	2.7	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Feb *	1.3	2.2	-0.1	2.8	0.0	1.8	5.9	7.2	-	-
Oxford Economics	Feb *	2.6	2.0	1.4	4.3	4.3	3.0	5.7	4.4	0.3	-1.2
OECD	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		2.0	2.0	1.5	2.9	4.2	2.1	3.8	4.2	-0.3	-0.4
New (marked *)		2.0	2.0	1.5	2.9	4.2	2.1	3.8	4.2	-0.3	-0.4
City		1.9	1.8	1.4	3.2	4.4	2.1	3.4	3.9	-0.3	-0.3
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		3.0	4.2	3.0	6.8	12.7	3.8	7.6	9.8	0.3	0.3
Lowest		0.7	0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	-1.5	-1.2
Median		2.0	2.0	1.5	2.9	3.8	2.0	3.1	3.4	-0.1	-0.3
OBR	Oct	2.1	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.7	1.8	2.4	0.8	0.3	0.5

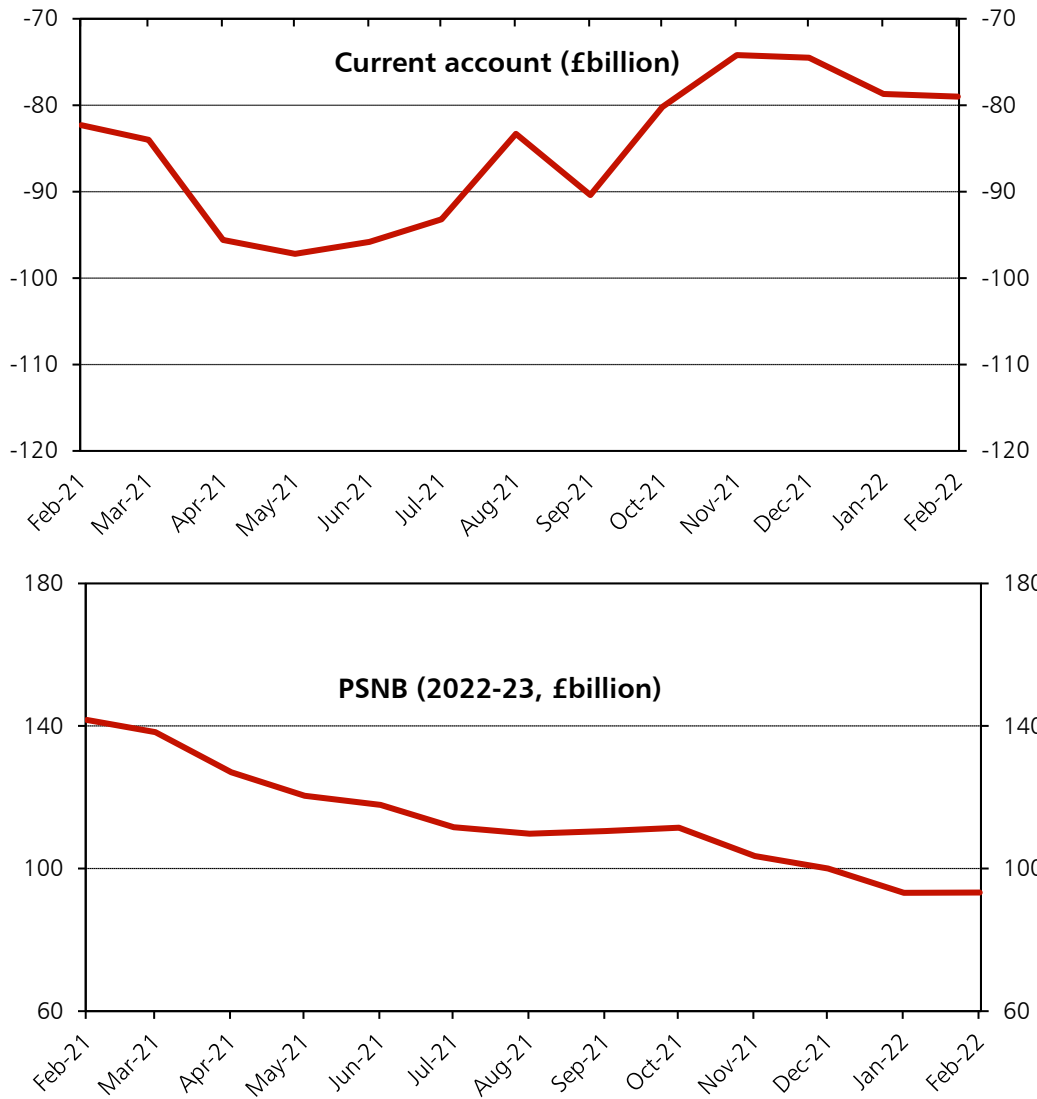
Table 5 - 2023: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)									
Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	1.2	3.7	-	-	1.00	-	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	1.2	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	2.4	4.3	3.8	82.6	2.00	65.0	-	2.0
Citigroup	Feb *	1.8	3.6	3.1	-	1.00	-	-	3.9
Credit Suisse	Feb *	1.7	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	1.6	-	3.0	80.0	1.00	80.0	-	2.5
Deutsche Bank	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	2.3	-	-	-	1.75	105.0	4.8	-
HSBC	Feb *	-	-	3.3	-	1.25	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	2.5	3.8	3.5	-	1.25	77.0	3.5	-
Nomura	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Feb *	1.2	2.2	3.5	-	1.00	-	-	3.0
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	Feb *	1.8	3.6	2.7	-	1.00	-	3.7	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	5.0	6.4	4.9	87.8	1.75	83.0	9.2	-
CBI	Feb *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CEBR	Feb *	2.4	3.2	2.6	81.2	1.00	-	-	2.1
Economic Perspectives	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	Feb *	3.4	4.9	2.7	90.9	1.25	61.3	1.5	2.9
EIU	Feb *	2.4	-	4.8	-	1.75	66.5	3.9	1.0
Heteronomics	Feb *	1.8	2.9	2.6	82.5	1.00	79.6	-	2.0
ITEM Club	Feb *	1.9	3.1	2.4	82.0	1.42	-	-	0.8
Kern Consulting	Feb *	3.3	-	3.4	-	1.75	90.0	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	3.8	-	4.6	77.5	2.00	-	-	-
NIESR	Feb *	2.9	4.9	3.9	-	1.50	-	-	-0.1
Oxford Economics	Feb *	1.2	2.4	3.3	83.0	1.25	73.9	5.0	-0.7
OECD	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Independent		2.3	3.8	3.4	83.1	1.38	78.1	4.5	1.8
New (marked *)		2.3	3.8	3.4	83.1	1.38	78.1	4.5	1.8
City		1.8	3.5	3.3	81.3	1.30	81.75	4.0	2.8
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Highest		5.0	6.4	4.9	90.9	2.00	105.0	9.2	3.9
Lowest		1.2	2.2	2.4	77.5	1.00	61.3	1.5	-0.7
Median		2.1	3.6	3.3	82.5	1.25	78.3	3.9	2.0
OBR	Oct	2.2	4.2	3.0	81.8	0.7	65.5	4.5	1.1

