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FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

Short-term forecasts, January 2025

This edition of the comparison contains 18 new forecasts, all of which were received between 1st - 17th January 2025. The tables below summarises the average and range of independent forecasts for 2024 and 2025 and show the average of this month's new forecasts

Forecasts for 2024

	Independent+				Average of new forecasts in January
	Average of 3 months to:		3 months to January		
	January	December	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.5
- RPI	3.6	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.5
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4
Current account (£bn)	-79.4	-87.3	-156.8	-36.5	-76.4
PSNB (2024-25: £bn)	117.0	124.1	93.0	131.3	119.8

Forecasts for 2025

	Independent+				Average of new forecasts in January
	Average of 3 months to:		3 months to January		
	January	December	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.7	1.1
- CPI	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.5	2.7
- RPI	3.3	3.3	1.3	4.3	3.6
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.5	4.4	3.9	5.0	4.5
Current account (£bn)	-83.1	-84.1	-191.0	-16.9	-80.1
PSNB (2025-26: £bn)	101.4	105.0	60.6	129.9	106.0

\+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months: January 18 institutions, December 3 institutions, and November 2 institution.
*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 - 2024: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts			GDP	Quarterly GDP (QoQ %) 2024 Q4	2025 Q1	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														
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.9	2.0	1.7	-	-	-	-	-0.9	-
Berenberg	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.9	2.2	1.8	-	1.3	-2.2	1.2	-1.1	-
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	0.8	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	0.7	0.0	0.4	1.0	2.3	1.6	3.1	1.9	-1.7	1.8	-1.2	-
Citigroup	Nov		0.9	0.4	0.1	0.7	2.9	1.3	1.3	1.5	-0.4	1.8	-0.7	-
HSBC	Jan	*	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.9	1.8	-	1.8	-1.6	1.5	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	-	0.9	1.3	1.5	2.6	1.0	-2.0	2.3	-1.4	-
KPMG	Jan	*	0.8	0.1	0.8	1.0	2.1	1.8	-	1.8	-1.6	1.7	-1.1	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		-0.1	-	-	-0.3	1.6	-1.9	-3.0	-0.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.8	-1.7	1.4	-0.9	-
Nomura	Sep		1.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	2.4	1.1	-	-	-1.1	2.3	-1.1	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	0.8	-	0.4	1.0	1.9	1.8	3.1	1.8	-1.7	1.5	-1.1	-
UBS	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.8	1.8	-	1.8	-1.8	1.4	-1.1	-
Non-City forecasters														
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	0.8	0.1	0.5	-	2.3	-	1.4	0.7	-2.0	2.1	-1.5	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	0.7	-0.1	0.3	1.1	2.2	1.7	-	1.9	-0.9	2.1	-1.1	-
CBI	Dec		0.9	0.5	0.4	0.8	2.6	1.4	1.6	2.2	-1.8	2.5	-1.4	-
CEBR	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.9	1.7	2.9	1.8	-1.7	1.5	-1.1	-
Experian Economics	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.4	1.0	2.4	1.8	3.0	2.1	-1.9	1.4	-	-
Heteronomics	Jan	*	0.8	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.9	1.8	-	1.3	-2.2	1.2	-1.1	0.2
ICAEW	Jan	*	0.8	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		0.9	-	-	0.9	2.5	0.5	-0.8	1.1	1.4	2.1	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		0.9	-	-	0.2	3.3	-1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Nov		0.9	0.3	0.0	0.9	1.7	1.1	0.8	2.6	-4.4	1.1	-1.8	-
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.0	2.1	1.1	2.6	1.9	-2.2	1.3	-1.2	-0.7
OECD	Dec		0.9	0.4	0.5	0.7	2.2	1.5	1.5	2.2	-2.1	2.3	-1.4	0.5
IMF	Jan	*	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)														
Independent			0.8	0.1	0.4	0.9	2.1	1.5	2.2	1.7	-1.9	1.7	-1.2	0.0
New (marked *)			0.8	0.0	0.4	0.9	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.6	-1.8	1.6	-1.1	-0.2
City			0.8	0.1	0.4	0.9	2.0	1.7	2.5	1.6	-1.6	1.6	-1.1	
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)														
Highest			0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1	3.3	1.8	3.1	2.6	-0.4	2.5	-0.7	0.5
Lowest			0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.2	1.3	-1.0	0.8	0.7	-4.4	1.1	-1.8	-0.7
Median			0.8	0.0	0.4	0.9	2.1	1.7	2.4	1.8	-1.8	1.5	-1.1	0.2
OBR	Oct		1.1	0.4	0.5	2.6	3.0	-0.3	-0.4	1.3	-1.1	-0.6	-	-

Table 2 - 2024: 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 (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	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										
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	2.5	3.6	-	-	4.75	80.0	-	-
Berenberg	Jan	*	2.5	-	5.5	-	4.75	-	-	3.6
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	2.5	-	-	-	4.75	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	6.2	84.4	4.75	74.6	4.3	3.6
Citigroup	Nov		2.5	3.6	-	-	5.10	-	-	-
HSBC	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	6.0	-	4.75	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	2.5	-	-	-	4.75	-	4.2	-
KPMG	Jan	*	2.5	-	-	-	-	79.8	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		2.4	3.7	3.1	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	2.5	3.6	5.9	83.4	4.75	80.0	3.7	-
Nomura	Sep		3.1	-	4.9	-	4.75	-	-	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	5.7	-	4.75	-	3.7	3.5
UBS	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	5.0	-	4.75	-	4.3	-
Non-City forecasters										
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	2.4	-	3.5	-	4.75	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	5.1	84.5	4.90	79.8	4.5	3.3
CBI	Dec		2.6	3.4	5.0	-	4.75	81.0	4.0	-
CEBR	Jan	*	2.4	3.5	4.9	84.5	4.83	-	-	1.8
Experian Economics	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	4.7	-	4.83	80.5	-	3.74
Heteronomics	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	5.3	84.9	4.75	81.2	-	3.4
ICAEW	Jan	*	2.5	-	-	-	4.75	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		2.0	1.4	2.8	81.7	4.25	-	-	-0.2
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		2.1	3.4	4.0	82.5	4.00	-	-	-
NIESR	Nov		2.6	4.4	4.8	-	4.92	-	-	1.7
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	2.5	3.5	6.2	84.5	4.75	80.5	4.3	3.4
OECD	Dec		2.8	-	-	-	4.8	80.8	3.8	-
IMF	Jan	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)										
Independent			2.5	3.6	5.2	84.1	4.8	79.8	4.1	3.1
New (marked *)			2.5	3.5	5.3	84.4	4.8	79.6	4.1	3.3
City			2.5	3.5	5.7	83.9	4.8	78.6	4.0	3.6
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)										
Highest			2.8	4.4	6.2	84.9	5.1	81.2	4.5	3.7
Lowest			2.1	3.4	3.5	82.5	4.0	74.6	3.7	1.7
Median			2.5	3.5	5.1	84.5	4.8	80.3	4.2	3.4
OBR	Oct		2.4	3.6	5.2	-	4.79	79.5	4.0	2.9

