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# Forecasts for the UK economy:

## a comparison of independent forecasts

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## FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

### Short-term forecasts, February 2025

This edition of the comparison contains 16 new forecasts, all of which were received between 1st - 17th February 2025. The tables below summarises the average and range of independent forecasts for 2025 and 2026 and show the average of this month's new forecasts

#### Forecasts for 2025

|                               | Independent <sup>+</sup> |         |                      |         | Average of new forecasts in February |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
|                               | Average of 3 months to:  |         | 3 months to February |         |                                      |
|                               | February                 | January | Lowest               | Highest |                                      |
| GDP growth (per cent)         | 1.1                      | 1.2     | 0.6                  | 1.7     | 1.0                                  |
| Inflation rate (Q4: per cent) |                          |         |                      |         |                                      |
| - CPI                         | 2.8                      | 2.7     | 2.0                  | 3.9     | 2.8                                  |
| - RPI                         | 3.6                      | 3.3     | 2.7                  | 4.7     | 3.7                                  |
| LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %) | 4.6                      | 4.5     | 3.9                  | 5.2     | 4.6                                  |
| Current account (£bn)         | -86.6                    | -83.1   | -195.5               | -27.8   | -88.7                                |
| PSNB (2024-25: £bn)           | 118.4                    | 117.0   | 96.7                 | 144.0   | 118.3                                |

#### Forecasts for 2026

|                               | Independent <sup>+</sup> |         |                      |         | Average of new forecasts in February |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
|                               | Average of 3 months to:  |         | 3 months to February |         |                                      |
|                               | February                 | January | Lowest               | Highest |                                      |
| GDP growth (per cent)         | 1.4                      | -       | 0.9                  | 1.6     | 1.4                                  |
| - CPI                         | 2.3                      | -       | 1.6                  | 3.2     | 2.3                                  |
| - RPI                         | 3.2                      | -       | 2.6                  | 4.4     | 3.2                                  |
| LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %) | 4.6                      | -       | 4.1                  | 5.4     | 4.6                                  |
| Current account (£bn)         | -88.4                    | -       | -212.1               | -19.3   | -88.4                                |
| PSNB (2025-26: £bn)           | 101.2                    | 101.4   | 64.8                 | 150.6   | 101.1                                |

+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months: February 16 institutions, January 4 institutions, and December 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 - 2025: 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) |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
|  |            |            | 2025 Q1               | 2025 Q2    |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |            |            |                       |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *      | 0.9        | 0.3                   | 0.2        | 0.9                 | 3.0                    | 1.1              | -                   | -               | -             | -             | 0.1  | -                                  |
| Berenberg  | Feb *      | 0.9        | 0.3                   | 0.3        | 1.2                 | 2.9                    | 1.5              | -                   | 1.6             | -1.0          | 1.2           | -0.7   | -                                  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan        | 1.0        | 0.3                   | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *      | 0.7        | 0.1                   | 0.2        | 0.8                 | 2.9                    | 0.4              | -1.4                | 1.6             | -1.7          | 1.2           | -0.9   | -                                  |
| Citigroup  | Nov        | 1.0        | 0.1                   | -          | 0.6                 | 6.7                    | 2.0              | 1.8                 | 3.2             | 2.1           | 6.2           | -1.4   | -                                  |
| HSBC   | Feb *      | 0.9        | 0.2                   | 0.3        | 1.3                 | 2.8                    | 2.8              | -                   | 1.7             | 1.1           | 2.1           | -  | -                                  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *      | 0.7        | -                     | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | 1.1             | -             | -             | 0.2  | -                                  |
| KPMG   | Feb *      | 1.1        | 0.3                   | 0.5        | 1.1                 | 2.9                    | 1.4              | -                   | 2.6             | -2.1          | 2.8           | -1.6   | -                                  |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23     | -          | -                     | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *      | 0.9        | 0.2                   | 0.3        | 1.1                 | 2.3                    | -0.3             | -0.4                | 1.5             | -0.6          | 1.9           | -0.6   | -                                  |
| Nomura   | Sep        | 1.4        | 0.3                   | -          | 1.2                 | 1.5                    | 1.8              | -                   | -               | 1.3           | 3.0           | -0.6   | -                                  |
| Pantheon   | Jan        | 1.2        | 0.4                   | -          | 1.8                 | 1.6                    | 1.5              | 2.7                 | 1.5             | 1.4           | 2.3           | -0.3   | -                                  |
| UBS  | Feb *      | 1.1        | 0.4                   | 0.3        | 1.4                 | 1.8                    | 1.1              | -                   | 2.6             | -1.5          | 3.0           | -1.5   | -                                  |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |            |            |                       |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *      | 1.3        | 0.5                   | 0.4        | -                   | 3.5                    | -                | 0.9                 | 1.0             | 0.2           | -0.2          | -1.4   | -                                  |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *      | 0.6        | -0.1                  | 0.0        | 1.8                 | 3.1                    | 0.4              | -                   | 1.6             | 7.5           | 9.5           | -1.1   | -                                  |
| CBI  | Dec        | 1.6        | 0.4                   | -          | 1.7                 | 3.9                    | 2.3              | 2.4                 | 2.1             | 2.0           | 3.2           | -0.5   | -                                  |
| CEBR   | Feb *      | 1.1        | 0.3                   | 0.3        | 1.3                 | 1.8                    | 1.4              | 1.1                 | 1.5             | 0.5           | 1.8           | -0.5   | -                                  |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *      | 1.3        | 0.4                   | 0.6        | 1.4                 | 3.4                    | 1.1              | 1.7                 | 1.6             | 0.7           | 1.5           | -  | -                                  |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *      | 0.9        | 0.4                   | 0.3        | 1.4                 | 1.3                    | 0.6              | -                   | 1.2             | -0.4          | 0.8           | -0.4   | -0.1                               |
| ICAEW  | Jan        | 1.2        | -                     | -          | 1.4                 | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23     | 1.8        | -                     | -          | 1.8                 | 1.5                    | 2.5              | 3.2                 | 1.9             | 2.1           | 2.3           | -  | -                                  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *      | 0.8        | -                     | -          | 0.8                 | 2.0                    | 0.5              | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| NIESR  | Feb *      | 1.5        | 0.4                   | 1.1        | 1.0                 | 3.4                    | 1.7              | 2.5                 | 1.7             | 0.5           | 1.3           | -0.3   | -                                  |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *      | 1.0        | 0.3                   | 0.3        | 1.3                 | 2.4                    | 0.1              | 1.3                 | 1.5             | -1.5          | 0.0           | -0.5   | -0.9                               |
| OECD   | Dec        | 1.7        | 0.5                   | -          | 1.2                 | 3.0                    | 2.3              | 2.1                 | 1.8             | 0.2           | 0.7           | -0.1   | 0.7                                |
| IMF  | Jan        | 1.6        | -                     | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |            |            |                       |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Independent  |            | 1.1        | 0.3                   | 0.4        | 1.3                 | 2.7                    | 1.2              | 1.3                 | 1.7             | 0.3           | 2.1           | -0.6   | -0.1                               |
| New (marked *)   |            | 1.0        | 0.3                   | 0.4        | 1.2                 | 2.6                    | 1.0              | 0.8                 | 1.6             | 0.1           | 2.1           | -0.7   | -0.5                               |
| City   |            | 0.9        | 0.3                   | 0.3        | 1.2                 | 2.5                    | 1.2              | 0.3                 | 1.8             | -0.6          | 2.1           | -0.7   | -                                  |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |            |            |                       |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Highest  |            | 1.7        | 0.5                   | 1.1        | 1.8                 | 3.9                    | 2.8              | 2.7                 | 2.6             | 7.5           | 9.5           | 0.2  | 0.7                                |
| Lowest   |            | 0.6        | -0.1                  | 0.0        | 0.8                 | 1.3                    | -0.3             | -1.4                | 1.0             | -2.1          | -0.2          | -1.6   | -0.9                               |
| Median   |            | 1.0        | 0.3                   | 0.3        | 1.3                 | 2.9                    | 1.1              | 1.5                 | 1.6             | 0.2           | 1.7           | -0.5   | -0.1                               |
| <b>OBR</b>   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>0.5</b>            | <b>0.6</b> | <b>1.7</b>          | <b>4.0</b>             | <b>-1.7</b>      | <b>-1.2</b>         | <b>1.5</b>      | <b>0.6</b>    | <b>-0.8</b>   | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                           |

**Table 2 - 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, %) |
|--|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *      | 2.5                        | 4.2                        | -                                       | -                             | 3.50                                | 83.0                      | -           | -  |
| Berenberg  | Feb *      | 3.2                        | -                          | 3.0                                     | -                             | 4.25                                | -                         | -           | 4.0  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan        | 2.8                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 3.75                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *      | 2.8                        | 3.8                        | 3.6                                     | 83.3                          | 3.75                                | 70.0                      | 4.1         | 3.5  |
| Citigroup  | Nov        | 2.3                        | 3.3                        | -                                       | -                             | 3.96                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| HSBC   | Feb *      | 2.6                        | 3.5                        | 3.9                                     | -                             | 3.25                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *      | 3.2                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 3.80                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| KPMG   | Feb *      | 3.0                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 4.00                                | 74.1                      | -           | -  |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23     | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *      | 2.8                        | 4.0                        | 3.7                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | 76.0                      | 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  | Feb *      | 2.4                        | 3.0                        | 2.5                                     | -                             | 3.25                                | -                         | 4.2         | -  |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *      | 2.2                        | -                          | 3.8                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *      | 2.5                        | 2.8                        | 3.9                                     | 86.7                          | 3.75                                | 75.8                      | 5.3         | -1.1   |
| CBI  | Dec        | 2.6                        | 2.7                        | 2.8                                     | -                             | 3.75                                | 74.1                      | 4.7         | -  |
| CEBR   | Feb *      | 2.7                        | 3.2                        | 3.5                                     | 83.0                          | 4.08                                | -                         | -           | 1.7  |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *      | 3.1                        | 4.0                        | 3.5                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | 74.44                     | -           | 3.15   |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *      | 3.9                        | 4.7                        | 3.1                                     | 82.7                          | 4.25                                | 78.9                      | -           | 2.0  |
| ICAEW  | Jan        | 2.7                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 3.75                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23     | 1.8                        | 0.2                        | 2.4                                     | 82.3                          | 3.33                                | -                         | -           | 1.0  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *      | 2.0                        | 3.0                        | 3.6                                     | 82.8                          | 3.75                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| NIESR  | Feb *      | 2.1                        | 3.6                        | 3.5                                     | -                             | 4.25                                | -                         | -           | -2.2   |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *      | 3.4                        | 4.2                        | 3.7                                     | 83.4                          | 3.75                                | 75.3                      | 4.6         | 0.7  |
| OECD   | Dec        | 2.5                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 4.0                                 | 75.0                      | 3.8         | -  |
| IMF  | Jan        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Independent  |            | 2.8                        | 3.6                        | 3.5                                     | 83.7                          | 3.85                                | 75.7                      | 4.2         | 1.7  |
| New (marked *)   |            | 2.8                        | 3.7                        | 3.5                                     | 83.7                          | 3.85                                | 75.9                      | 4.2         | 1.5  |
| City   |            | 2.8                        | 3.8                        | 3.5                                     | 83.3                          | 3.76                                | 75.8                      | 3.7         | 3.8  |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Highest  |            | 3.9                        | 4.7                        | 4.0                                     | 86.7                          | 4.25                                | 83.0                      | 5.3         | 4.0  |
| Lowest   |            | 2.0                        | 2.7                        | 2.5                                     | 82.7                          | 3.25                                | 70.0                      | 3.0         | -2.2   |
| Median   |            | 2.7                        | 3.7                        | 3.6                                     | 83.2                          | 3.80                                | 75.1                      | 4.1         | 2.0  |
| <b>OBR</b>   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>2.5</b>                 | <b>3.4</b>                 | <b>2.3</b>                              | <b>-</b>                      | <b>3.84</b>                         | <b>71.1</b>               | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>1.0</b>                                   |