Table 6 - 2023: Growth in other selected variables (% change)											
Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real household disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (Q4)	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (£bn)	Productivity (output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2023-24)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb *	-	0.0	4.0	-	-	-	-89.6	-	-	62.4
Bloomberg Economics	Feb *	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Feb *	3.9	1.8	3.9	-	-	-	-54.9	-	1.1	55.2
Citigroup	Feb *	-	0.2	4.4	-	1.9	-	-76.6	738	-	66.9
Credit Suisse	Feb *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Feb *	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb *	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	714	-	72.3
HSBC	Feb *	-	-	-	-	3.1	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Feb *	-0.7	0.5	4.5	-	0.8	-	-41.0	785	-	70.0
Nomura	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Feb *	2.0	1.0	3.6	-	-	-	-94.0	753	-	85.0
Schroders Investment Management	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	Feb *	-	-	4.0	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	71.6
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Feb *	0.5	1.8	3.1	1.4	1.0	9.6	-124.5	795	-0.8	48.1
CBI	Feb *	-	1.8	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	63.8
CEBR	Feb *	0.9	1.6	3.9	2.1	1.9	-	-116.6	600	-	81.6
Economic Perspectives	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	Feb *	1.8	1.3	3.9	1.1	-	-	-68.5	-	-	60.0
EIU	Feb *	-	0.7	-	1.4	-	4.4	-94.2	-	-	-
Heteronomics	Feb *	-	0.4	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	-
ITEM Club	Feb *	-	0.8	4.1	-	-	-	-	800	-	59.0
Kern Consulting	Feb *	-	-	4.3	-	2.1	-	-75.0	-	-	98.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Feb *	-	-	3.2	0.9	-	-	-24.3	-	-	41.4
NIESR	Feb *	2.5	0.3	4.2	-	-	6.0	-101.4	-	0.4	74.3
Oxford Economics	Feb *	3.7	1.9	3.8	1.5	3.0	3.6	-75.4	757	1.0	47.0
OECD	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ^h
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		1.8	1.0	4.0	1.4	1.9	5.9	-79.7	742.7	0.5	66.0
New (marked *)		1.8	1.0	4.0	1.4	1.9	5.9	-79.7	742.7	0.5	66.0
City		1.7	0.7	4.1	-	1.8	-	-71.2	747.5	1.1	69.1
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		3.9	1.9	4.5	2.1	3.1	9.6	-24.3	800.0	1.1	98.0
Lowest		-0.7	0.0	3.1	0.9	0.8	3.6	-124.5	600.0	-0.8	41.4
Median		1.9	0.9	4.0	1.4	1.9	5.2	-76.6	754.9	0.8	65.4
OBR	Oct	1.5	1.3	4.2	-	-	4.4	-120.8	-	1.3	61.2

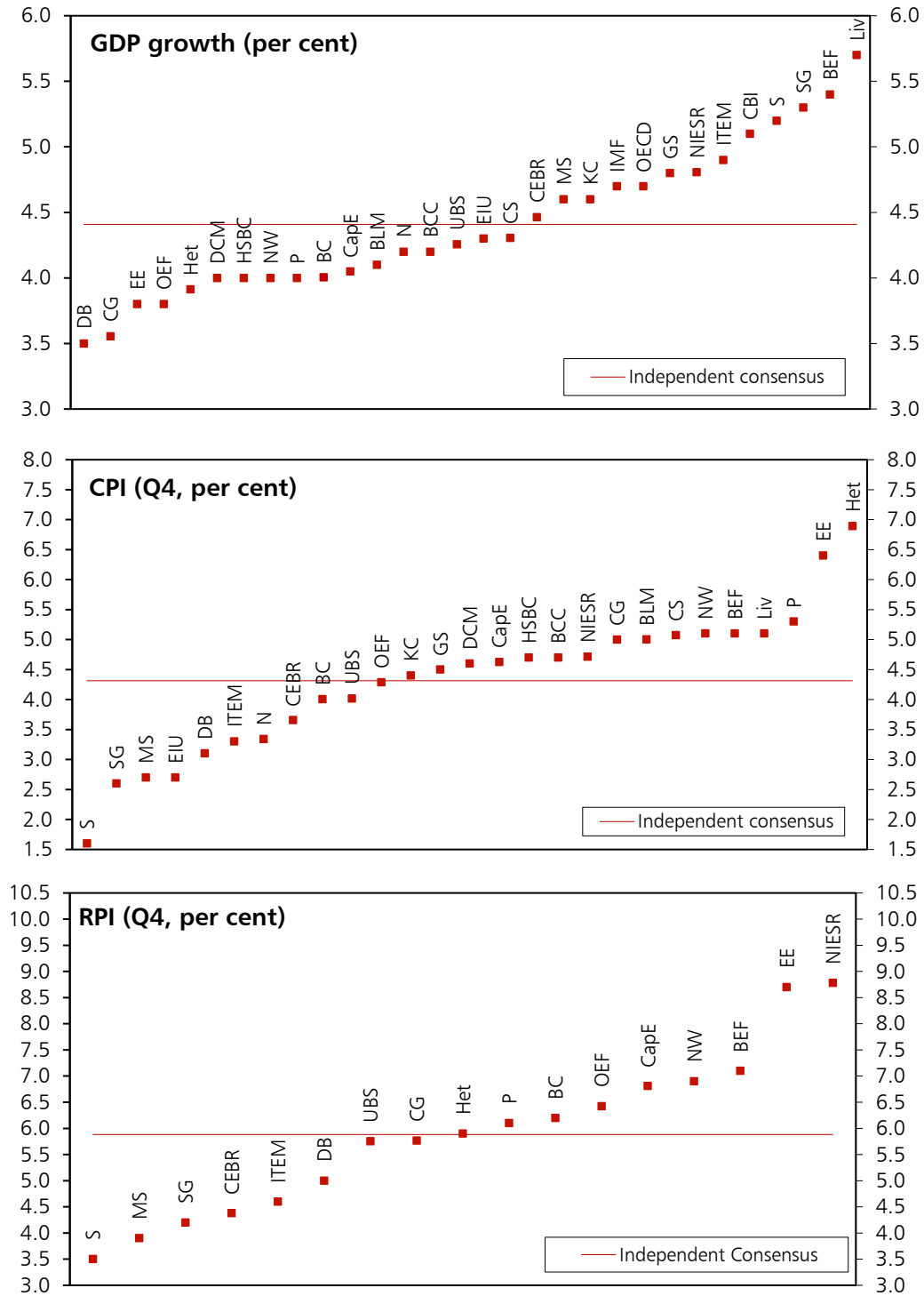
Average of independent forecasts for 2022; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation and unemployment