Table 3 - 2024: 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 (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2024-25)
City forecasters												
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	-	-	4.5	-	-	-	-69.6	-	-	124.8
Berenberg	Jan	*	4.1	0.7	4.3	-	-0.7	-	-71.4	-	0.1	-
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	4.3	0.7	4.3	-	-	-	-71.8	654.5	-1.3	120.6
Citigroup	Nov		-	0.1	4.3	-	6.4	-	-	634.0	-	-
HSBC	Jan	*	-	-	4.3	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	-	-	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KPMG	Jan	*	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-76.0	-	-	115.3
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		-	-0.3	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	2.1	0.4	4.5	-	-0.2	-	-77.8	657.0	-	128.0
Nomura	Sep		-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	3.4	0.7	4.5	-	-	-	-79.0	-	-	109.7
UBS	Jan	*	-	0.8	4.3	-	-1.4	-	-65.9	659.0	-	127.5
Non-City forecasters												
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	-	-	4.3	-	-0.2	-	-	-	-	105.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	4.5	0.7	4.3	1.8	-0.7	-	-73.3	-	-0.1	129.8
CBI	Dec		3.1	-0.1	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	128.1
CEBR	Jan	*	3.9	0.9	4.4	1.8	-0.5	-	-87.2	679.8	-	100.4
Experian Economics	Jan	*	4.2	0.1	4.3	2.0	-	-	-85.0	-	-	125.0
Heteronomics	Jan	*	-	0.7	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICAEW	Jan	*	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-85.5	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		-	0.1	4.3	-	-	-	-32.0	-	-	83.5
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		-	-	-	-	-	-	-36.5	-	-	100.0
NIESR	Nov		2.9	-0.2	4.2	-	-	2.5	-156.8	-	-0.2	93.0
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	3.8	0.7	4.4	1.8	-0.3	2.8	-74.8	654.5	-1.1	131.3
OECD	Dec		-	0.1	4.2	-	-	3.5	-80.2	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Independent			3.629	0.5	4.3	1.8	0.4	2.9	-79.4	656.5	-0.5	117.0
New (marked *)			3.788	0.6	4.4	1.8	-0.3	2.8	-76.4	661.0	-0.6	119.8
City			3.475	0.6	4.4		1.1		-73.1	651.1	-0.6	121.0
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Highest			4.500	0.9	4.5	2.0	6.4	3.5	-36.5	679.8	0.1	131.3
Lowest			2.100	-0.2	4.2	1.8	-1.4	2.5	-156.8	634.0	-1.3	93.0
Median			3.851	0.7	4.3	1.8	-0.3	2.8	-76.0	655.8	-0.2	122.7
OBR	Oct		2.4	-0.2	4.3	-	-	-	-96.2	-	0.0	127.5

Table 4 - 2025: 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												
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	0.9	0.9	3.0	1.1	-	-	-	-	0.1	-
Berenberg	Jan	*	1.0	1.4	3.1	2.5	-	1.9	-1.5	0.9	-0.8	-
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	1.3	1.6	3.6	1.5	3.4	2.0	2.0	4.0	-0.7	-
Citigroup	Nov		1.0	0.6	6.7	2.0	1.8	3.2	2.1	6.2	-1.4	-
HSBC	Jan	*	1.4	1.3	2.8	2.8	-	1.7	1.1	2.1	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	0.7	0.9	9.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.2	-
KPMG	Jan	*	1.7	1.8	3.0	2.3	-	2.0	1.6	2.5	-0.3	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	1.0	1.1	2.2	-0.4	-0.7	1.1	1.0	1.7	-0.2	-
Nomura	Sep		1.4	1.2	1.5	1.8	-	-	1.3	3.0	-0.6	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.7	1.5	1.4	2.3	-0.3	-
UBS	Jan	*	1.1	1.7	1.2	2.0	-	1.5	0.5	1.9	-0.5	-
Non-City forecasters												
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	1.3	-	3.5	-	0.9	1.0	0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	1.0	2.3	3.6	0.7	-	2.6	7.0	11.1	-1.8	-
CBI	Dec		1.6	1.7	3.9	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.0	3.2	-0.5	-
CEBR	Jan	*	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.5	0.5	1.8	-0.5	-
Experian Economics	Jan	*	1.3	1.5	3.9	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.7	1.6	-	-
Heteronomics	Jan	*	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.5	-	1.2	-1.0	0.6	-0.5	0.1
ICAEW	Jan	*	1.2	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		1.8	1.8	1.5	2.5	3.2	1.9	2.1	2.3	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		1.1	0.8	3.1	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Nov		1.2	1.4	-1.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	1.1	1.4	2.6	0.3	1.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	-0.5	-0.8
OECD	Dec		1.7	1.2	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.8	0.2	0.7	-0.1	0.7
IMF	Jan	*	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Independent			1.2	1.4	3.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.0	2.4	-0.5	0.0
New (marked *)			1.1	1.5	3.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.1	2.3	-0.5	-0.4
City			1.1	1.3	3.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.1	2.5	-0.4	
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Highest			1.7	2.3	9.8	2.8	3.4	3.2	7.0	11.1	0.2	0.7
Lowest			0.7	0.6	-1.0	-0.4	-0.7	1.0	-1.5	-0.3	-1.8	-0.8
Median			1.1	1.4	3.0	1.4	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.8	-0.5	0.1
OBR	Oct		2.0	4.1	4.0	-1.7	-1.2	1.7	0.6	-0.8	-	-

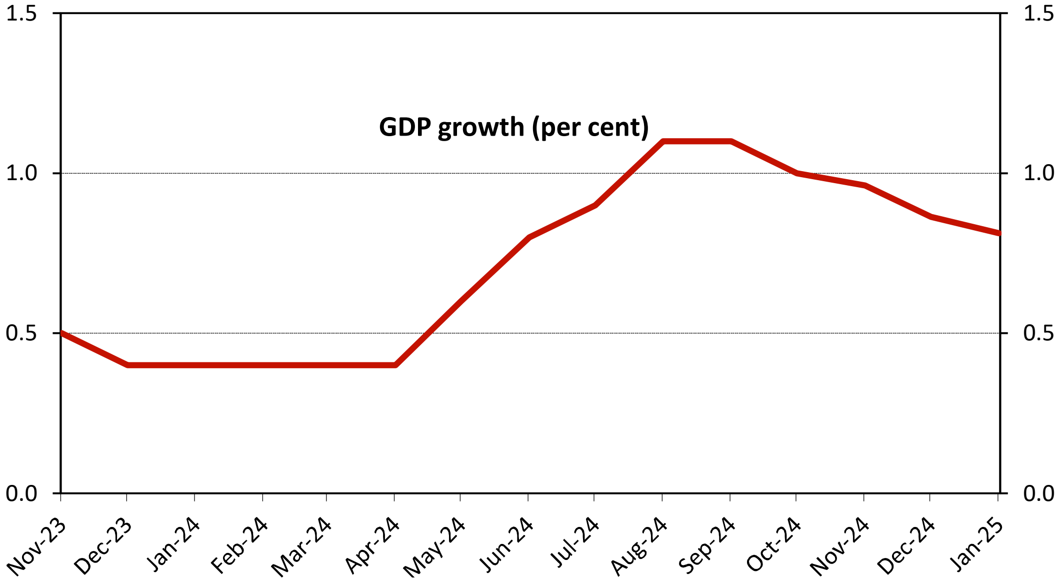
Table 5 - 2025: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