**Table 3 - 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 2024:25) |
|--|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |            |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.7                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -27.8                 | -                               | -                              | 124.8              |
| Berenberg  | Feb *      | 1.3                              | 0.4               | 4.7                        | -                                    | -1.2                 | -                                 | -95.0                 | 555.0                           | -                              | -                  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan        | -                                | -                 | 4.6                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *      | 1.1                              | 0.5               | 4.7                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -70.9                 | 560.0                           | 0.6                            | 117.6              |
| Citigroup  | Nov        | -                                | 0.6               | 5.0                        | -                                    | 7.1                  | -                                 | -                     | 503.0                           | -                              | -                  |
| HSBC   | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.9                        | -                                    | 1.5                  | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.2                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| KPMG   | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.5                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -105.4                | -                               | -                              | 131.6              |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23     | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.9                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -73.0                 | 598.0                           | -                              | 132.0              |
| Nomura   | Sep        | -                                | -                 | 4.3                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Pantheon   | Jan        | 0.9                              | 0.9               | 4.8                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -76.0                 | -                               | -                              | 109.7              |
| UBS  | Feb *      | -                                | 1.5               | 4.1                        | -                                    | 0.4                  | -                                 | -71.3                 | 562.0                           | -                              | 127.5              |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |            |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | 4.5                        | -                                    | 0.6                  | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | 105.0              |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *      | 1.1                              | -0.4              | 5.2                        | 2.0                                  | 0.1                  | -                                 | -83.2                 | -                               | 0.9                            | 144.0              |
| CBI  | Dec        | 1.1                              | 0.8               | 4.3                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | 128.1              |
| CEBR   | Feb *      | 0.6                              | 1.3               | 4.7                        | 2.0                                  | 0.3                  | -                                 | -138.9                | 583.0                           | -                              | 100.4              |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *      | 1.6                              | 0.6               | 4.6                        | 2.0                                  | -                    | -                                 | -78.0                 | -                               | -                              | 110.0              |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *      | -                                | 0.2               | 4.6                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | 0.3                            | -                  |
| ICAEW  | Jan        | -                                | -                 | 4.5                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -81.7                 | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23     | -                                | 1.2               | 3.9                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -38.0                 | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *      | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -40.6                 | -                               | -                              | 99.9               |
| NIESR  | Feb *      | 1.9                              | 0.7               | 4.4                        | -                                    | -                    | 5.2                               | -195.5                | -                               | 0.8                            | 96.7               |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *      | 0.8                              | 0.8               | 4.5                        | 1.8                                  | -0.1                 | 3.0                               | -85.0                 | 546.3                           | 0.3                            | 130.2              |
| OECD   | Dec        | -                                | 1.2               | 3.9                        | -                                    | -                    | 3.6                               | -76.8                 | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| IMF  | Jan        | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |            |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Independent  |            | 1.2                              | 0.7               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | 0.2                  | 3.9                               | -86.6                 | 567.4                           | 0.6                            | 118.4              |
| New (marked *)   |            | 1.2                              | 0.6               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | 0.2                  | 4.1                               | -88.7                 | 567.4                           | 0.6                            | 118.3              |
| City   |            | 1.1                              | 0.8               | 4.6                        |                                      | 0.2                  |                                   | -74.2                 | 568.8                           | 0.6                            | 123.9              |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |            |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Highest  |            | 1.9                              | 1.5               | 5.2                        | 2.0                                  | 1.5                  | 5.2                               | -27.8                 | 598.0                           | 0.9                            | 144.0              |
| Lowest   |            | 0.6                              | -0.4              | 3.9                        | 1.8                                  | -1.2                 | 3.0                               | -195.5                | 546.3                           | 0.3                            | 96.7               |
| Median   |            | 1.1                              | 0.8               | 4.6                        | 2.0                                  | 0.3                  | 3.6                               | -78.0                 | 561.0                           | 0.6                            | 121.2              |
| <b>OBR</b>   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>2.1</b>                       | <b>1.0</b>        | <b>4.0</b>                 | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-88.9</b>          | <b>-</b>                        | <b>0.9</b>                     | <b>127.5</b>       |

**Table 4 - 2026: 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) |
|--|------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |            |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *      | 1.4        | 1.2                 | 1.7                    | 1.5              | -                   | -               | -             | -             | 0.0  | -                                  |
| Berenberg  | Feb *      | 1.4        | 1.2                 | 1.3                    | 2.3              | -                   | 1.4             | 1.1           | 1.2           | -0.1   | -                                  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *      | 1.5        | 1.8                 | 1.6                    | 4.3              | 3.5                 | 1.6             | 2.8           | 3.2           | -0.2   | -                                  |
| Citigroup  | Nov        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| HSBC   | Feb *      | 1.5        | 1.3                 | 2.0                    | 3.7              | -                   | 1.9             | 1.9           | 1.8           | -  | -                                  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *      | 0.9        | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | 0.7             | -             | -             | 0.2  | -                                  |
| KPMG   | Feb *      | 1.2        | 1.2                 | 1.6                    | 2.5              | -                   | 1.5             | 1.2           | 2.0           | -0.3   | -                                  |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23     | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *      | 1.3        | 1.2                 | 2.2                    | 0.3              | 0.1                 | 1.4             | 1.6           | 2.0           | -0.1   | -                                  |
| Nomura   | Sep        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Pantheon   | Jan        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| UBS  | Feb *      | 1.3        | 1.7                 | 1.0                    | 1.5              | -                   | 1.6             | 1.5           | 2.2           | -0.3   | -                                  |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |            |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *      | 1.5        | -                   | 1.5                    | -                | 2.1                 | 1.2             | 1.1           | 0.9           | -1.5   | -                                  |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *      | 1.3        | 2.3                 | 2.1                    | 1.7              | -                   | 1.9             | 9.5           | 10.0          | -0.7   | -                                  |
| CBI  | Dec        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| CEBR   | Feb *      | 1.6        | 1.2                 | 1.6                    | 1.5              | 1.2                 | 1.5             | 1.6           | 1.2           | 0.1  | -                                  |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *      | 1.6        | 1.3                 | 1.8                    | 2.0              | 0.5                 | 1.5             | 2.1           | 1.7           | -  | -                                  |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *      | 1.1        | 1.5                 | 1.2                    | 0.2              | -                   | 1.2             | 0.8           | 1.1           | -0.1   | -0.3                               |
| ICAEW  | Jan        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23     | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *      | 1.0        | 0.9                 | 2.0                    | 0.0              | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| NIESR  | Feb *      | 1.5        | 1.0                 | 1.5                    | 1.1              | 1.3                 | 1.2             | 2.2           | 1.4           | 0.2  | -                                  |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *      | 1.5        | 1.4                 | 1.6                    | 3.2              | 2.1                 | 1.7             | 1.2           | 1.6           | -0.2   | -0.8                               |
| OECD   | Dec        | -          | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| IMF  | Jan        | 1.6        | -                   | -                      | -                | -                   | -               | -             | -             | -  | -                                  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |            |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Independent  |            | 1.4        | 1.4                 | 1.6                    | 1.8              | 1.5                 | 1.5             | 2.2           | 2.3           | -0.2   | -0.5                               |
| New (marked *)   |            | 1.4        | 1.4                 | 1.6                    | 1.8              | 1.5                 | 1.5             | 2.2           | 2.3           | -0.2   | -0.5                               |
| City   |            | 1.3        | 1.4                 | 1.6                    | 2.3              | 1.8                 | 1.4             | 1.7           | 2.1           | -0.1   | -                                  |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |            |            |                     |                        |                  |                     |                 |               |               |  |                                    |
| Highest  |            | 1.6        | 2.3                 | 2.2                    | 4.3              | 3.5                 | 1.9             | 9.5           | 10.0          | 0.2  | -0.3                               |
| Lowest   |            | 0.9        | 0.9                 | 1.0                    | 0.0              | 0.1                 | 0.7             | 0.8           | 0.9           | -1.5   | -0.8                               |
| Median   |            | 1.4        | 1.3                 | 1.6                    | 1.6              | 1.3                 | 1.5             | 1.6           | 1.7           | -0.1   | -0.5                               |
| <b>OBR</b>   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>1.8</b> | <b>1.9</b>          | <b>1.6</b>             | <b>2.6</b>       | <b>0.5</b>          | <b>1.9</b>      | <b>0.5</b>    | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                           |