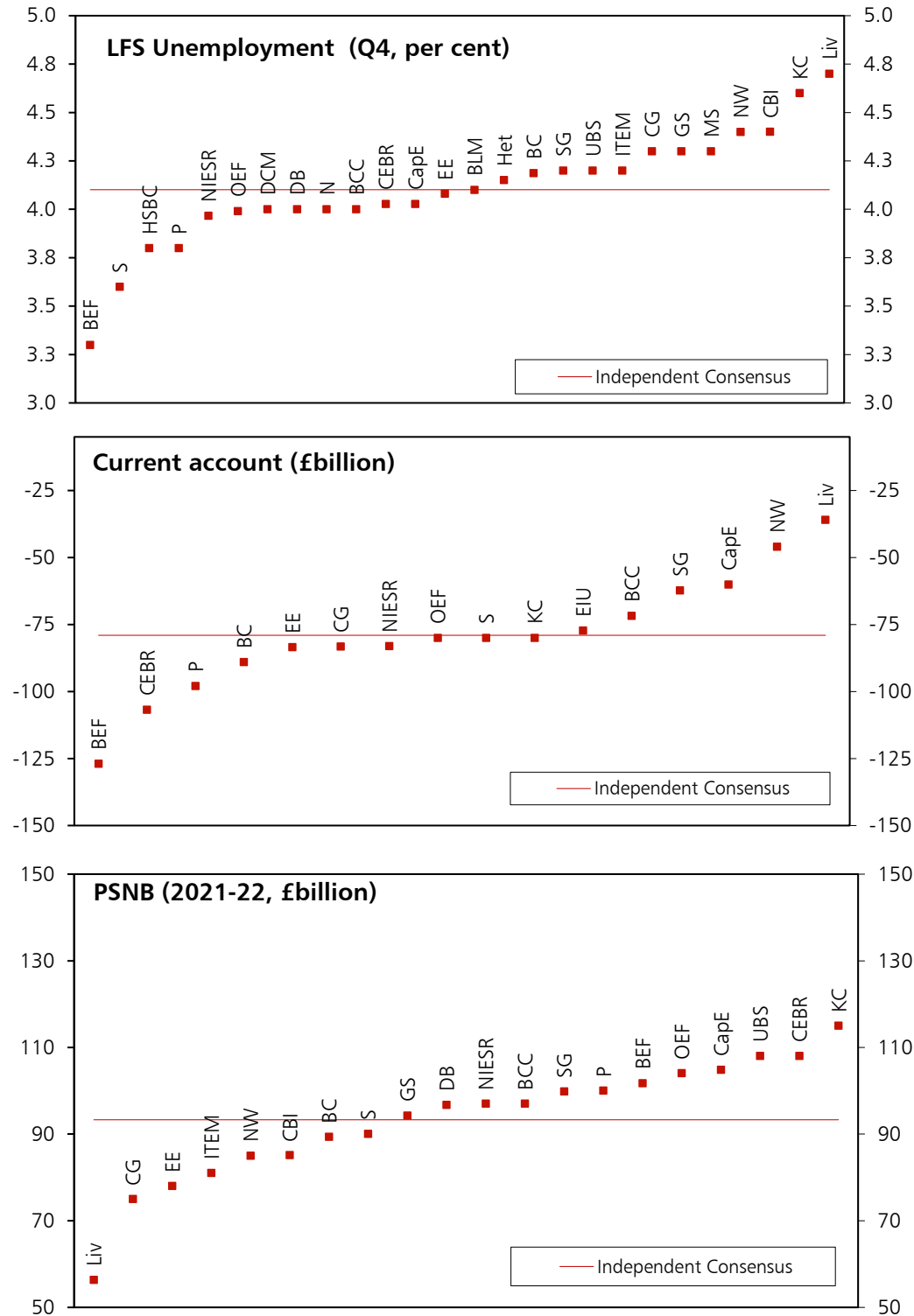
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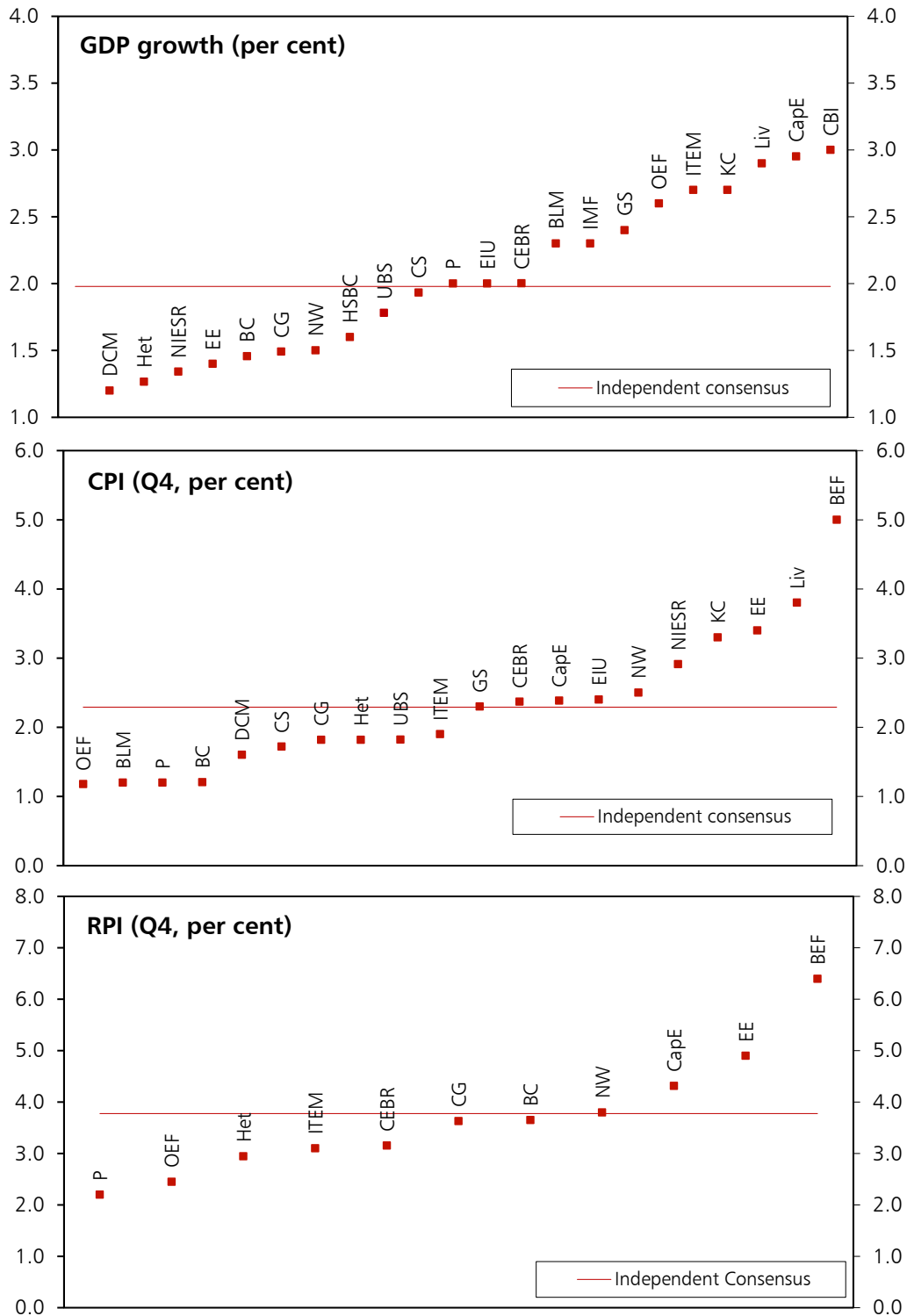
Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2022; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months