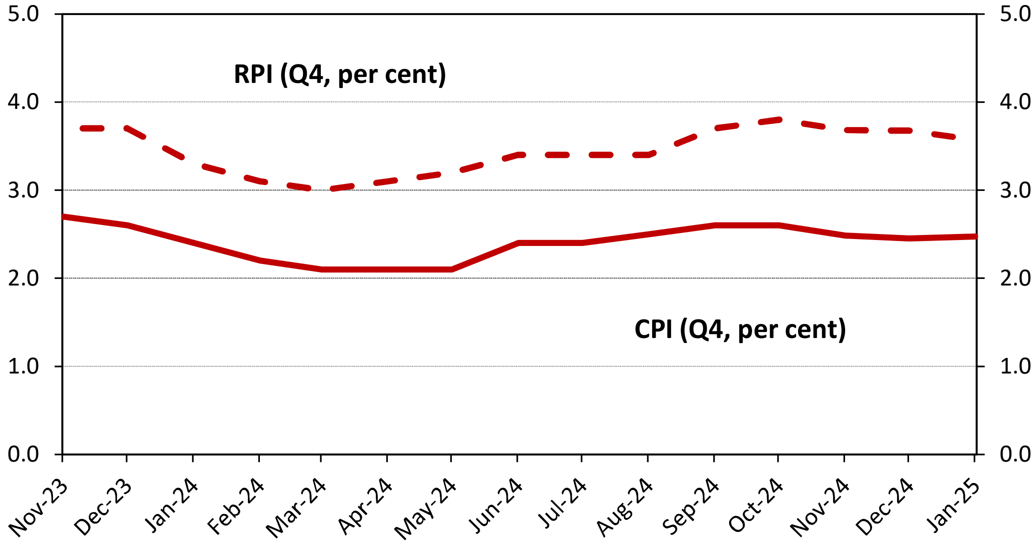
Forecasters and dates of forecasts			CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, $/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters										
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	2.5	4.0	-	-	3.50	83.0	-	-
Berenberg	Jan	*	3.1	-	3.5	-	4.25	-	-	4.0
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	2.8	-	-	-	3.75	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	2.5	3.6	3.9	83.3	3.75	70.0	4.4	3.5
Citigroup	Nov		2.3	3.3	-	-	3.96	-	-	-
HSBC	Jan	*	2.6	3.5	3.9	-	3.25	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	3.2	-	-	-	3.75	-	3.8	-
KPMG	Jan	*	2.4	-	-	-	-	77.5	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	2.5	3.6	3.8	81.5	4.00	71.0	3.0	-
Nomura	Sep		2.2	-	3.2	-	3.75	-	-	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	3.2	4.1	4.0	-	4.00	-	3.7	4.0
UBS	Jan	*	2.3	2.9	3.2	-	3.25	-	3.8	-
Non-City forecasters										
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	2.2	-	3.8	-	4.00	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	2.5	2.8	3.9	86.9	4.00	75.4	5.7	-1.0
CBI	Dec		2.6	2.7	2.8	-	3.75	74.1	4.7	-
CEBR	Jan	*	2.6	2.9	4.4	84.0	4.08	-	-	3.5
Experian Economics	Jan	*	2.7	3.6	3.5	-	4.08	76.00	-	2.85
Heteronomics	Jan	*	3.5	4.3	3.2	84.9	4.25	78.9	-	2.0
ICAEW	Jan	*	2.7	-	-	-	3.75	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		1.8	0.2	2.4	82.3	3.33	-	-	1.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		2.0	3.0	3.6	82.1	3.00	-	-	-
NIESR	Nov		2.3	1.3	2.0	-	3.75	-	-	0.1
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	3.1	4.0	3.5	83.4	3.75	72.9	4.5	1.0
OECD	Dec		2.5	-	-	-	4.0	75.0	3.8	-
IMF	Jan	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)										
Independent			2.7	3.3	3.5	84.0	3.84	75.4	4.2	2.2
New (marked *)			2.7	3.6	3.7	84.0	3.84	75.6	4.1	2.5
City			2.7	3.6	3.7	82.4	3.75	75.4	3.8	3.8
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)										
Highest			3.5	4.3	4.4	86.9	4.25	83.0	5.7	4.0
Lowest			2.2	1.3	2.0	81.5	3.25	70.0	3.0	-1.0
Median			2.6	3.5	3.7	83.7	3.86	75.2	3.8	2.9
OBR	Oct		2.4	3.6	2.3	-	3.84	71.1	4.6	1.0

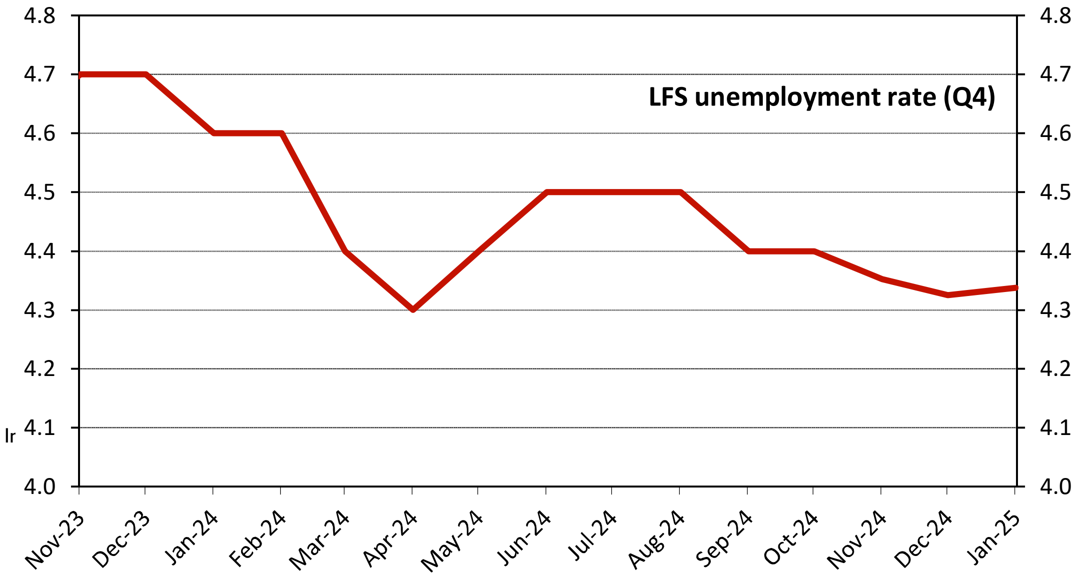
Table 6 - 2025: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

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 (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2025-26)
City forecasters												
Barclays Capital	Jan	*	-	-	4.7	-	-	-	-27.8	-	-	105.7
Berenberg	Jan	*	2.2	0.9	4.5	-	-0.5	-	-83.4	-	0.1	-
Bloomberg Economics	Jan	*	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jan	*	2.0	0.9	4.3	-	-	-	-68.1	544.8	0.7	98.4
Citigroup	Nov		-	0.6	5.0	-	7.1	-	-	503.0	-	-
HSBC	Jan	*	-	-	4.9	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Jan	*	-	-	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KPMG	Jan	*	-	-	4.2	-	-	-	-76.3	-	-	111.3
Morgan Stanley	Dec'23		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	Jan	*	1.6	0.2	4.9	-	0.4	-	-73.0	570.0	-	110.0
Nomura	Sep		-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Jan	*	0.9	0.9	4.8	-	-	-	-76.0	-	-	92.1
UBS	Jan	*	-	1.5	4.1	-	1.3	-	-72.0	562.0	-	115.6
Non-City forecasters												
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	*	-	-	4.5	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	90.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jan	*	1.1	-0.2	4.7	1.9	0.3	-	-99.6	-	1.2	129.9
CBI	Dec		1.1	0.8	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	111.8
CEBR	Jan	*	0.7	1.3	4.3	1.8	0.3	-	-138.8	583.0	-	89.7
Experian Economics	Jan	*	2.2	0.5	4.4	2.0	-	-	-83.0	-	-	105.0
Heteronomics	Jan	*	-	1.1	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICAEW	Jan	*	-	-	4.5	-	-	-	-81.7	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb		-	1.2	3.9	-	-	-	-38.0	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec		-	-	-	-	-	-	-16.9	-	-	60.6
NIESR	Nov		1.8	0.6	4.0	-	-	4.2	-191.0	-	0.8	81.4
Oxford Economics	Jan	*	1.1	0.9	4.4	1.8	0.4	3.2	-82.1	546.3	0.3	118.5
OECD	Dec		-	1.2	3.9	-	-	3.6	-76.8	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Independent			1.470	0.8	4.5	1.9	1.3	3.7	-83.1	551.5	0.6	101.4
New (marked *)			1.481	0.8	4.5	1.9	0.5	3.2	-80.1	561.2	0.6	106.0
City			1.675	0.8	4.6		1.9		-68.1	545.0	0.4	105.5
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)												
Highest			2.200	1.5	5.0	2.0	7.1	4.2	-16.9	583.0	1.2	129.9
Lowest			0.724	-0.2	3.9	1.8	-0.5	3.2	-191.0	503.0	0.1	60.6
Median			1.364	0.9	4.5	1.9	0.4	3.6	-76.8	554.1	0.7	105.4
OBR	Oct		2.1	1.0	4.0	-	-	-	-88.9	-	1.0	105.6