**Table 5 - 2026: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

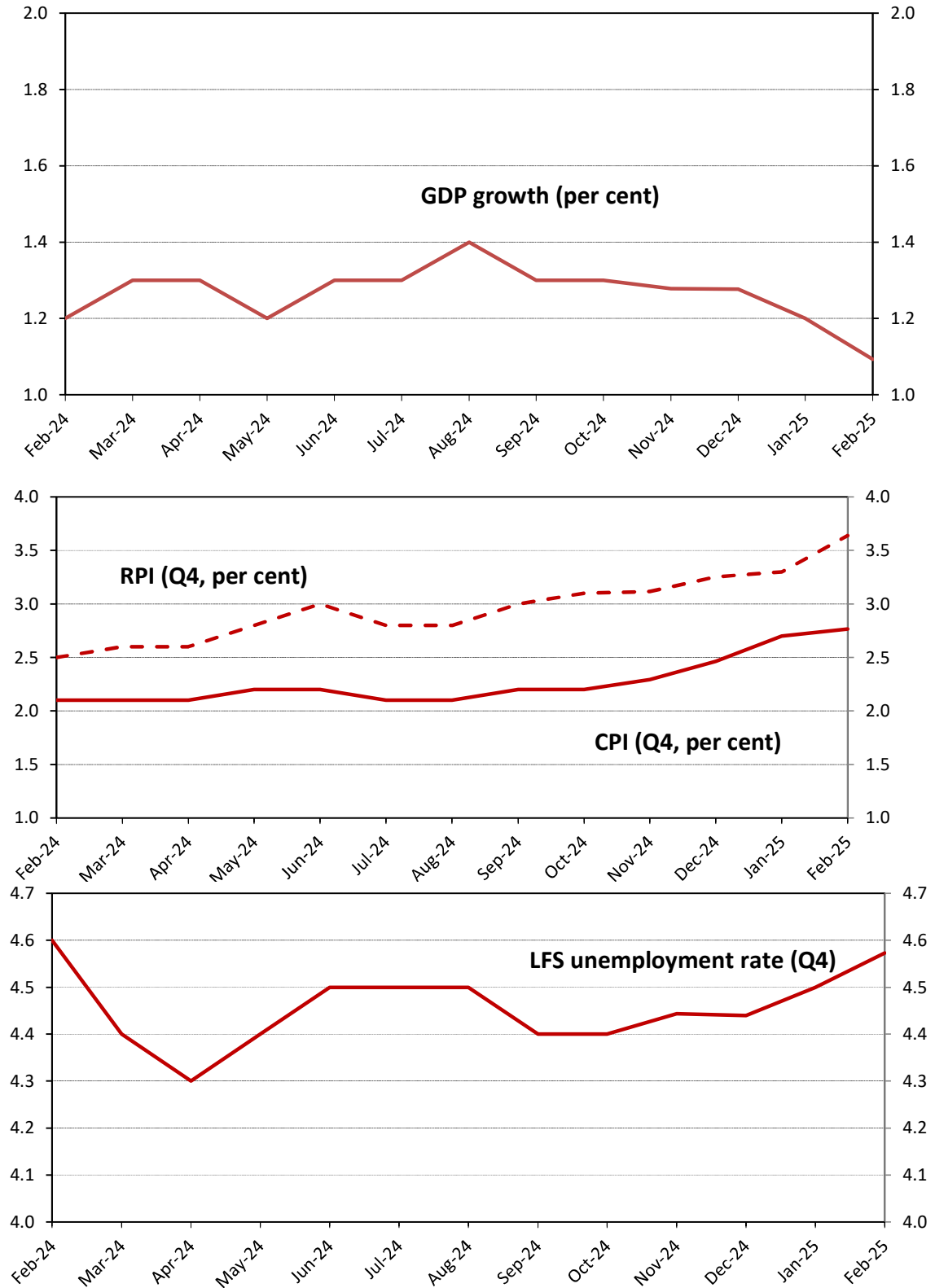
| Forecasters and dates of forecasts   |            | CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %) | RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %) | Average earnings (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %) | Sterling index (Jan 2005=100) | Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %) | Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl) | Nominal GDP | House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %) |
|--|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *      | 1.9                        | 3.3                        | -                                       | -                             | 3.50                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| Berenberg  | Feb *      | 2.8                        | -                          | 2.7                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | -                         | -           | 3.5  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *      | 1.6                        | 2.7                        | 2.6                                     | 83.2                          | 3.50                                | 60.0                      | 3.4         | 4.5  |
| Citigroup  | Nov        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| HSBC   | Feb *      | 2.3                        | 3.2                        | 3.6                                     | -                             | 3.00                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *      | 2.6                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 3.30                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| KPMG   | Feb *      | 2.5                        | -                          | -                                       | -                             | 3.50                                | 70.4                      | -           | -  |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23     | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *      | 2.2                        | 3.3                        | 2.9                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | 72.0                      | 3.1         | -  |
| Nomura   | Sep        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| Pantheon   | Jan        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| UBS  | Feb *      | 2.2                        | 2.6                        | 2.4                                     | -                             | 3.00                                | -                         | 3.4         | -  |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *      | 2.0                        | -                          | 4.0                                     | -                             | 3.50                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *      | 2.6                        | 3.4                        | 4.0                                     | 87.2                          | 3.75                                | 77.3                      | 5.7         | -0.7   |
| CBI  | Dec        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| CEBR   | Feb *      | 2.1                        | 2.8                        | 3.1                                     | 83.0                          | 3.08                                | -                         | -           | 3.6  |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *      | 2.1                        | 3.2                        | 2.6                                     | -                             | 3.50                                | 70.5                      | -           | 4.5  |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *      | 3.2                        | 4.4                        | 2.4                                     | 82.7                          | 4.75                                | 78.9                      | -           | 2.0  |
| ICAEW  | Jan        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23     | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *      | 2.0                        | 3.0                        | 3.0                                     | 82.5                          | 3.00                                | -                         | -           | -  |
| NIESR  | Feb *      | 2.0                        | 3.3                        | 4.0                                     | -                             | 4.00                                | -                         | -           | -0.1   |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *      | 2.0                        | 3.0                        | 2.8                                     | 83.3                          | 3.00                                | 73.0                      | 4.0         | 1.5  |
| OECD   | Dec        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| IMF  | Jan        | -                          | -                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                   | -                         | -           | -  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Independent  |            | 2.3                        | 3.2                        | 3.1                                     | 83.7                          | 3.52                                | 71.7                      | 3.9         | 2.3  |
| New (marked *)   |            | 2.3                        | 3.2                        | 3.1                                     | 83.7                          | 3.52                                | 71.7                      | 3.9         | 2.3  |
| City   |            | 2.3                        | 3.0                        | 2.8                                     | 83.2                          | 3.48                                | 67.5                      | 3.3         | 4.0  |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |            |                            |                            |   |                               |                                     |                           |             |  |
| Highest  |            | 3.2                        | 4.4                        | 4.0                                     | 87.2                          | 4.75                                | 78.9                      | 5.7         | 4.5  |
| Lowest   |            | 1.6                        | 2.6                        | 2.4                                     | 82.5                          | 3.00                                | 60.0                      | 3.1         | -0.7   |
| Median   |            | 2.1                        | 3.2                        | 2.9                                     | 83.1                          | 3.50                                | 72.0                      | 3.4         | 2.8  |
| <b>OBR</b>   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>2.1</b>                 | <b>3.4</b>                 | <b>2.1</b>                              | <b>-</b>                      | <b>3.63</b>                         | <b>70.0</b>               | <b>3.9</b>  | <b>2.2</b>                                   |



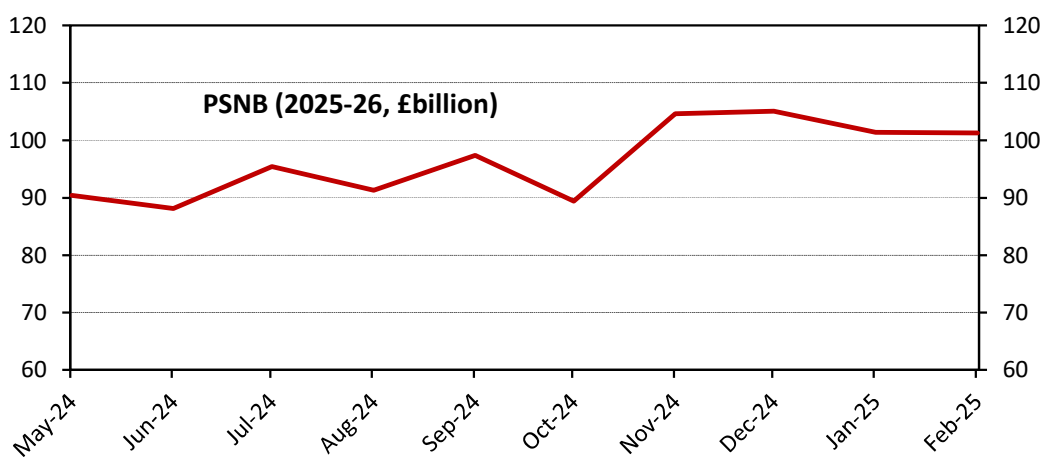
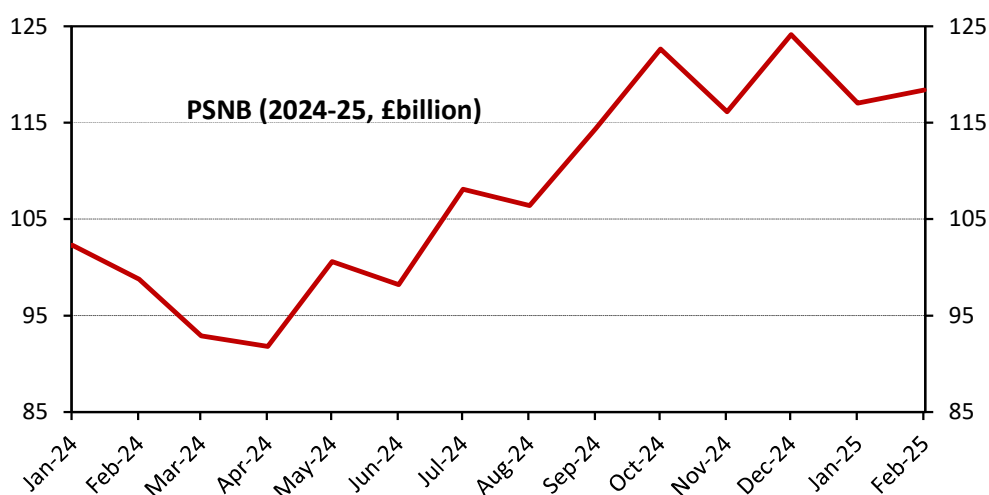
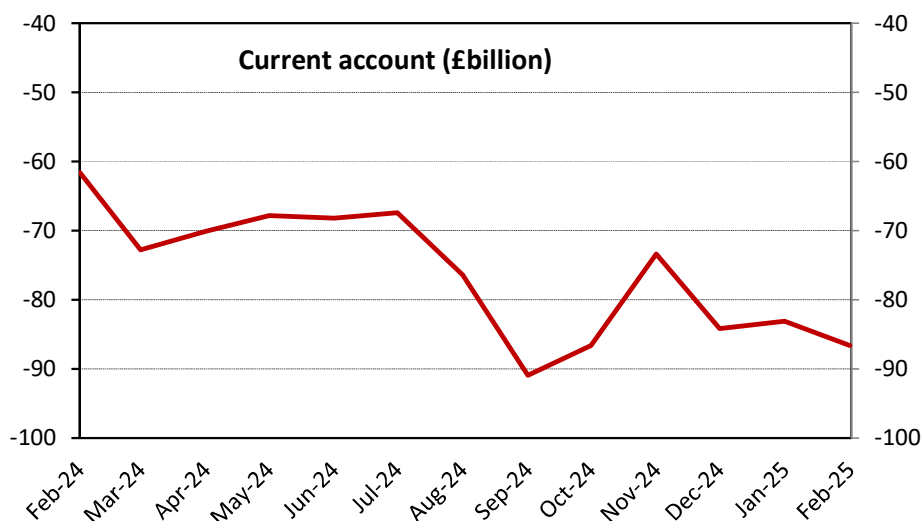
**Table 6 - 2026: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