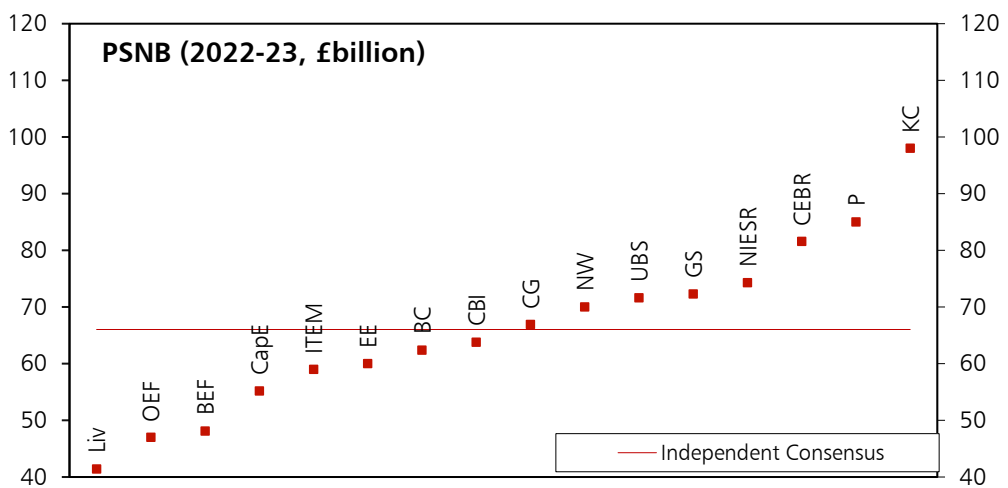
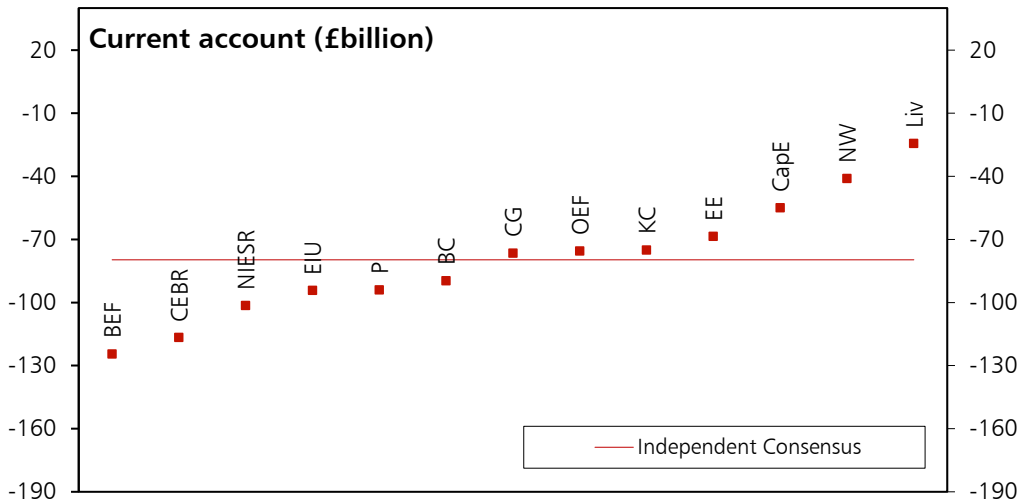
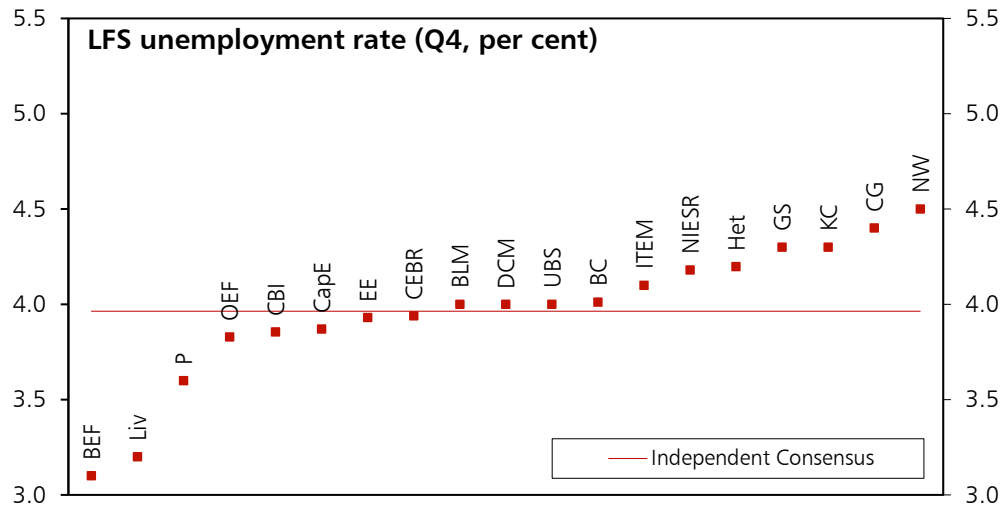
Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2022; LFS unemployment, current account and PSNB (2022-23) made in last 3 months



Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2023; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months



Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2023; LFS unemployment, current account and PSNB (2023-24) made in last 3 months



Medium-term forecasts, February 2022

This edition of the comparison contains 13 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2022 to 2026, and the fiscal years 2022-23 to 2026-27. The table below summarises the independent average of new forecasts.