Average of independent forecasts for 2024; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation and unemployment







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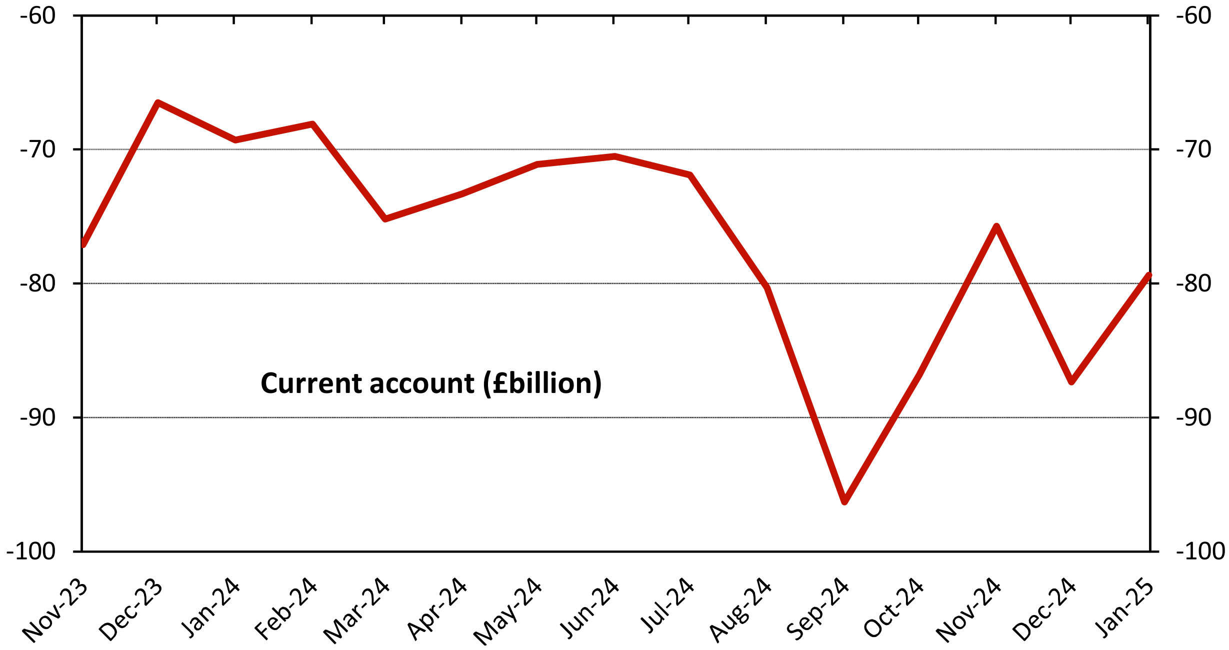

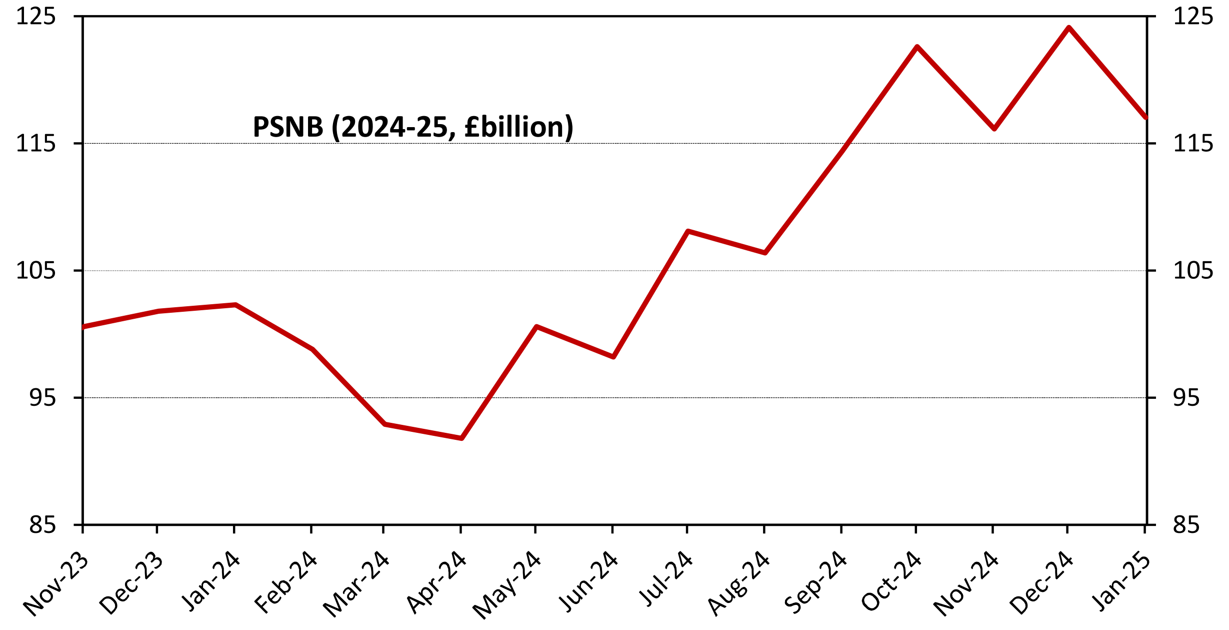

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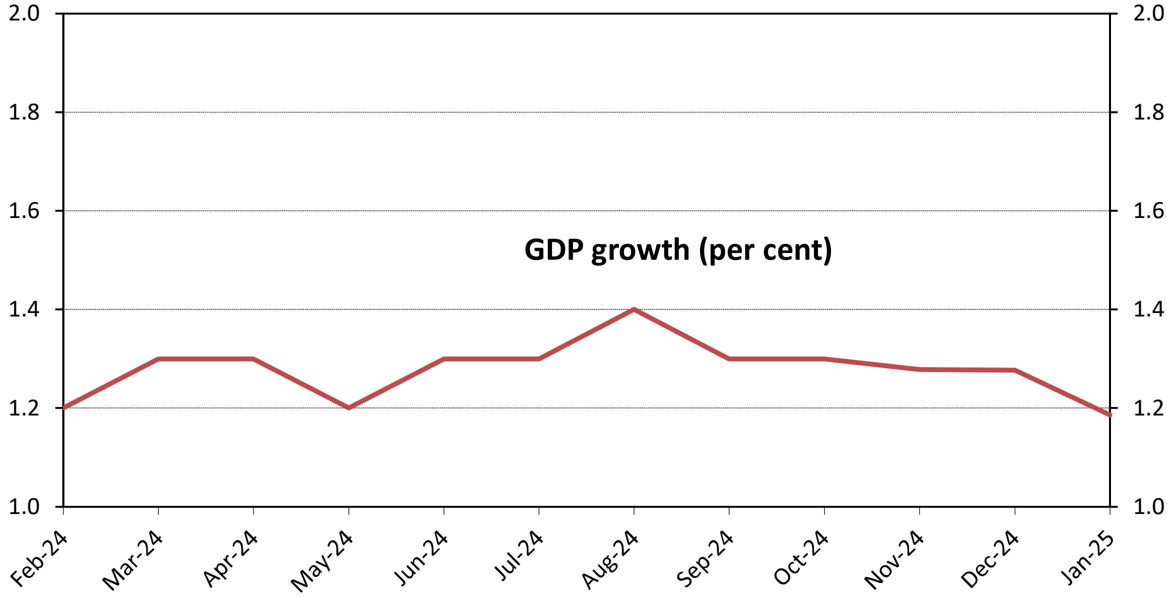