| 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) |
|--|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>City forecasters</b>  |        |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Barclays Capital   | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.8                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -19.3                 | -                               | -                              | 105.669            |
| Berenberg  | Feb *  | 0.3                              | 0.4               | 4.6                        | -                                    | -0.5                 | -                                 | -97.0                 | 455.0                           | -                              | -                  |
| Bloomberg Economics  | Jan    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Capital Economics  | Feb *  | 1.4                              | 0.6               | 4.6                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -66.7                 | 520.0                           | 1.4                            | 95.3               |
| Citigroup  | Nov    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| HSBC   | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.6                        | -                                    | 1.4                  | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| JP Morgan  | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.4                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| KPMG   | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.5                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -106.2                | -                               | -                              | 117.6              |
| Morgan Stanley   | Dec'23 | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Natwest Markets  | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.9                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -68.0                 | 488.0                           | -                              | 112.0              |
| Nomura   | Sep    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Pantheon   | Jan    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | 92.1               |
| UBS  | Feb *  | -                                | 1.2               | 4.1                        | -                                    | 2.1                  | -                                 | -72.3                 | 507.0                           | -                              | 115.6              |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>  |        |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| British Chambers of Commerce   | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | 4.2                        | -                                    | 1.2                  | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | 90.0               |
| Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb *  | 0.3                              | 0.0               | 5.4                        | 2.1                                  | 1.2                  | -                                 | -79.6                 | -                               | 1.3                            | 150.600            |
| CBI  | Dec    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | 111.8              |
| CEBR   | Feb *  | 1.3                              | 0.8               | 4.4                        | 1.9                                  | 1.1                  | -                                 | -140.7                | 500.6                           | -                              | 89.7               |
| Experian Economics   | Feb *  | 0.9                              | 0.4               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | -                    | -                                 | -82.0                 | -                               | -                              | 96.0               |
| Heteronomics   | Feb *  | -                                | 0.2               | 4.8                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | 0.1                            | -                  |
| ICAEW  | Jan    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| ITEM Club  | Feb'23 | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| Liverpool Macro Research   | Feb *  | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -30.1                 | -                               | -                              | 80.3               |
| NIESR  | Feb *  | 1.0                              | 0.3               | 4.5                        | -                                    | -                    | 5.1                               | -212.1                | -                               | 1.4                            | 64.8               |
| Oxford Economics   | Feb *  | 1.0                              | 1.1               | 4.4                        | 1.8                                  | 1.3                  | 2.0                               | -86.2                 | 435.9                           | 0.4                            | 95.9               |
| OECD   | Dec    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| IMF  | Jan    | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| <b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b> |        |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Independent  |        | 0.9                              | 0.6               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | 1.1                  | 3.5                               | -88.4                 | 484.4                           | 0.9                            | 101.2              |
| New (marked *)   |        | 0.9                              | 0.6               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | 1.1                  | 3.5                               | -88.4                 | 484.4                           | 0.9                            | 101.1              |
| City   |        | 0.8                              | 0.7               | 4.6                        | -                                    | 1.0                  | -                                 | -71.6                 | 492.5                           | 1.4                            | 106.4              |
| <b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)</b>   |        |                                  |                   |                            |                                      |                      |                                   |                       |                                 |                                |                    |
| Highest  |        | 1.4                              | 1.2               | 5.4                        | 2.1                                  | 2.1                  | 5.1                               | -19.3                 | 520.0                           | 1.4                            | 150.6              |
| Lowest   |        | 0.3                              | 0.0               | 4.1                        | 1.8                                  | -0.5                 | 2.0                               | -212.1                | 435.9                           | 0.1                            | 64.8               |
| Median   |        | 1.0                              | 0.4               | 4.6                        | 1.9                                  | 1.2                  | 3.5                               | -80.8                 | 494.3                           | 1.3                            | 95.9               |
|  |        | -                                | -                 | -                          | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -                     | -                               | -                              | -                  |
| OBR  | Oct    | 0.6                              | 0.7               | 4.0                        | -                                    | -                    | -                                 | -96.5                 | -                               | 1.1                            | 105.6              |