2022 and 2023 short and medium-term forecasts may differ. This is due to different samples sizes and definitions e.g. medium-term CPI figure reflects annual, rather than Q4-on-Q4 growth

	New Forecasts				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
GDP growth (per cent)	4.4	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.6
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- CPI	5.5	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
- RPI	7.4	4.3	3.3	3.4	3.3
- LFS unemployment (per cent)	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
Current account (£bn)	-73.3	-74.6	-65.2	-60.3	-51.2

	New Forecasts				
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
PSNB (£bn)	88.0	63.2	47.3	47.0	43.1

Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries (see notation).

Table M1: Medium-term forecasts for GDP and the GDP deflator

GDP (percentage change)							GDP deflator (percentage change)					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26	
City forecasters												
4.1	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.4	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.7	2.3	1.2	1.4	-	Nov	Capital Economics	Nov	-	-	-	-	-
4.7	2.3	1.2	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-	-
4.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
5.0	2.0	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	-	-	-	-
4.8	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.5	2.2	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	Nov	-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
4.1	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.4	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.5	2.0	1.4	1.6	2.1	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.3	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
3.8	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.9	2.7	1.8	1.8	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.6	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
5.7	2.9	2.1	2.1	2.0	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.8	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.1	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
3.8	2.6	1.9	1.8	1.7	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
1.9	1.5	1.6	1.5	-	Oct	IMF	Oct	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	-
Independent average								1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.3
New forecasts								2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
5.7	2.9	2.2	2.2	2.2		Highest		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
1.9	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.1		Lowest		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.3
6.0	2.1	1.3	1.6	1.7	Oct	OBR	Oct	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.1

Table M2: Medium-term forecasts for domestic demand and net trade contribution

Domestic demand (percentage change)						Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (ppt)						
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
7.6	2.9	1.5	1.5	-	Nov	Capital Economics	Nov	-1.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	-
7.6	2.9	1.5	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-1.1	0.6	0.5	-	-
5.4	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.2	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-1.0	-1.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
-	2.1	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.8	1.5	1.5	-	-	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	Nov	-0.4	-0.1	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.8	2.2	1.0	1.2	2.0	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	-0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
5.0	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
4.0	1.5	1.1	1.6	1.6	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.9	2.7	1.9	1.9	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-	-	-
5.9	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.0	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	-1.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
3.6	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
-	-	-	-	-	Oct	IMF	Oct	-	-	-	-	-
Independent average							-0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	
New forecasts							-0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	
7.6	3.0	2.0	1.9	2.0		Highest		0.1	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1
3.6	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.0		Lowest		-1.1	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
8.2	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.8	Oct	OBR	Oct	-2.5	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2

Table M3: Medium-term forecasts for CPI and RPI inflation

CPI inflation (annual average, per cent)						RPI inflation (annual average, per cent)				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
City forecasters										
5.7	2.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-
2.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	-	Nov	Capital Economics	Nov	4.2	3.2	2.9
2.8	2.0	1.8	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	4.2	3.2	2.9
5.9	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-	-	-
-	2.0	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	2.7	-
5.7	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-
5.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.0	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	6.9	3.8	3.4
3.8	1.7	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	Nov	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
5.7	2.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-
5.3	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	4.5	4.4	3.9
3.7	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-
6.4	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	8.7	4.9	3.3
5.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	6.8	3.0	3.6
5.7	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.3	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-
5.0	4.3	3.2	2.5	2.0	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-
5.9	3.3	1.9	1.7	1.9	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	9.3	6.1	3.2
5.8	1.9	1.2	1.8	2.0	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	7.9	3.5	2.3
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	Oct	IMF	Oct	-	-	-
Independent average						6.6	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.3
New forecasts						7.4	4.3	3.3	3.4	3.3
6.4	4.3	3.2	2.5	2.3		Highest		9.3	6.1	3.9
2.0	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.9		Lowest		4.2	2.7	2.3
4.0	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	Oct	OBR	Oct	5.0	3.4	2.8
								2.8	2.8	2.9

Table M4: Medium-term forecasts for the sterling index and official Bank rate

Sterling index (annual average, Jan 2005=100)						Official Bank rate (annual average, per cent)				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	0.80	1.00	1.00
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Capital Economics	Nov	0.10	0.16	0.50
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	0.10	0.16	0.50
85.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	Aug	0.16	0.48	0.75
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	1.25	1.75	2.00
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	1.25	1.25	1.25
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	Nov	1.00	1.50	-
Non-City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	0.80	1.00	1.00
80.9	81.0	81.8	82.9	83.9	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	0.56	0.94	1.06
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	1.00	1.38	1.81
87.9	90.8	91.8	91.8	91.4	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	0.72	1.09	1.22
82.4	82.2	81.8	81.5	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	0.70	1.20	1.70
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-
78.5	77.5	77.1	77.0	77.3	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	0.79	1.42	1.50
83.6	83.4	82.4	81.5	80.9	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	0.95	1.25	1.36
-	-	-	-	-	Oct	IMF	Oct	-	-	-
Independent average						0.73	1.04	1.20	1.37	1.45
New forecasts						0.88	1.23	1.39	1.49	1.53
87.9	90.8	91.8	91.8	91.4		Highest		1.25	1.75	2.00
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		Lowest		0.10	0.16	0.50
81.8	81.8	81.8	81.8	81.8	Oct	OBR	Oct	0.39	0.50	0.71
								0.75	0.75	0.80