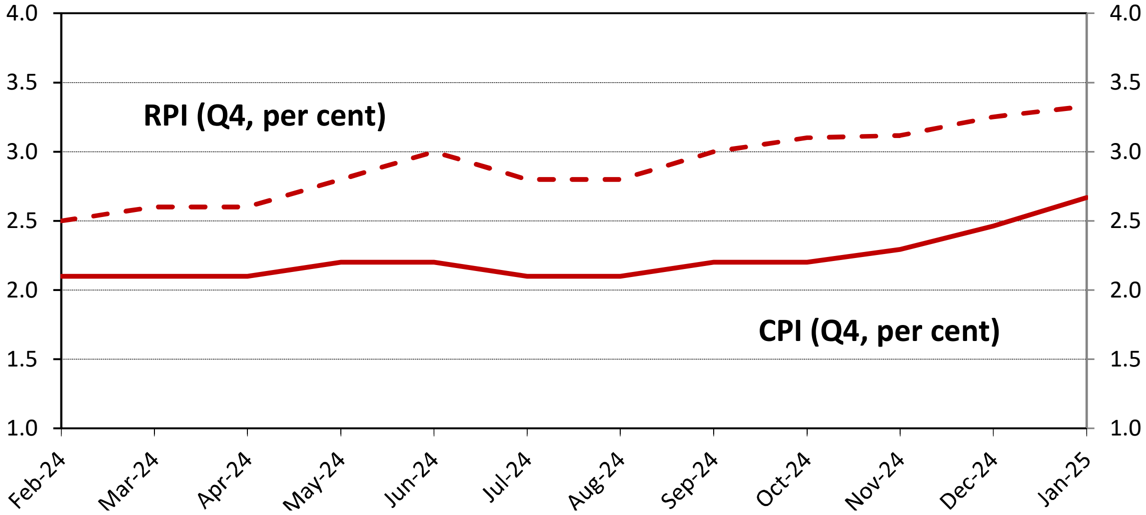

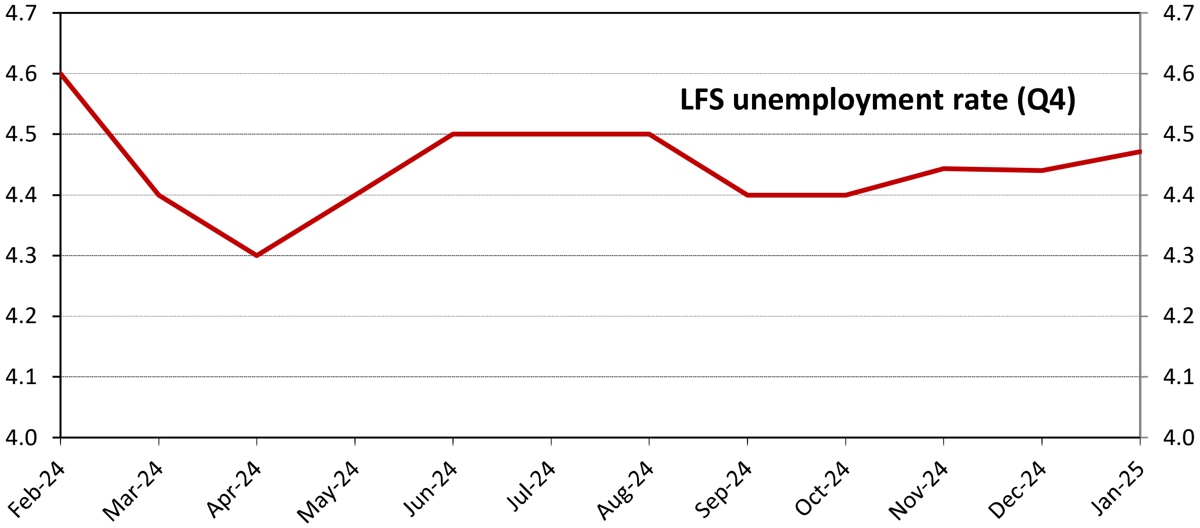

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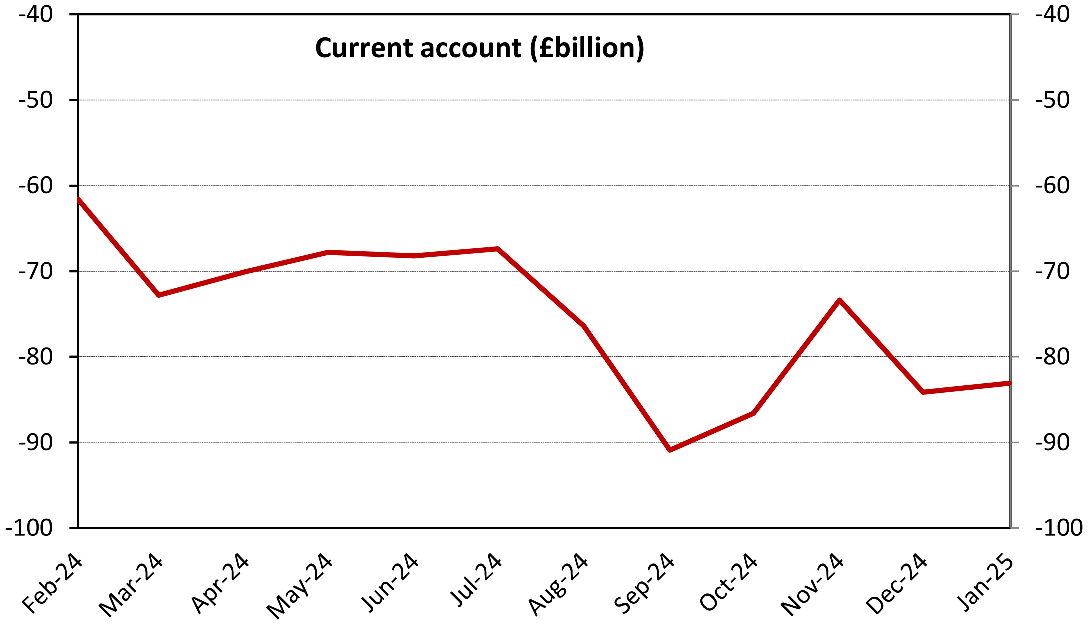