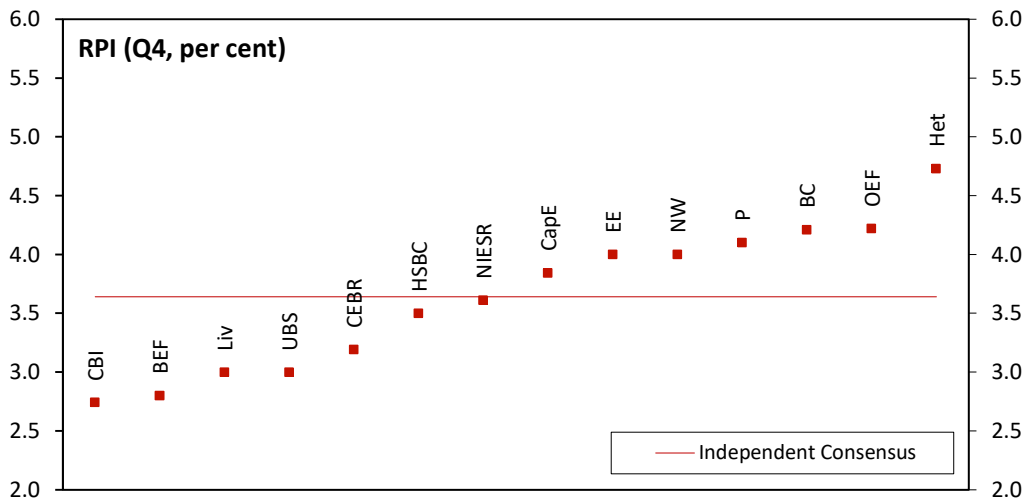
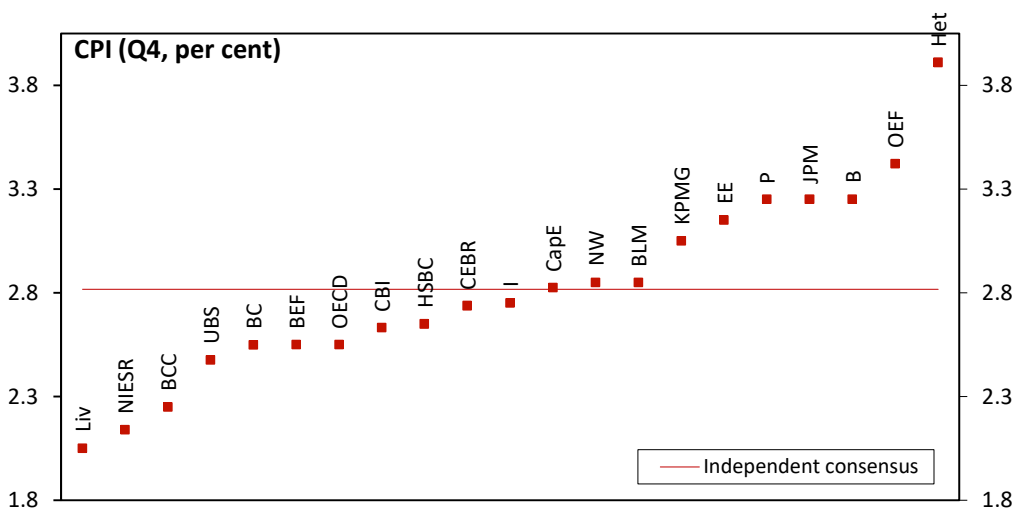
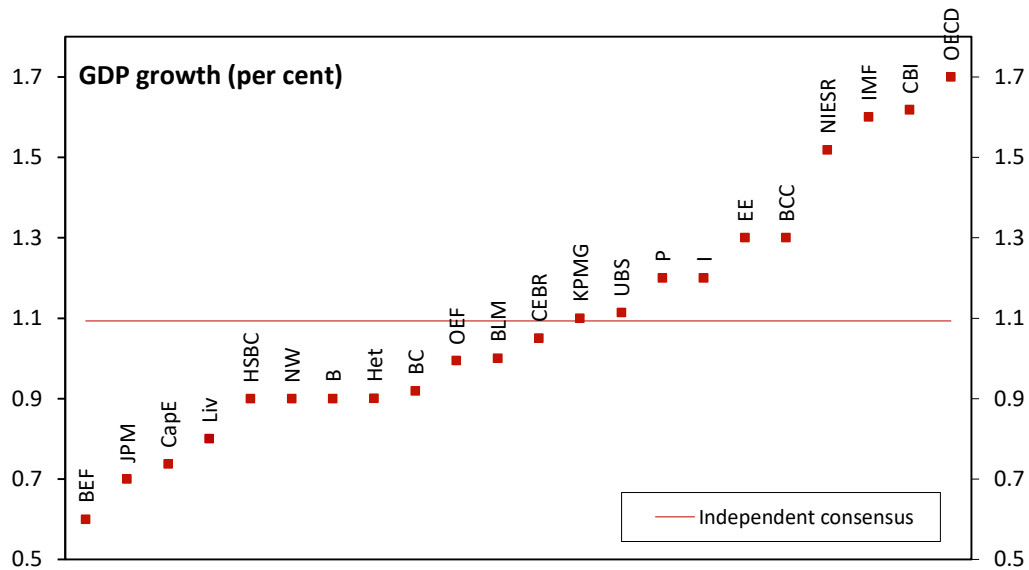
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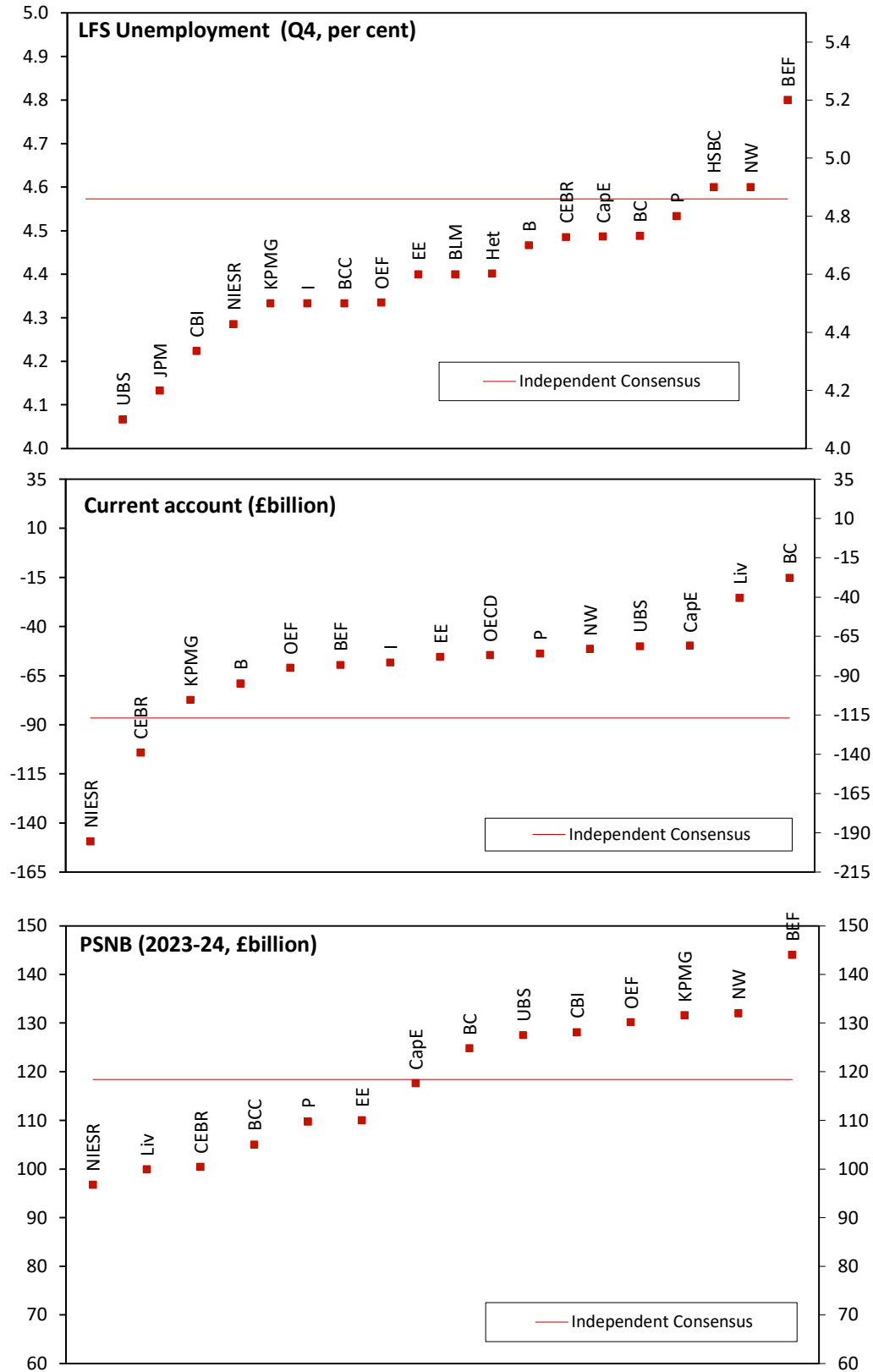
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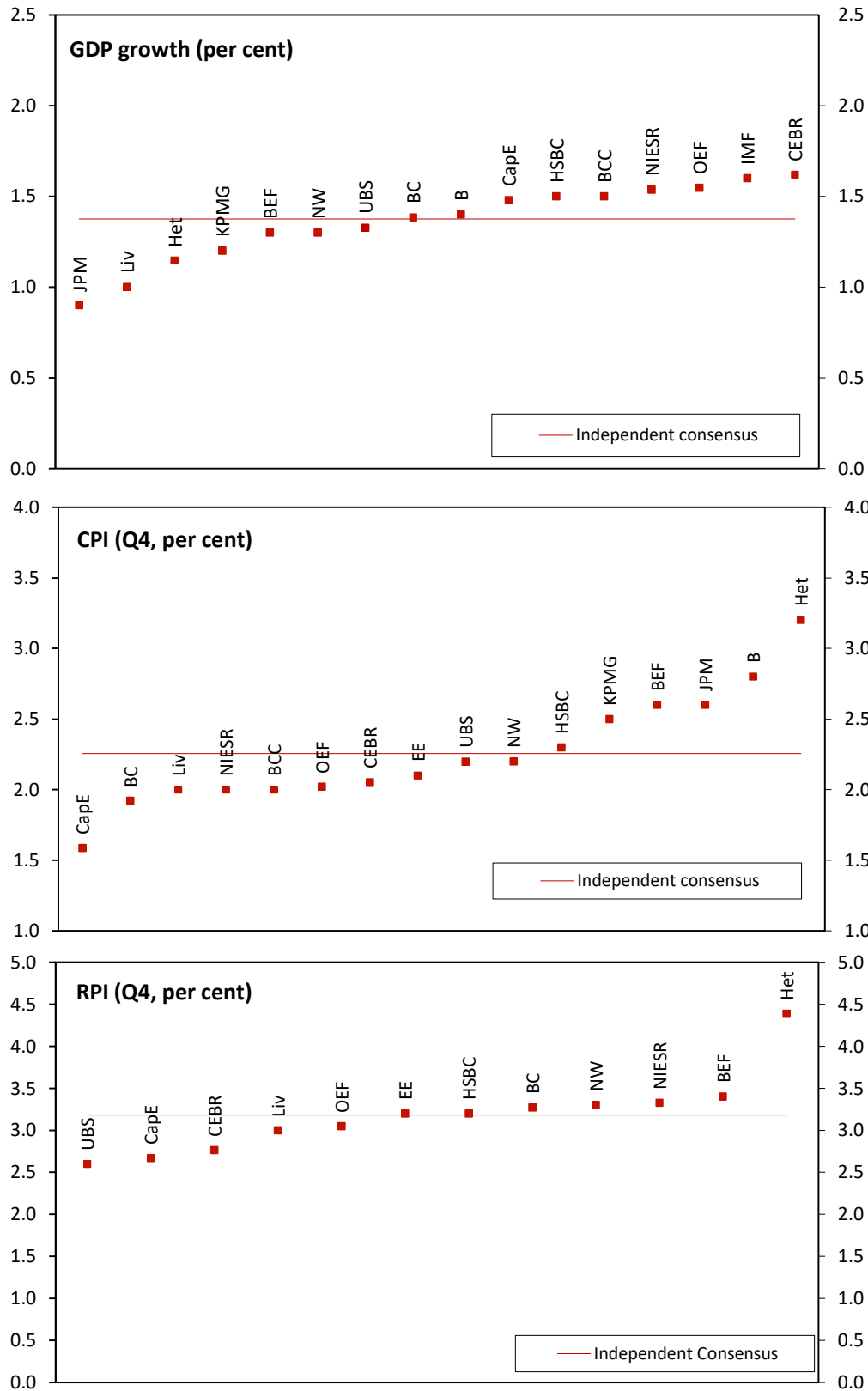
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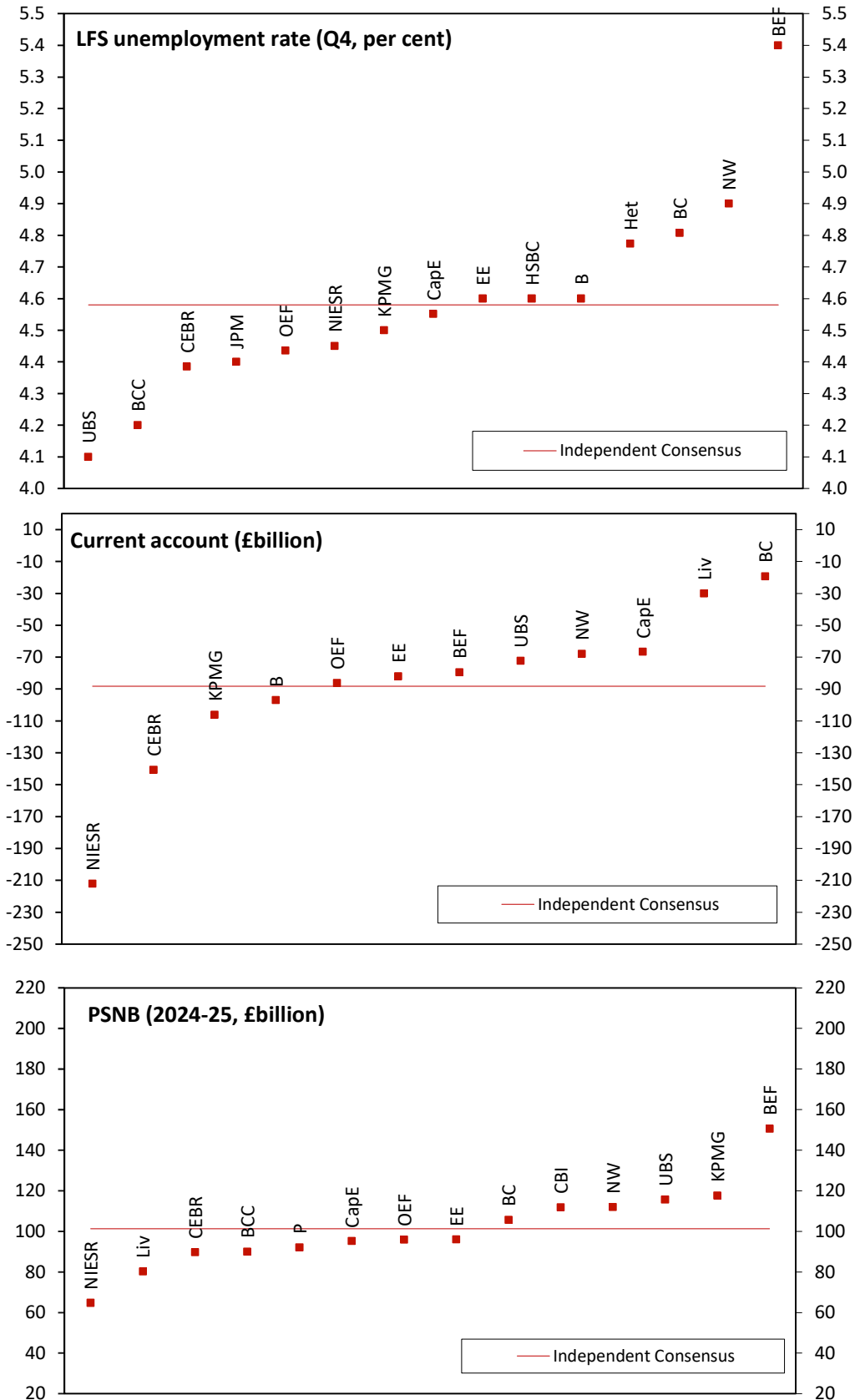
**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2025;  
LFS unemployment, current account and PSNB (2024-25)  
made in last 3 months**



## Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2026; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2026; LFS unemployment, current account and PSNB (2025-26) made in last 3 months**



## Medium-term forecasts, February 2025

This edition of the comparison contains 9 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2025 to 2029, and the fiscal years 2024-25 to 2028-29, as well as the OBR's October Economic and Fiscal Outlook. The table below summarises the independent average of new forecasts.

2025 and 2026 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 |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                               | 2025          | 2026   | 2027   | 2028   | 2029   |
| GDP growth (per cent)         | 1.0           | 1.5    | 1.5    | 1.6    | 1.7    |
| Inflation rate (per cent)     |               |        |        |        |        |
| - CPI                         | 2.8           | 2.3    | 2.2    | 2.2    | 2.1    |
| - RPI                         | 3.9           | 3.4    | 3.3    | 3.4    | 3.0    |
| - LFS unemployment (per cent) | 4.6           | 4.6    | 4.7    | 4.6    | 4.6    |
| Current account (£bn)         | -99.7         | -101.0 | -111.0 | -115.4 | -113.4 |

|  | New Forecasts |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2024-25       | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
| PSNB (£bn)   | 115.5         | 100.7   | 87.6    | 77.1    | 83.0    |
| 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) |            |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2025                        | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |            | 2024-25                          | 2025-26    | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    |            |
| <b>City forecasters</b>     |            |            |            |            |            |                                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1.3                         | -          | -          | -          | -          | Feb'23     | Bloomberg Economics              | Feb'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 0.7                         | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.6        | 1.7        | Feb        | Capital Economics                | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 0.6                         | 1.2        | -          | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Citigroup                        | Aug'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 0.9                         | 1.3        | 1.2        | -          | -          | Feb        | Natwest Markets                  | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.8                         | 1.7        | 1.6        | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Societe Generale                 | Aug'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.1                         | 1.3        | -          | -          | -          | Feb        | UBS                              | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b> |            |            |            |            |            |                                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 0.6                         | 1.3        | 1.3        | 1.1        | 1.8        | Feb        | Beacon Economic Forecasting      | Feb        | 3.4        | 4.7        | 4.4        | 4.7        |
| 1.0                         | 1.1        | -          | -          | -          | Nov        | British Chambers of Commerce     | Nov        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.1                         | 1.6        | 1.7        | 1.7        | 1.7        | Feb        | CEBR                             | Feb        | 2.7        | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.0        |
| 1.3                         | 1.6        | 1.5        | 1.6        | 1.6        | Feb        | Experian Economics               | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.8                         | 2.0        | 1.9        | -          | -          | Feb'23     | ITEM Club                        | Feb'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.5                         | 1.5        | 1.4        | 1.7        | 1.9        | Feb        | NIESR                            | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.0                         | 1.5        | 1.7        | 1.8        | 1.7        | Feb        | Oxford Economics                 | Feb        | 3.2        | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.1        |
| 1.6                         | 1.5        | -          | -          | -          | Jan        | IMF                              | Jan        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.1                         | 1.4        | 1.5        | 1.6        | 1.7        |            | Independent average              |            | 3.1        | 3.1        | 2.9        | 2.9        |
| 1.0                         | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.6        | 1.7        |            | New forecasts                    |            | 3.1        | 3.1        | 2.9        | 2.9        |
| 1.6                         | 1.6        | 1.7        | 1.8        | 1.9        |            | Highest                          |            | 3.4        | 4.7        | 4.4        | 4.7        |
| 0.6                         | 1.1        | 1.2        | 1.1        | 1.6        |            | Lowest                           |            | 2.7        | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.0        |
| <b>2.0</b>                  | <b>1.8</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.6</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>OBR</b>                       | <b>Oct</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>2.0</b> |