Table M5: Medium-term forecasts LFS unemployment

LFS Unemployment rate (annual average, per cent)							LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
City forecasters												
4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	Feb	*	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
5.9	5.5	5.1	4.7	-	Nov		Capital Economics	Nov	-	-	-	-
5.9	5.5	5.1	-	-	Aug		Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-
4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	Feb	*	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
-	4.3	-	-	-	Aug		Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	4.1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	4.3	4.3	4.3	-
4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	Feb	*	NatWest	Feb	-	-	4.7	4.8
4.6	4.3	-	-	-	Nov		Nomura	Nov	4.4	4.3	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	Feb	*	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	Feb	*	CEBR	* Feb	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9
4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	Feb	*	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-	-
4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	Feb	*	Experian	* Feb	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9
4.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	-	Feb	*	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-	-
4.9	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	Feb	*	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-	-
3.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	Feb	*	NIESR	* Feb	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2
4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	Feb	*	Oxford Economics	* Feb	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7
4.7	4.4	4.5	4.4	-	Oct		IMF	Oct	-	-	-	-
4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9			Independent average		4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9			New forecasts		4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
5.9	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.8			Highest		4.4	4.3	4.7	4.8
3.9	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.5			Lowest		4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7
4.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.2	Oct		OBR	Oct	5.6	6.5	4.8	4.4

Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for claimant unemployment and average earnings

Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)						Average earnings (percentage change)						
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Nov		Capital Economics	Nov	3.2	3.5	3.9	4.0
-	-	-	-	-	Aug		Citigroup	Aug	3.2	3.5	3.9	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	4.0	3.0	2.5	3.0
-	-	-	-	-	Aug		Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	NatWest	Feb	4.4	-	3.0	-
-	-	-	-	-	Nov		Nomura	Nov	2.9	2.4	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	CEBR	* Feb	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.5
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	EIU	* Feb	7.6	4.8	-	-
1.62	1.18	0.96	0.88	0.87	Feb	*	Experian	* Feb	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	Kern Consulting	* Feb	4.2	3.7	4.0	4.1
1.50	1.00	0.70	0.60	0.60	Feb	*	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	4.8	4.4	4.4	3.8
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	*	NIESR	* Feb	4.8	3.9	2.5	2.6
1.65	1.50	1.43	1.43	1.44	Feb	*	Oxford Economics	* Feb	4.5	3.3	3.0	3.1
-	-	-	-	-	Oct		IMF	Oct	-	-	-	-
1.59	1.23	1.03	0.97	0.97			Independent average		4.0	3.0	3.2	3.3
1.59	1.23	1.03	0.97	0.97			New forecasts		4.3	2.9	3.1	3.3
1.65	1.50	1.43	1.43	1.44			Highest		7.6	4.8	4.4	4.1
1.50	1.00	0.70	0.60	0.60			Lowest		2.2	0.0	2.5	2.5
-	-	-	-	-	Oct		OBR	Oct	3.9	3.0	2.2	2.9

Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for current account

Current account (£ billion)						Current account (per cent of nominal GDP)				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-
-158.6	-139.6	-130.7	-130.1	-	Nov	Capital Economics	* Nov	-6.7	-5.7	-5.2
-158.6	-139.6	-130.7	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	* Aug	-6.7	-5.7	-5.2
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	* Aug	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-
-46.0	-41.0	-40.0	-	-	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	-	-	-1.5
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	* Nov	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-
-106.9	-116.6	-110.1	-104.2	-104.7	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	-	-	-
-77.3	-94.2	-	-	-	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-2.6	-2.9	-2.7
-83.5	-68.5	-43.3	-9.4	26.6	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	-3.2	-2.6	-1.6
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	-2.3	-2.2	-2.3
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-
-36.0	-24.3	-17.0	-11.0	-5.0	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-
-83.7	-102.1	-104.8	-100.3	-92.2	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	-3.3	-3.8	-3.8
-80.0	-75.4	-75.7	-76.8	-80.5	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	-3.2	-2.9	-2.8
-115.9	-115.1	-110.4	-115.1	-	Oct	IMF	* Oct	-3.2	-2.9	-2.9
-94.7	-91.6	-84.7	-78.1	-51.2		Independent average		-3.9	-3.6	-3.1
-73.3	-74.6	-65.2	-60.3	-51.2		New forecasts		-2.9	-2.9	-2.5
-36.0	-24.3	-17.0	-9.4	26.6		Highest		-2.3	-2.2	-1.5
-158.6	-139.6	-130.7	-130.1	-104.7		Lowest		-6.7	-5.7	-5.2
-130.9	-120.8	-121.4	-126.6	-132.1	Oct	OBR	Oct	-5.3	-4.7	-4.6

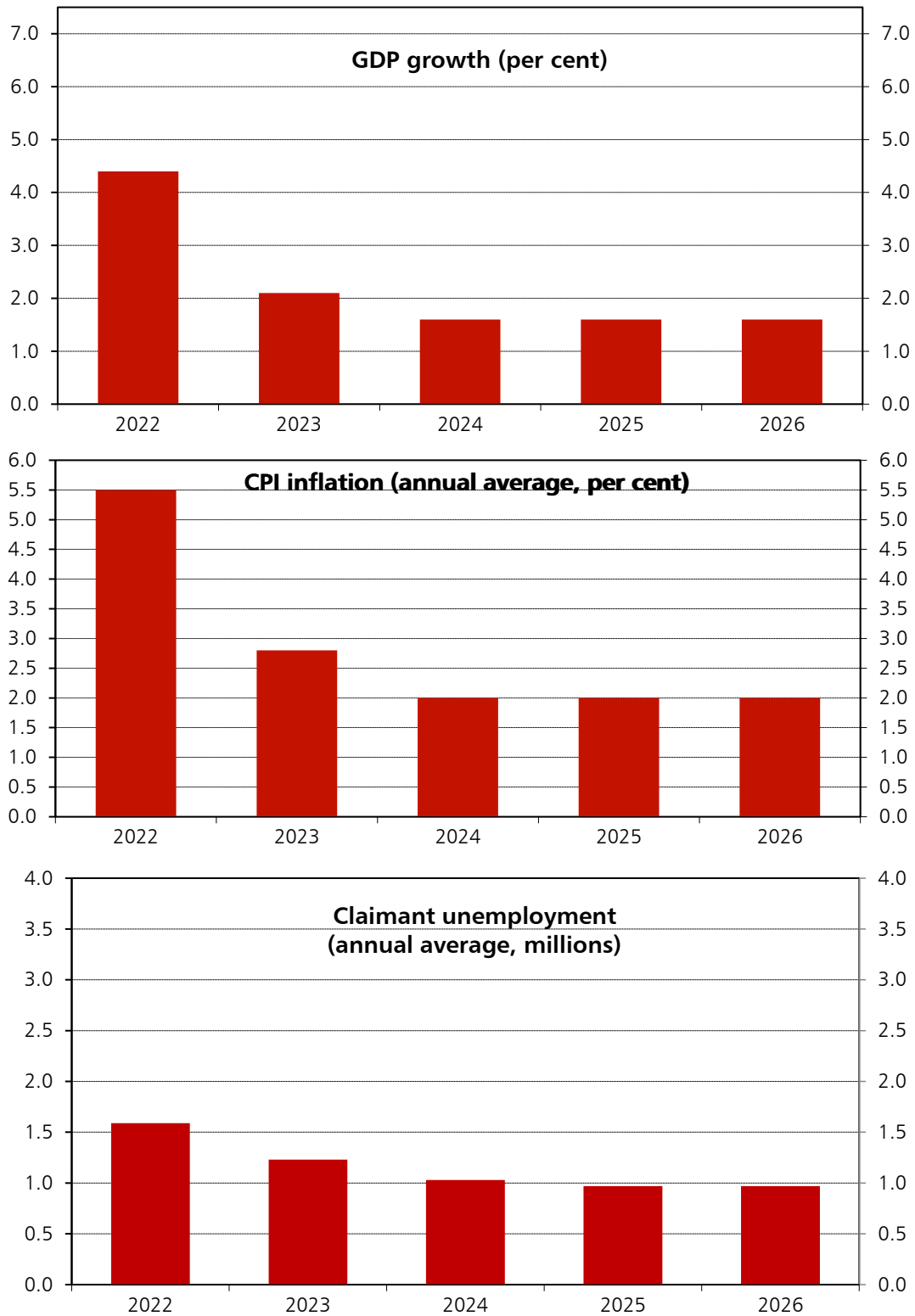
Table M8: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB