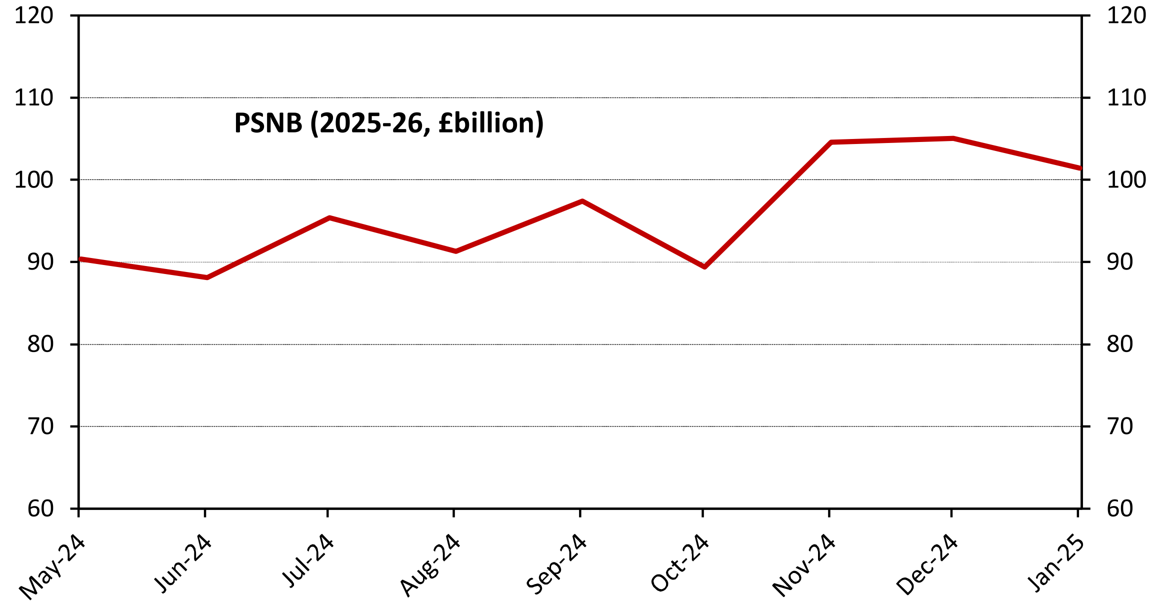

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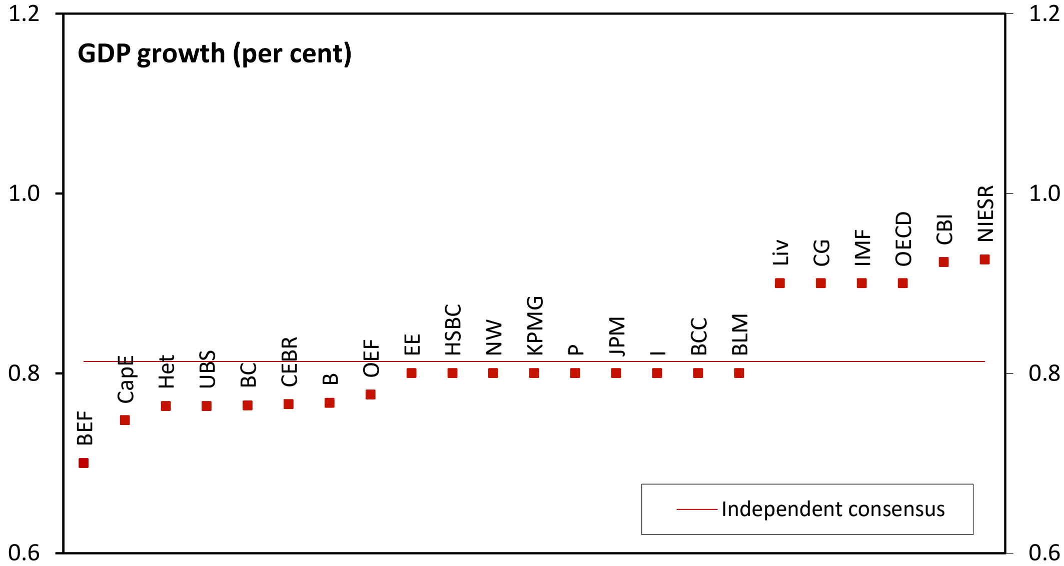

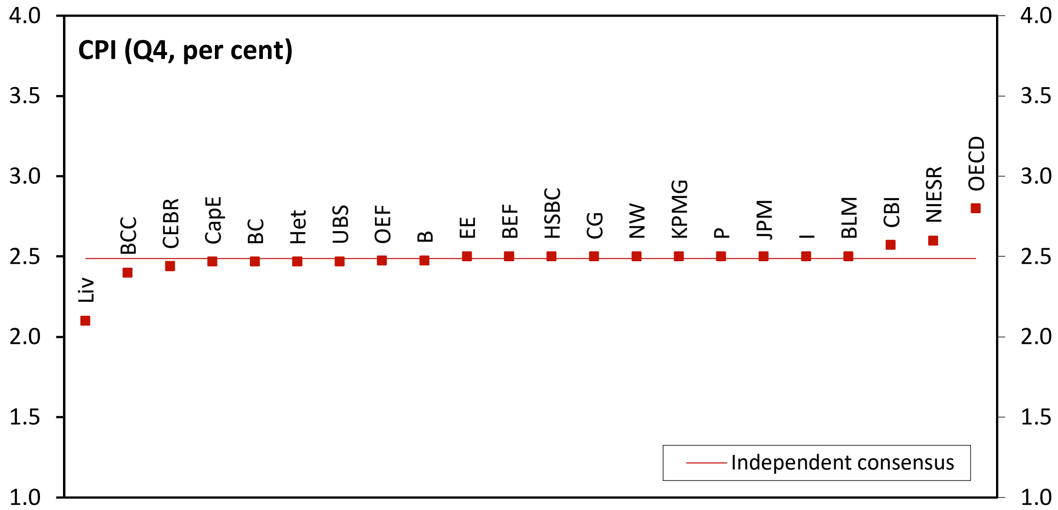

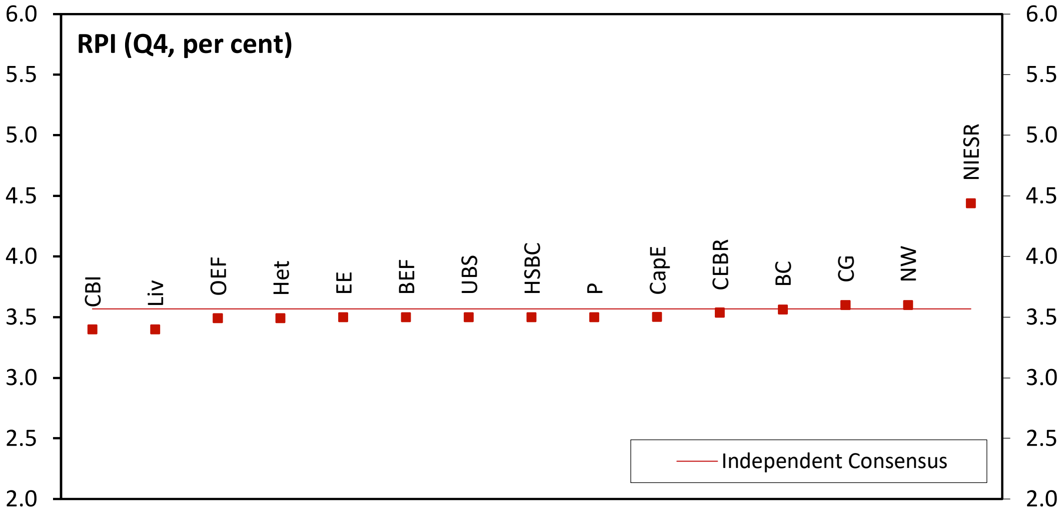

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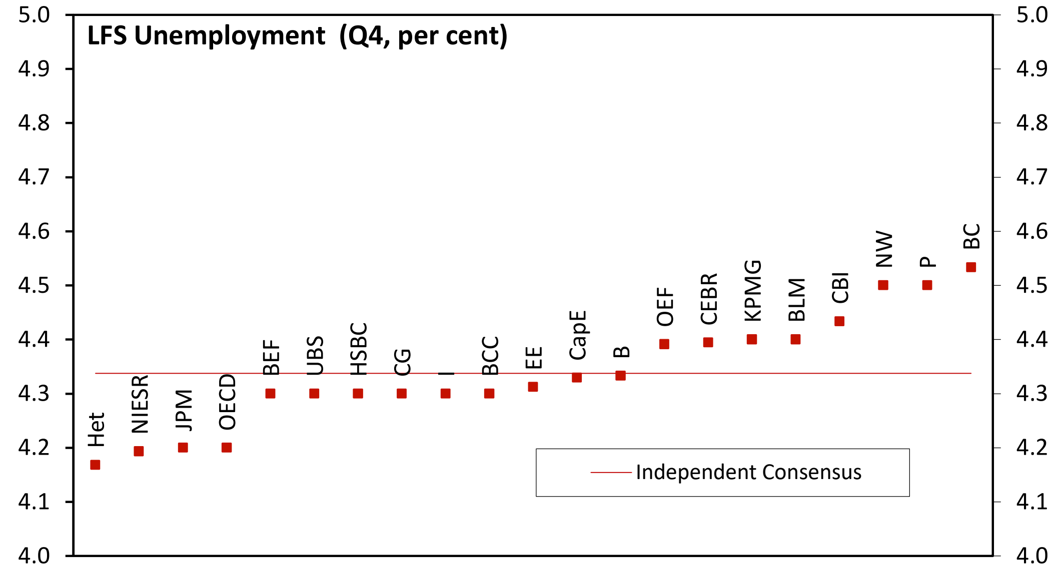