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

| Domestic demand (percentage change) |            |            |            |            | Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (ppt) |                              |            |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2025                                | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |   | 2025                         | 2026       | 2027     | 2028     | 2029     |          |
| <b>City forecasters</b>             |            |            |            |            |   |                              |            |          |          |          |          |
| -                                   | -          | -          | -          | -          | Feb'23  | Bloomberg Economics          | Feb'23     | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| 1.6                                 | 1.6        | -          | -          | -          | Feb   | Capital Economics            | Feb        | -0.9     | -0.2     | -        | -        |
| 1.7                                 | 2.2        | -          | -          | -          | Aug'23  | Citigroup                    | Aug'23     | 0.6      | 0.0      | -        | -        |
| 1.5                                 | 1.4        | 1.3        | -          | -          | Feb   | Natwest Markets              | Feb        | -0.6     | -0.1     | -0.1     | -        |
| 1.8                                 | 1.7        | 1.6        | -          | -          | Aug'23  | Societe Generale             | Aug'23     | 0.1      | 0.0      | 0.0      | -        |
| 2.6                                 | 1.6        | -          | -          | -          | Feb   | UBS                          | Feb        | -1.5     | -0.3     | -        | -        |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>         |            |            |            |            |   |                              |            |          |          |          |          |
| 1.6                                 | 1.9        | 1.6        | 1.2        | 2.4        | Feb   | Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb        | -1.1     | -0.7     | -0.4     | -0.2     |
| 1.1                                 | 1.4        | -          | -          | -          | Nov   | British Chambers of Commerce | Nov        | -1.0     | -1.1     | -        | -        |
| 1.5                                 | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.4        | Feb   | CEBR                         | Feb        | -0.5     | 0.1      | 0.2      | 0.2      |
| 1.6                                 | 1.5        | 1.4        | 1.5        | 1.6        | Feb   | Experian Economics           | Feb        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| 1.9                                 | 2.0        | 2.0        | -          | -          | Feb'23  | ITEM Club                    | Feb'23     | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| 1.7                                 | 1.2        | 1.3        | 1.6        | 1.7        | Feb   | NIESR                        | Feb        | -0.3     | 0.2      | -        | -        |
| 1.5                                 | 1.7        | 1.7        | 1.8        | 1.7        | Feb   | Oxford Economics             | Feb        | -0.5     | -0.2     | 0.0      | -0.1     |
| -                                   | -          | -          | -          | -          | Jan   | IMF                          | Jan        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| 1.6                                 | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.8        |   | Independent average          |            | -0.8     | -0.3     | -0.1     | 0.0      |
| 1.7                                 | 1.6        | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.8        |   | New forecasts                |            | -0.8     | -0.2     | -0.1     | 0.0      |
| 2.6                                 | 1.9        | 1.7        | 1.8        | 2.4        |   | Highest                      |            | -0.3     | 0.2      | 0.2      | 0.2      |
| 1.1                                 | 1.2        | 1.3        | 1.2        | 1.4        |   | Lowest                       |            | -1.5     | -1.1     | -0.4     | -0.2     |
| <b>1.3</b>                          | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1.8</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>Oct</b>                                    | <b>OBR</b>                   | <b>Oct</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> |

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

| CPI inflation (annual average, per cent) |            |            |            |            |            | RPI inflation (annual average, per cent) |            |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2025                                     | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |            | 2025                                     | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |            |
| <b>City forecasters</b>                  |            |            |            |            |            |  |            |            |            |            |            |
| -  | -          | -          | -          | -          | Feb'23     | Bloomberg Economics                      | Feb'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 2.8                                      | 1.9        | 2.0        | 2.0        | 2.0        | Feb        | Capital Economics                        | Feb        | 4.0        | 2.9        | 2.8        | 2.8        |
| 1.4                                      | 1.9        | -          | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Citigroup                                | Aug'23     | 1.8        | 2.5        | -          | -          |
| 3.0                                      | 2.2        | 2.0        | -          | -          | Feb        | Natwest Markets                          | Feb        | 4.0        | 3.4        | 3.0        | -          |
| 2.1                                      | 2.0        | 2.0        | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Societe Generale                         | Aug'23     | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 2.6                                      | 2.1        | -          | -          | -          | Feb        | UBS                                      | Feb        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>              |            |            |            |            |            |  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2.7                                      | 2.6        | 3.0        | 2.8        | 2.5        | Feb        | Beacon Economic Forecasting              | Feb        | 3.3        | 3.0        | 3.7        | 3.7        |
| 2.2                                      | 2.1        | -          | -          | -          | Nov        | British Chambers of Commerce             | Nov        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 2.7                                      | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.0        | 2.0        | Feb        | CEBR                                     | Feb        | 4.2        | 4.0        | 4.4        | 4.9        |
| 2.9                                      | 2.4        | 2.0        | 2.0        | 2.0        | Feb        | Experian Economics                       | Feb        | 3.7        | 3.4        | 3.0        | 3.0        |
| 1.8                                      | 2.0        | 2.0        | -          | -          | Feb'23     | ITEM Club                                | Feb'23     | 0.0        | 1.5        | 2.8        | -          |
| 2.4                                      | 2.0        | 2.0        | 2.0        | 2.0        | Feb        | NIESR                                    | Feb        | 3.8        | 3.4        | 3.4        | 3.2        |
| 3.1                                      | 2.5        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | Feb        | Oxford Economics                         | Feb        | 4.0        | 3.5        | 3.1        | 3.0        |
| -  | -          | -          | -          | -          | Jan        | IMF                                      | Jan        | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 2.7                                      | 2.2        | 2.2        | 2.2        | 2.1        |            | Independent average                      |            | 3.9        | 3.4        | 3.3        | 3.4        |
| 2.8                                      | 2.3        | 2.2        | 2.2        | 2.1        |            | New forecasts                            |            | 3.9        | 3.4        | 3.3        | 3.4        |
| 3.1                                      | 2.6        | 3.0        | 2.8        | 2.5        |            | Highest                                  |            | 4.2        | 4.0        | 4.4        | 4.9        |
| 2.2                                      | 1.9        | 2.0        | 2.0        | 2.0        |            | Lowest                                   |            | 3.3        | 2.9        | 2.8        | 2.8        |
| <b>2.6</b>                               | <b>2.3</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>OBR</b>                               | <b>Oct</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>3.3</b> | <b>3.1</b> | <b>2.9</b> |

**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) |            |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------|----------|---------|-------|------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2025  | 2026  | 2027     | 2028    | 2029  |            | 2025  | 2026       | 2027        | 2028        | 2029        |             |
| <b>City forecasters</b>                       |       |          |         |       |            |   |            |             |             |             |             |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Feb'23     | Bloomberg Economics                           | Feb'23     | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| 83.4  | 83.2  | -        | -       | -     | Feb        | Capital Economics                             | Feb        | 4.21        | 3.52        | 3.29        | 3.00        |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Aug'23     | Citigroup                                     | Aug'23     | 2.77        | 2.04        | -           | -           |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Feb        | Natwest Markets                               | Feb        | 4.20        | 4.00        | 4.00        | -           |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Aug'23     | Societe Generale                              | Aug'23     | 3.50        | 3.50        | 2.50        | -           |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Feb        | UBS   | Feb        | 3.90        | 3.00        | -           | -           |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>                   |       |          |         |       |            |   |            |             |             |             |             |
| 86.2  | 87.1  | 87.4     | 87.8    | 88.2  | Feb        | Beacon Economic Forecasting                   | Feb        | 4.20        | 3.80        | 3.90        | 3.80        |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Nov        | British Chambers of Commerce                  | Nov        | 4.30        | 3.80        | -           | -           |
| 83.2  | 83.0  | 83.0     | 83.0    | 83.0  | Feb        | CEBR  | Feb        | 4.31        | 3.46        | 2.81        | 2.75        |
| 105.1   | 105.3 | 105.5838 | 105.837 | 106.1 | Feb        | Experian Economics                            | Feb        | 4.37        | 3.79        | 3.50        | 3.50        |
| 82.1  | 82.8  | 83       | -       | -     | Feb'23     | ITEM Club                                     | Feb'23     | 3.70        | 3.25        | 3.25        | -           |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Feb        | NIESR   | Feb        | 4.40        | 4.00        | 4.00        | 4.00        |
| 83.4  | 83.4  | 83.2     | 83.0    | 83.2  | Feb        | Oxford Economics                              | Feb        | 4.23        | 3.32        | 2.80        | 2.50        |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | Jan        | IMF   | Jan        | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| 88.3  | 88.4  | 89.8     | 89.9    | 90.1  |            | Independent average                           |            | 4.24        | 3.63        | 3.47        | 3.26        |
| 88.3  | 88.4  | 89.8     | 89.9    | 90.1  |            | New forecasts                                 |            | 4.23        | 3.61        | 3.47        | 3.26        |
| 105.1   | 105.3 | 105.6    | 105.8   | 106.1 |            | Highest                                       |            | 4.40        | 4.00        | 4.00        | 4.00        |
| 83.2  | 83.0  | 83.0     | 83.0    | 83.0  |            | Lowest  |            | 3.90        | 3.00        | 2.80        | 2.50        |
| -   | -     | -        | -       | -     | <b>Oct</b> | <b>OBR</b>                                    | <b>Oct</b> | <b>4.07</b> | <b>3.69</b> | <b>3.57</b> | <b>3.53</b> |