PSNB (£ billion)					PSNB (per cent of nominal GDP)					
2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-
129.2	96.2	80.7	86.7	-	Nov	Capital Economics	* Nov	5.3	3.8	3.1
129.2	96.2	80.7	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	* Aug	5.3	3.8	3.1
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	-	-	-
104.8	110.9	101.6	101.7	101.7	Aug	Deutsche Bank	* Aug	-	-	-
94.2	72.3	61.4	62.4	-	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	3.8	2.8	2.3
85.0	70.0	50.0	-	-	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	3.4	2.7	1.9
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	* Nov	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-
108.0	81.6	61.3	61.4	59.0	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	4.5	3.5	2.9
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-
78.0	60.0	45.0	44.0	43.0	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	-	-	-
81.0	59.0	44.0	44.0	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-
56.8	41.4	18.5	12.0	18.0	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-
97.0	74.3	66.7	66.3	59.8	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	4.1	3.0	2.5
104.1	47.0	31.8	38.9	35.5	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	4.1	1.8	1.2
81.0	79.8	82.1	79.8	-	Oct	IMF	* Oct	3.2	2.9	3.1
95.7	74.1	60.3	59.7	52.8		Independent average		4.2	3.0	2.5
88.0	63.2	47.3	47.0	43.1		New forecasts		4.0	2.7	2.1
129.2	110.9	101.6	101.7	101.7		Highest		5.3	3.8	3.1
56.8	41.4	18.5	12.0	18.0		Lowest		3.2	1.8	1.4
83.0	61.6	46.3	46.4	42.6	Oct	OBR	Oct	3.3	2.4	1.7

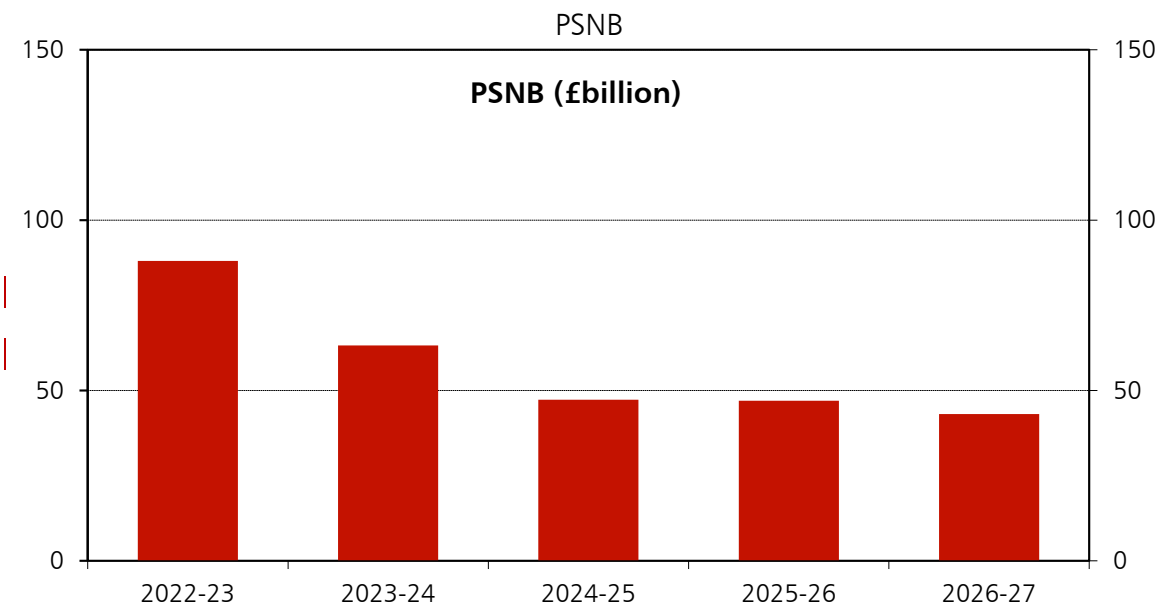
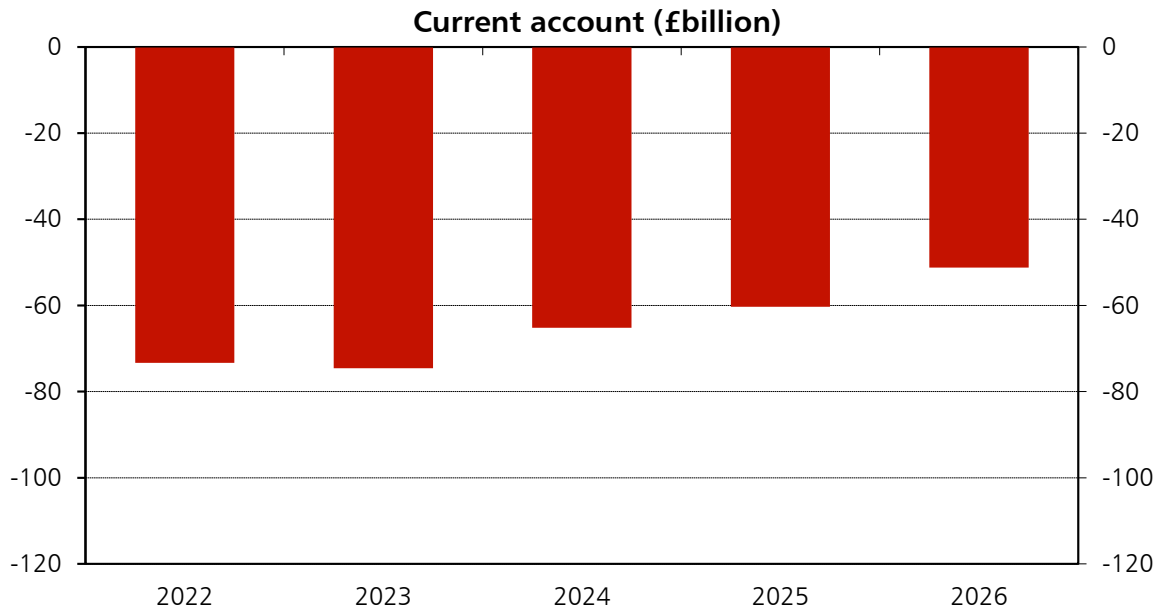
Table M9: Medium-term forecasts for house price inflation and the output gap