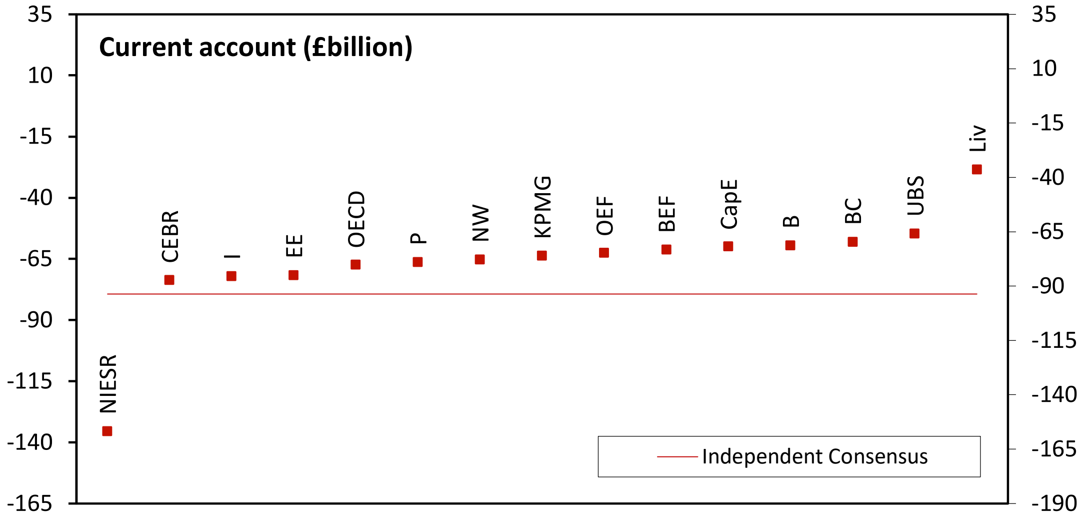

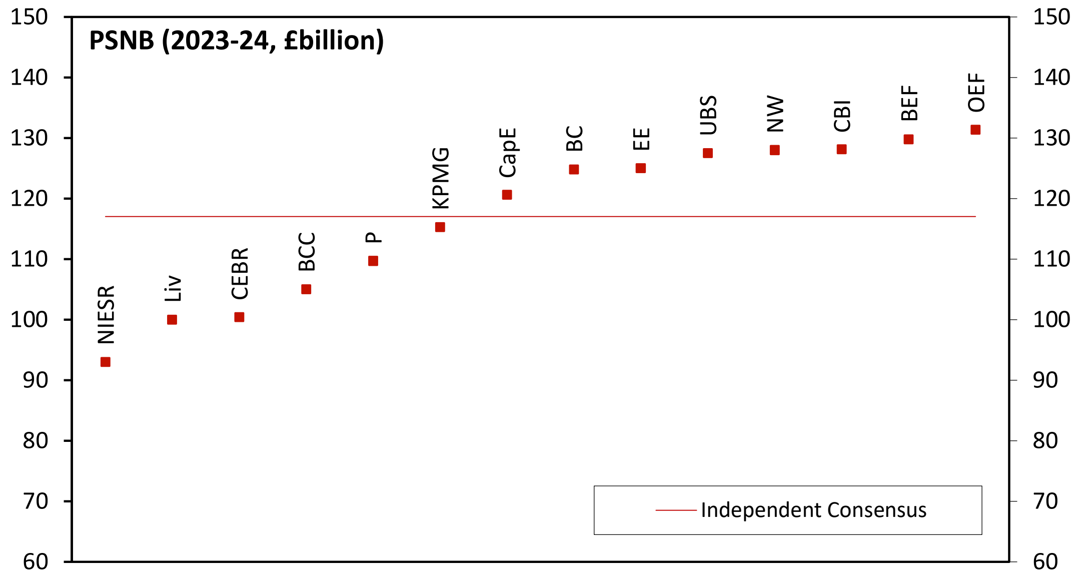

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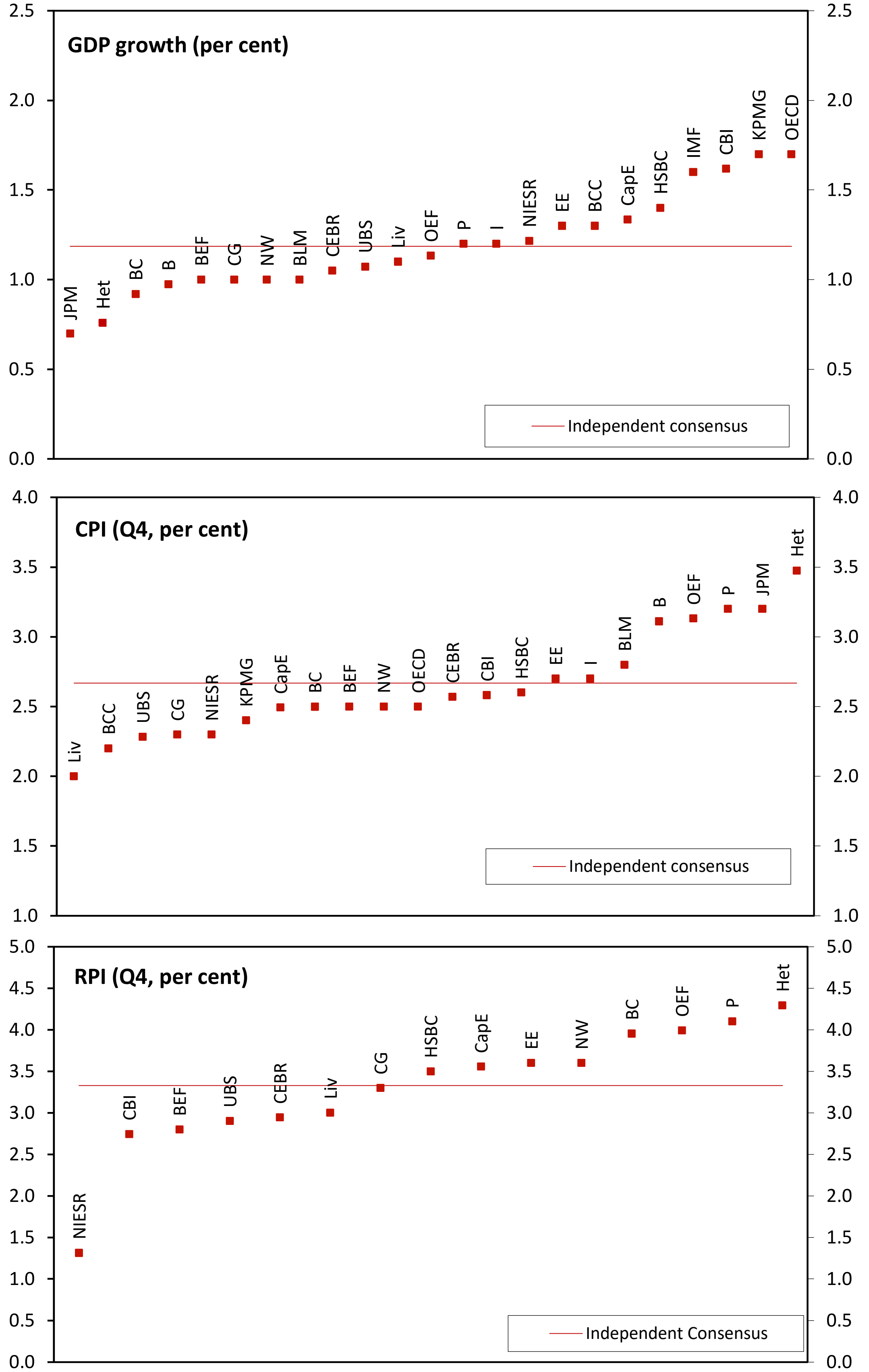