**Table M5: Medium-term forecasts LFS unemployment**

| LFS Unemployment rate (annual average, per cent) |            |            |            |            |            | LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent) |            |            |            |            |   |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| 2025   | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |            | 2025                                 | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |   |
| <b>City forecasters</b>                          |            |            |            |            |            |                                      |            |            |            |            |   |
| -  | -          | -          | -          | -          | Feb'23     | Bloomberg Economics                  | Feb'23     | 4.3        | -          | -          | - |
| 4.7  | 4.6        | 4.6        | 4.5        | 4.4        | Feb        | Capital Economics                    | Feb        | 4.7        | 4.6        | -          |   |
| 5.2  | 4.8        | -          | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Citigroup                            | Aug'23     | -          | -          | -          |   |
| 4.7  | 4.9        | 4.8        | -          | -          | Feb        | Natwest Markets                      | Feb        | 4.9        | 4.9        | 4.7        |   |
| 4.7  | 5.0        | 5.4        | -          | -          | Aug'23     | Societe Generale                     | Aug'23     | 4.4        | 4.8        | 5.2        |   |
| 4.1  | 4.1        | -          | -          | -          | Feb        | UBS                                  | Feb        | 4.1        | 4.1        | -          |   |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>                      |            |            |            |            |            |                                      |            |            |            |            |   |
| 5.0  | 5.4        | 5.6        | 5.8        | 6.1        | Feb        | Beacon Economic Forecasting          | Feb        | 5.2        | 5.4        | 5.7        |   |
| -  | -          | -          | -          | -          | Nov        | British Chambers of Commerce         | Nov        | 4.4        | 4.1        | -          |   |
| 4.6  | 4.5        | 4.3        | 4.3        | 4.1        | Feb        | CEBR                                 | Feb        | 4.7        | 4.4        | 4.3        |   |
| 4.5  | 4.6        | 4.6        | 4.5        | 4.3        | Feb        | Experian Economics                   | Feb        | 4.6        | 4.6        | 4.5        |   |
| 4.0  | 3.9        | 3.9        | -          | -          | Feb'23     | ITEM Club                            | Feb'23     | 3.9        | 3.9        | -          |   |
| 4.4  | 4.4        | 4.5        | 4.4        | 4.3        | Feb        | NIESR                                | Feb        | 4.4        | 4.5        | 4.5        |   |
| 4.5  | 4.5        | 4.3        | 4.1        | 4.1        | Feb        | Oxford Economics                     | Feb        | 4.5        | 4.4        | 4.3        |   |
| -  | -          | -          | -          | -          | Jan        | IMF                                  | Jan        | -          | -          | -          |   |
| 4.6  | 4.6        | 4.7        | 4.6        | 4.6        |            | Independent average                  |            | 4.6        | 4.5        | 4.7        |   |
| 4.6  | 4.6        | 4.7        | 4.6        | 4.6        |            | New forecasts                        |            | 4.6        | 4.6        | 4.7        |   |
| 5.0  | 5.4        | 5.6        | 5.8        | 6.1        |            | Highest                              |            | 5.2        | 5.4        | 5.7        |   |
| 4.1  | 4.1        | 4.3        | 4.1        | 4.1        |            | Lowest                               |            | 4.1        | 4.1        | 4.3        |   |
| <b>4.1</b>                                       | <b>4.0</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>OBR</b>                           | <b>Oct</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>4.1</b> |   |

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

| Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions) |      |      |      |      |            | Average earnings (percentage change) |            |            |            |            |
|--|------|------|------|------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2025   | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |            | 2025                                 | 2026       | 2027       | 2028       | 2029       |
| <b>City forecasters</b>                          |      |      |      |      |            |                                      |            |            |            |            |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb'23     | Bloomberg Economics                  | Feb'23     | -          | -          | -          |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb        | Capital Economics                    | Feb        | 4.2        | 3.2        | 2.6        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Aug'23     | Citigroup                            | Aug'23     | 2.1        | 2.5        | -          |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb        | Natwest Markets                      | Feb        | 4.5        | 3.2        | 3.5        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Aug'23     | Societe Generale                     | Aug'23     | 3.3        | 3.2        | 3.3        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb        | UBS                                  | Feb        | 3.2        | 2.4        | -          |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>                      |      |      |      |      |            |                                      |            |            |            |            |
| 1.9  | 2.0  | 2.1  | 2.2  | 2.2  | Feb        | Beacon Economic Forecasting          | Feb        | 4.1        | 4.0        | 4.0        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Nov        | British Chambers of Commerce         | Nov        | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | Feb        | CEBR                                 | Feb        | 4.1        | 3.2        | 2.9        |
| 2.0  | 1.9  | 1.8  | 1.7  | 1.6  | Feb        | Experian Economics                   | Feb        | 4.3        | 3.0        | 2.3        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb'23     | ITEM Club                            | Feb'23     | 2.5        | 2.4        | 2.7        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb        | NIESR                                | Feb        | 4.5        | 4.2        | 3.7        |
| 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  | Feb        | Oxford Economics                     | Feb        | 4.7        | 3.0        | 2.7        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | Jan        | IMF                                  | Jan        | -          | -          | -          |
| 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  |            | Independent average                  |            | 4.2        | 3.3        | 3.1        |
| 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  |            | New forecasts                        |            | 4.2        | 3.3        | 3.1        |
| 2.0  | 2.0  | 2.1  | 2.2  | 2.2  |            | Highest                              |            | 4.7        | 4.2        | 4.0        |
| 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.7  | 1.6  |            | Lowest                               |            | 3.2        | 2.4        | 2.3        |
| -  | -    | -    | -    | -    | <b>Oct</b> | <b>OBR</b>                           | <b>Oct</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>2.0</b> |

**Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for current account**

| Current account (£ billion) |        |        |        |        |        | Current account (per cent of nominal GDP) |        |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|--------|------|------|------|------|
| 2025                        | 2026   | 2027   | 2028   | 2029   |        | 2025                                      | 2026   | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |      |
| <b>City forecasters</b>     |        |        |        |        |        |   |        |      |      |      |      |
| -                           | -      | -      | -      | -      | Feb'23 | Bloomberg Economics                       | Feb'23 | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -70.9                       | -66.7  | -      | -      | -      | Feb    | Capital Economics                         | Feb    | -2.4 | -2.2 | -    | -    |
| -51.1                       | -36.6  | -      | -      | -      | Aug'23 | Citigroup                                 | Aug'23 | -1.8 | -1.3 | -    | -    |
| -73.0                       | -68.0  | -62.0  | -      | -      | Feb    | Natwest Markets                           | Feb    | -2.5 | -2.3 | -2.0 | -    |
| -115.1                      | -119.3 | -123.6 | -      | -      | Aug'23 | Societe Generale                          | Aug'23 | -4.0 | -4.0 | -4.0 | -    |
| -71.3                       | -72.3  | -      | -      | -      | Feb    | UBS                                       | Feb    | -2.4 | -2.4 | -    | -    |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b> |        |        |        |        |        |   |        |      |      |      |      |
| -83.2                       | -79.6  | -64.0  | -39.3  | -33.0  | Feb    | Beacon Economic Forecasting               | Feb    | -2.7 | -2.4 | -1.9 | -1.1 |
| -                           | -      | -      | -      | -      | Nov    | British Chambers of Commerce              | Nov    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -138.9                      | -140.7 | -139.7 | -137.0 | -133.3 | Feb    | CEBR                                      | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -80.0                       | -82.0  | -      | -      | -      | Feb    | Experian Economics                        | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -38.0                       | -45.0  | -60.0  | -      | -      | Feb'23 | ITEM Club                                 | Feb'23 | -1.3 | -1.5 | -1.6 | -    |
| -195.5                      | -212.1 | -206.9 | -200.9 | -198.7 | Feb    | NIESR                                     | Feb    | -6.6 | -6.9 | -6.5 | -6.1 |
| -85.0                       | -86.2  | -82.5  | -84.5  | -88.4  | Feb    | Oxford Economics                          | Feb    | -2.9 | -2.8 | -2.6 | -2.5 |
| -                           | -      | -      | -      | -      | Jan    | IMF                                       | Jan    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -99.7                       | -101.0 | -111.0 | -115.4 | -113.4 |        | Independent average                       |        | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.3 | -3.2 |
| -99.7                       | -101.0 | -111.0 | -115.4 | -113.4 |        | New forecasts                             |        | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.3 | -3.2 |
| -70.9                       | -66.7  | -62.0  | -39.3  | -33.0  |        | Highest                                   |        | -2.4 | -2.2 | -1.9 | -1.1 |
| -195.5                      | -212.1 | -206.9 | -200.9 | -198.7 |        | Lowest                                    |        | -6.6 | -6.9 | -6.5 | -6.1 |
| -88.9                       | -96.5  | -103.5 | -108.9 | -113.0 | Oct    | OBR                                       | Oct    | -3.0 | -3.2 | -3.3 | -3.3 |

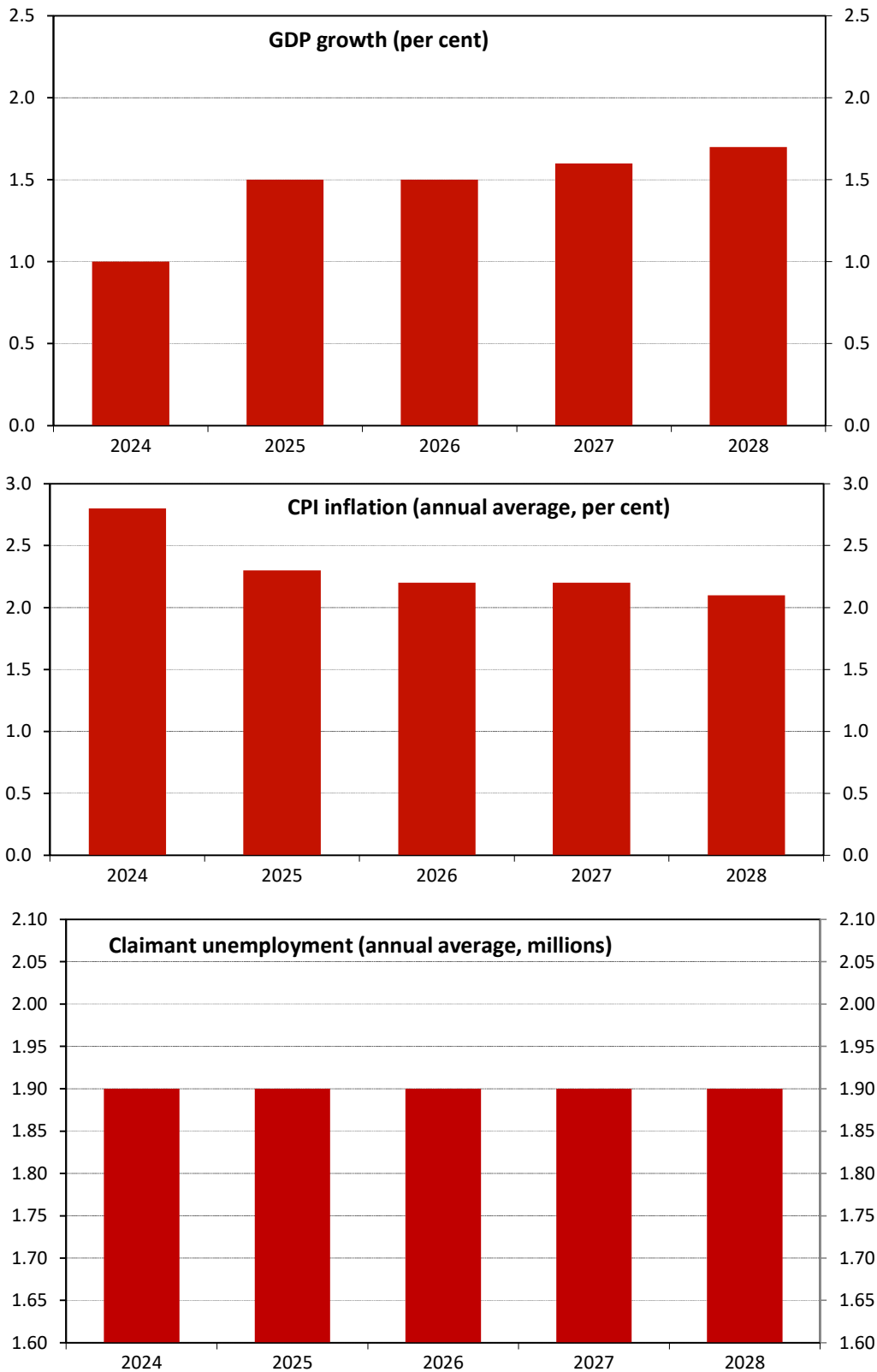
**Table M8: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB**