House price inflation (annual average, %)						Output gap (% of GDP)				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Bloomberg Economics	* Feb	-	-	-
4.7	4.1	3.8	2.6	-	Nov	Capital Economics	Nov	-	-	-
4.7	4.1	3.8	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-
5.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	Feb	Daiwa Capital Markets	* Feb	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Deutsche Bank	Aug	-	0.0	0.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Goldman Sachs	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	NatWest	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Nov	Nomura	Nov	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Feb	-	-	-
3.3	-0.7	2.7	2.9	3.1	Feb *	CEBR	* Feb	-	-	-
0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	Feb *	EIU	* Feb	-	-	-
4.5	2.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	Feb *	Experian	* Feb	-	-	-
5.5	1.2	1.3	2.2	-	Feb *	EY ITEM Club	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Kern Consulting	* Feb	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb *	Liverpool Macro Research	* Feb	-	-	-
3.4	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.8	Feb *	NIESR	* Feb	-	-	-
6.3	0.0	0.5	2.4	3.1	Feb *	Oxford Economics	* Feb	0.9	1.3	1.4
-	-	-	-	-	Oct	IMF	Oct	-0.1	0.0	0.0
4.2	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.7		Independent average		0.3	0.2	0.3
4.1	0.9	1.9	2.4	2.7		New forecasts		0.5	0.5	0.5
6.3	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0		Highest		0.9	1.3	1.4
0.5	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	0.8		Lowest		-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
1.3	1.1	2.4	3.2	3.7	Oct	ORR	Oct	0.6	0.5	0.1
								0.0	0.0	0.0

Average of new medium-term forecasts for GDP growth, CPI inflation and claimant unemployment



Average of new medium-term forecasts for the current account and PSNB



Annex 1: Forecasting institutions

BoA	Bank of America - Merrill Lynch
BC	Barclays Capital
BCC	British Chambers of Commerce
BEF	Beacon Economic Forecasting
BLM	Bloomberg Economics
CapE	Capital Economics
CG	Citigroup
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
CS	Credit Suisse
DCM	Daiwa Capital Markets
DB	Deutsche Bank
EE	Experian Economics
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
FC	Fathom Consulting
GS	Goldman Sachs
Het	Heteronomics
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	EY ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
KC	Kern Consulting
Liv	Liverpool Macro Research
MS	Morgan Stanley
N	Nomura
NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF	Oxford Economic Forecasting
P	Pantheon
NW	NatWest Markets
S	Schroders Investment Management
SG	Societe Generale

Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABR+HAYO
General government consumption	National accounts, Table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPQT
Business Investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPEL
Domestic demand	National accounts, Table C2, Code YBIM
Exports (goods and services)	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBK
Imports (goods and services)	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBL
Output Gap	The gap between actual output and trend (or potential) output, expressed as a percentage of trend (or potential)
CPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 2, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 2, Code CZBH
Whole Economy Average Weekly Earnings (Total Pay)	Labour market statistics, Table 15, Code KAB9
Sterling index (Q4, Jan 2005=100)	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code BK67
Official Bank Rate (Q4)	(Previously Bank of England repo rate (Q4)), Code BEDR
Oil price (\$ per barrel)	Brent crude, annual average
Nominal GDP growth	National accounts, Code IHYM
Productivity	Measured as output per hour worked
House price inflation	Q4 on Q4 annual percentage change in house prices
RHDI	National accounts, Table J2, Code NRJR
Employment growth	Labour market statistics, Table JOBS01, Code DYDC
LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)	Labour market statistics, Table 1, Code MGSX
Claimant unemployment (Q4, mn)	Labour market statistics, Table CLA01, Code BCJD
Manufacturing Output	National accounts, Table B1, Code L2KX
World trade in goods and services	Annual growth of world trade in goods and services
Current account (£bn)	Balance of payments release, Table A, Code HBOP
Size of APF purchases (£bn)	http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/apf/index.htm
Public Sector Net Borrowing	Public sector finances, Table PSA 1, Code J5II

Annex 3: Notation used in tables

- a: as a percentage of GDP
- b: non-durable consumption
- c: consumer expenditure less expenditure on durables and housing
- d: private sector investment, stockbuilding and durable consumption
- e: investment and stockbuilding combined
- f: contribution to GDP growth - percentage points
- g: end period
- h: calendar year
- i: financial year
- j: compensation of employees/head
- k: different definitions; refer to forecasters for details
- l: 3 month interbank rate
- m: general government current and capital expenditure plus stockbuilding
- n: average of spot price of Brent crude and Dubai light crude
- o: world trade in manufacturing
- p: ILO unemployment - millions
- q: Quarter on quarter a year ago
- r: PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
- s: PSNB including the effect of financial interventions
- t: world GDP
- u: OPEC average
- v: final domestic demand
- w: percentage change
- x: based on Halifax house price index
- y: based on Nationwide house price index
- z: based on UK house price index
- aa: claimant unemployment rate
- ab: treaty deficit
- ac: Excluding Royal Mail Pension Fund & APF transfers
- ad: M4 growth
- ae: PSNB excludes the impact of financial sector interventions, but includes flows from APF of the Bank of England. Includes impact of Royal Mail's pension fund
- af: Excludes corporate bonds
- ag: Annualised quarterly growth
- ah: Labour productivity measured as GDP per person employed.
- ir: OECD March 2021 Interim Report Annual GDP forecast

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