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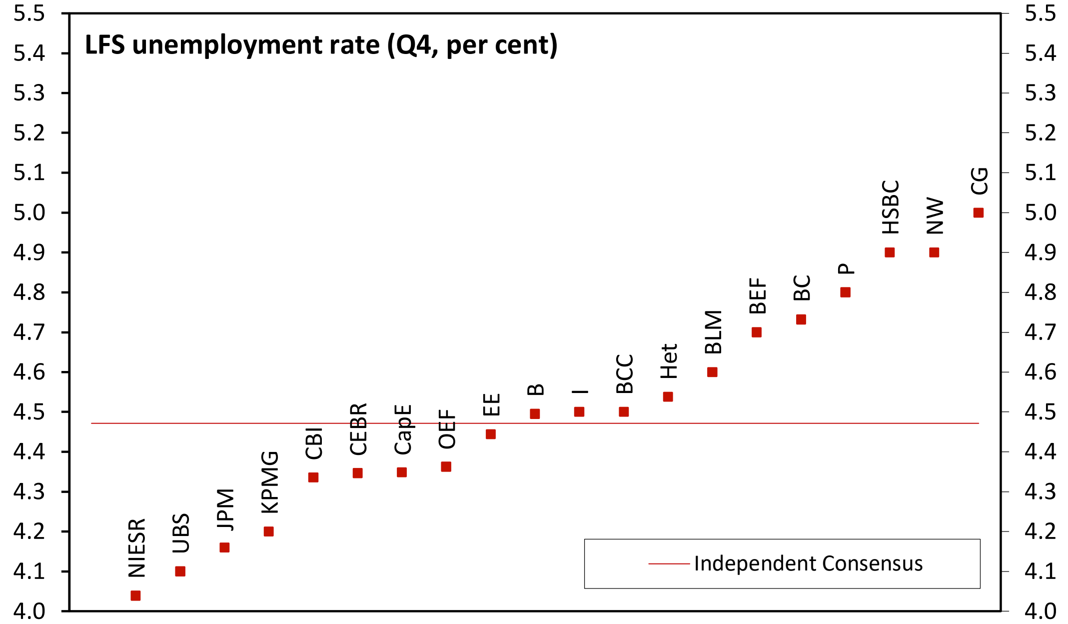

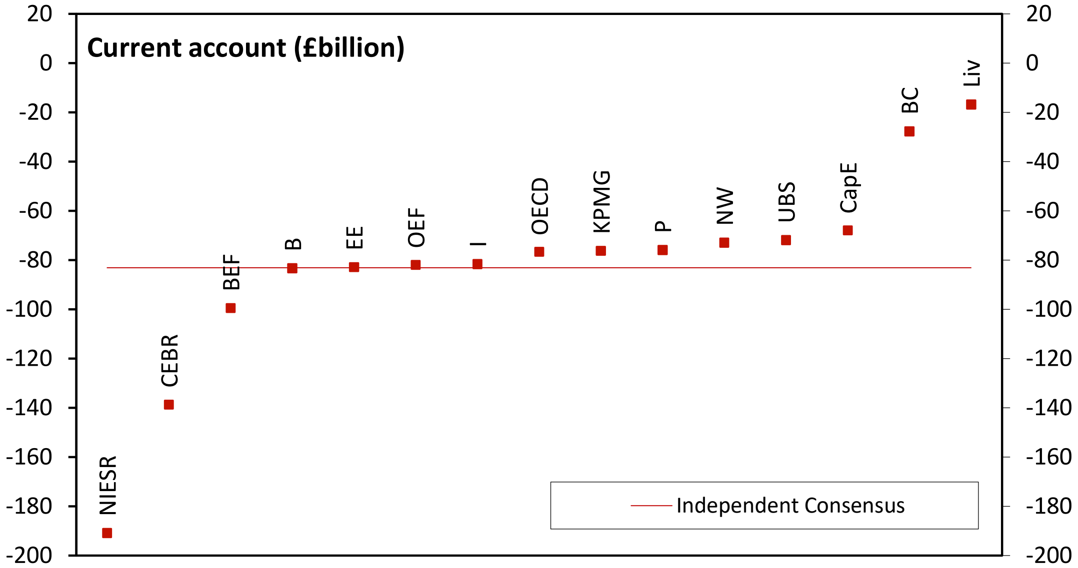

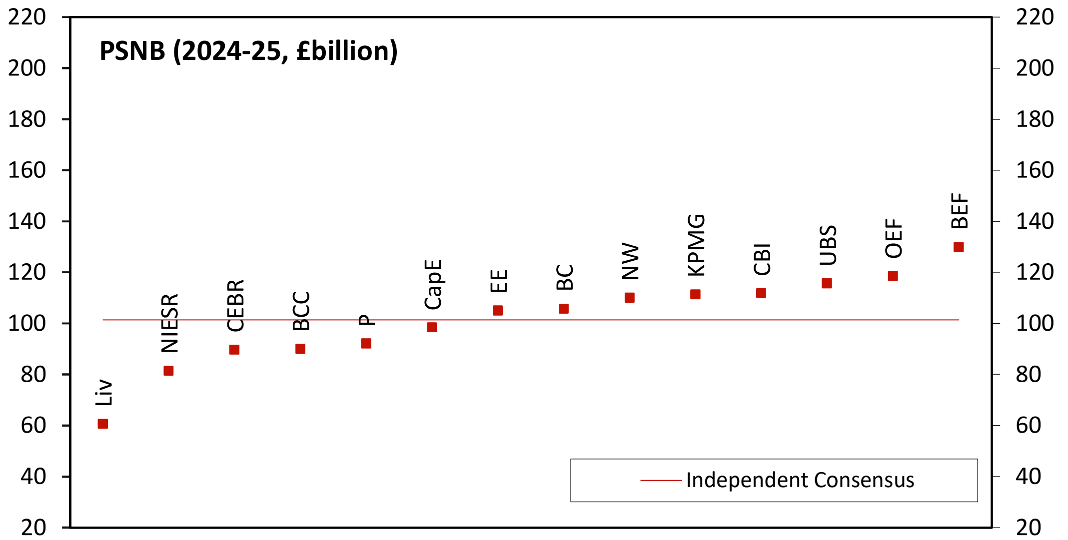

Annex 1: Forecasting institutions

B	Berenberg
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
DB	Deutsche Bank
EE	Experian Economics
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
GS	Goldman Sachs
Het	Heteronomics
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
I	ICEAW
IHS	IHS Markit
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 ABJR+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
Total exports	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBK
Total imports	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 Earning (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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