| PSNB (£ billion)            |         |         |         |         | PSNB (per cent of nominal GDP) |                              |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2024-25                     | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |                                | 2024-25                      | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
| <b>City forecasters</b>     |         |         |         |         |                                |                              |         |         |         |         |
| -                           | -       | -       | -       | -       | Feb'23                         | Bloomberg Economics          | Feb'23  | -       | -       | -       |
| 117.6                       | 95.3    | 74.5    | 57.2    | 55.3    | Feb                            | Capital Economics            | Feb     | 4.1     | 3.2     | 2.4     |
| 110.1                       | 60.9    | 58.0    | -       | -       | Aug'23                         | Citigroup                    | Aug'23  | 4.0     | 2.1     | 2.0     |
| 132.0                       | 112.0   | 96.0    | -       | -       | Feb                            | Natwest Markets              | Feb     | 4.4     | 3.7     | 3.1     |
| 69.3                        | 80.8    | 87.9    | 99.7    | -       | Aug'23                         | Societe Generale             | Aug'23  | 2.5     | 2.8     | 2.9     |
| 127.5                       | 115.6   | 97.5    | -       | -       | Feb                            | UBS                          | Feb     | 4.5     | 3.9     | 3.1     |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b> |         |         |         |         |                                |                              |         |         |         |         |
| 144.0                       | 150.6   | 146.6   | 159.5   | 171.6   | Feb                            | Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb     | 5.0     | 4.5     | 4.6     |
| 75.0                        | 70.0    | -       | -       | -       | Nov                            | British Chambers of Commerce | Nov     | -       | -       | -       |
| 100.4                       | 89.7    | 71.5    | 52.3    | -       | Feb                            | CEBR                         | Feb     | 3.2     | 2.8     | 2.2     |
| 110.0                       | 96.0    | -       | -       | -       | Feb                            | Experian Economics           | Feb     | -       | -       | -       |
| 83.9                        | 75.2    | 66.4    | 66.4    | -       | Feb'23                         | ITEM Club                    | Feb'23  | 2.6     | 2.2     | 1.5     |
| 96.7                        | 64.8    | 65.2    | 58.5    | 50.1    | Feb                            | NIESR                        | Feb     | 3.2     | 2.1     | 2.0     |
| 95.9                        | 81.5    | 61.8    | 58.1    | 54.9    | Feb                            | Oxford Economics             | Feb     | 3.2     | 2.6     | 1.9     |
| -                           | -       | -       | -       | -       | Jan                            | IMF                          | Jan     | -       | -       | -       |
| 111.0                       | 97.3    | 87.6    | 77.1    | 83.0    |                                | Independent average          |         | 3.9     | 3.3     | 2.8     |
| 115.5                       | 100.7   | 87.6    | 77.1    | 83.0    |                                | New forecasts                |         | 3.9     | 3.3     | 2.8     |
| 144.0                       | 150.6   | 146.6   | 159.5   | 171.6   |                                | Highest                      |         | 5.0     | 4.5     | 4.6     |
| 75.0                        | 64.8    | 61.8    | 52.3    | 50.1    |                                | Lowest                       |         | 3.2     | 2.1     | 1.9     |
| 127.5                       | 105.6   | 88.5    | 72.2    | 71.9    | Oct                            | OBR                          | Oct     | 4.5     | 3.6     | 2.9     |

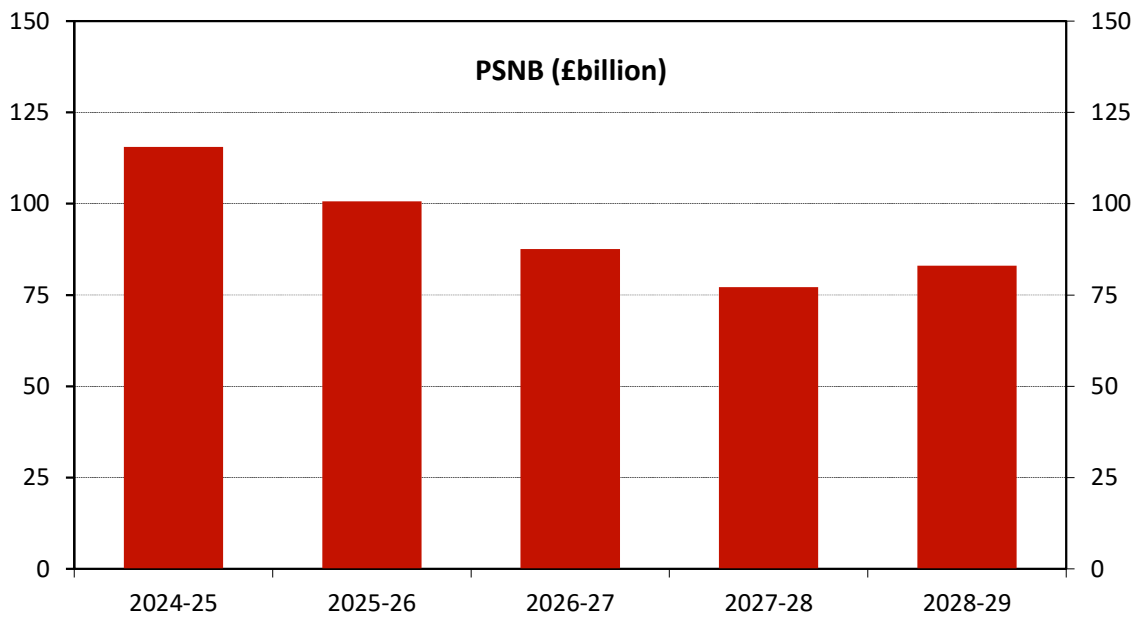
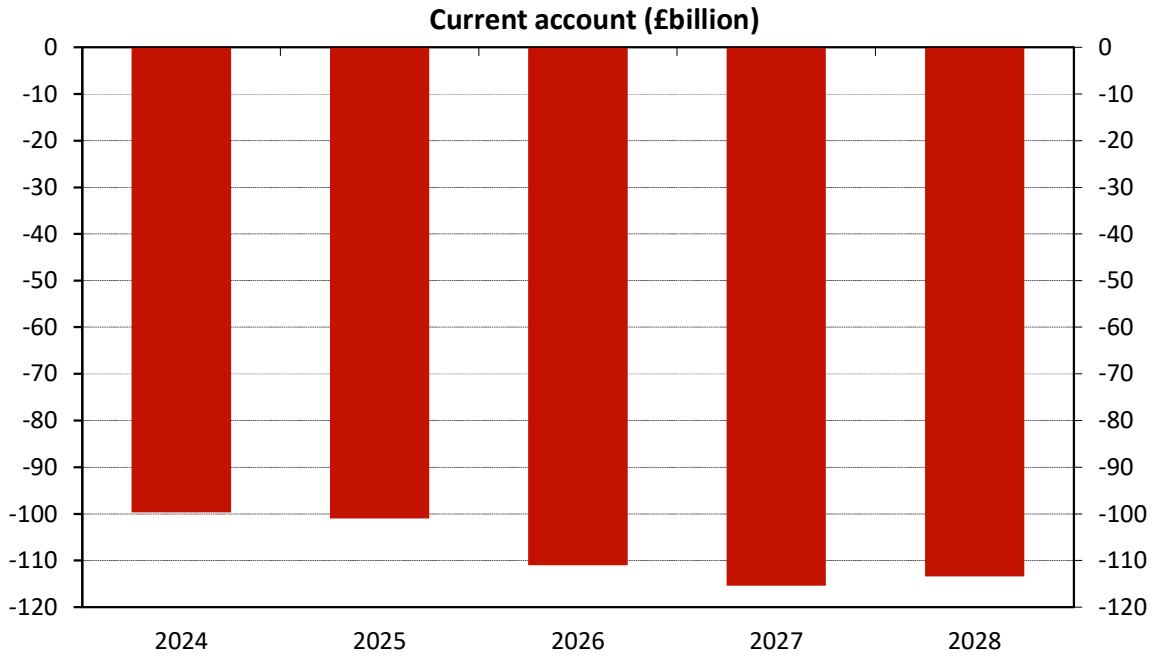
**Table M9: Medium-term forecasts for house price inflation and the output gap**

| House price inflation (annual average, %) |      |      |      |      |        | Output gap (% of GDP)        |        |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|--------|------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2025                                      | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |        | 2025                         | 2026   | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |      |      |
| <b>City forecasters</b>                   |      |      |      |      |        |                              |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb'23 | Bloomberg Economics          | Feb'23 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 3.9                                       | 4.0  | -    | -    | -    | Feb    | Capital Economics            | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 0.0                                       | -    | -    | -    | -    | Aug'23 | Citigroup                    | Aug'23 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb    | Natwest Markets              | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Aug'23 | Societe Generale             | Aug'23 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -0.3 | -    | -    |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Feb    | UBS                          | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| <b>Non-City forecasters</b>               |      |      |      |      |        |                              |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1.9                                       | -1.1 | 0.4  | 1.8  | 3.2  | Feb    | Beacon Economic Forecasting  | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Nov    | British Chambers of Commerce | Nov    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 2.9                                       | 2.9  | 3.5  | 3.2  | -    | Feb    | CEBR                         | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 2.9                                       | 4.2  | 4.4  | 4.1  | 4.0  | Feb    | Experian Economics           | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 0.6                                       | 1.9  | -    | -    | -    | Feb'23 | ITEM Club                    | Feb'23 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| -1.0                                      | -0.9 | 1.0  | 2.2  | 2.8  | Feb    | NIESR                        | Feb    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 2.0                                       | 0.8  | 2.4  | 4.0  | 5.1  | Feb    | Oxford Economics             | Feb    | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | Jan    | IMF                          | Jan    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 2.1                                       | 1.7  | 2.3  | 3.1  | 3.8  |        | Independent average          |        | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| 2.1                                       | 1.7  | 2.3  | 3.1  | 3.8  |        | New forecasts                |        | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| 3.9                                       | 4.2  | 4.4  | 4.1  | 5.1  |        | Highest                      |        | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| -1.0                                      | -1.1 | 0.4  | 1.8  | 2.8  |        | Lowest                       |        | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| 1.1                                       | 1.8  | 2.7  | 2.9  | 3.0  | Oct    | OBR                          | Oct    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |

## 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

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 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 ABRJ+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)                      | <a href="http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/apf/index.htm">http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/apf/index.htm</a> |
| 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  
PSNB excludes the impact of financial sector interventions, but includes flows
- ae: 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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