



# 2017 Investor Presentation

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Transforming **lives**  
Revitalising **neighbourhoods**

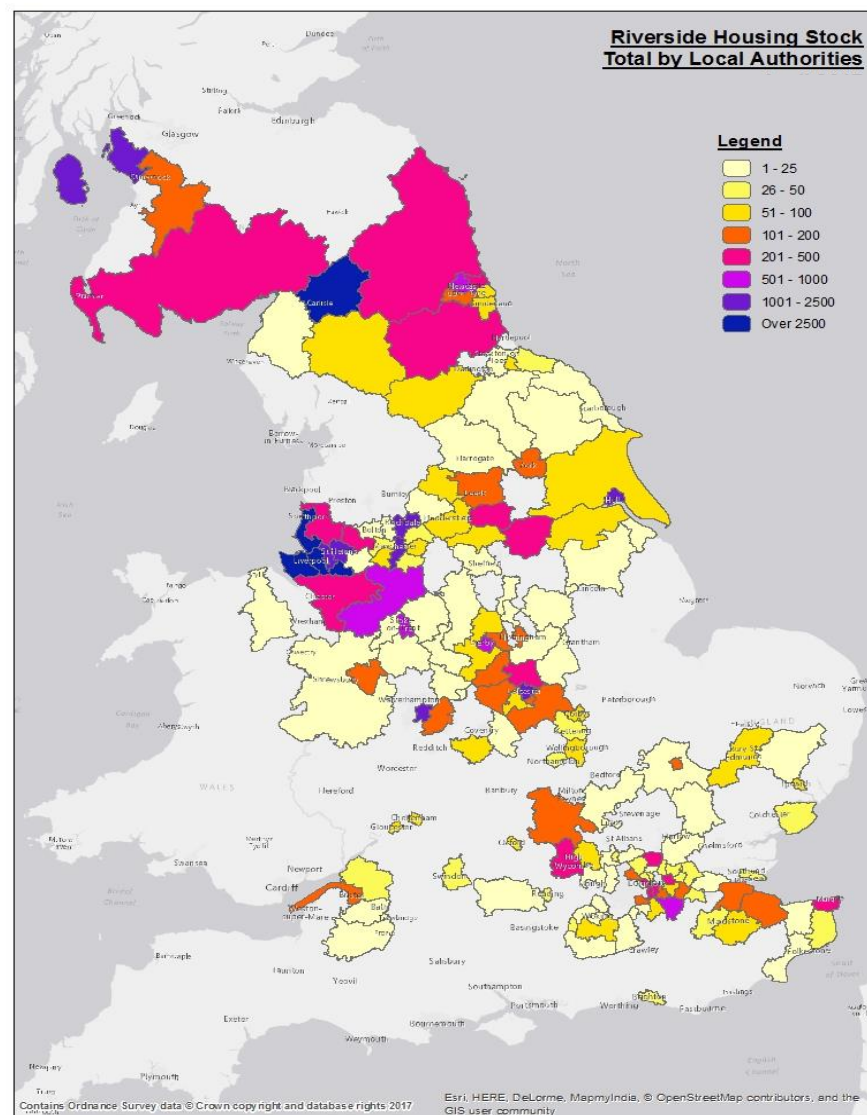


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# About Riverside

- Responsible for portfolio of over 56,000 units
- Turnover £370m, Surplus £70m
- Undergoing transformation to deliver our core social objectives and step up supply to respond to the housing crisis
- Strong balance sheet with significant headroom against loan covenants
- Driving margin
- A1 Moody's rating following whole sector downgrade in September 2017 – currently still one of leading two



# 2017 - 18

## Year of change planned

Ambition to increase supply of new housing units

Risk aware in the current economic climate

Internal transformation continues to improve services and reduce costs

Constantly evolving business plan – ready to be agile and respond as required

New strategy mix being deployed to drive margin harder

Boost to governance and risk mitigation

We will seek growth but not at any cost

# Governance

## Inside Riverside - Planning for the future

### Movement in 2017:

#### Joiners:

Tim Croston  
Ingrid Fife

#### Leavers:

Philip Raw  
Philip Han  
Joy Baggaley (as co-opted member)

#### New appointments:

Pauline Davis as Vice Chair

#### Future plans:

Susan Jee to retire in 2019

Max Steinberg remaining as chair until 2020



Max Steinberg (Chair)



Pauline Davis (Vice Chair)



Susan Jee (Treasurer)



Jonathan Dale



Sally Trueman



Tim Croston



Peter White (Co-opted)



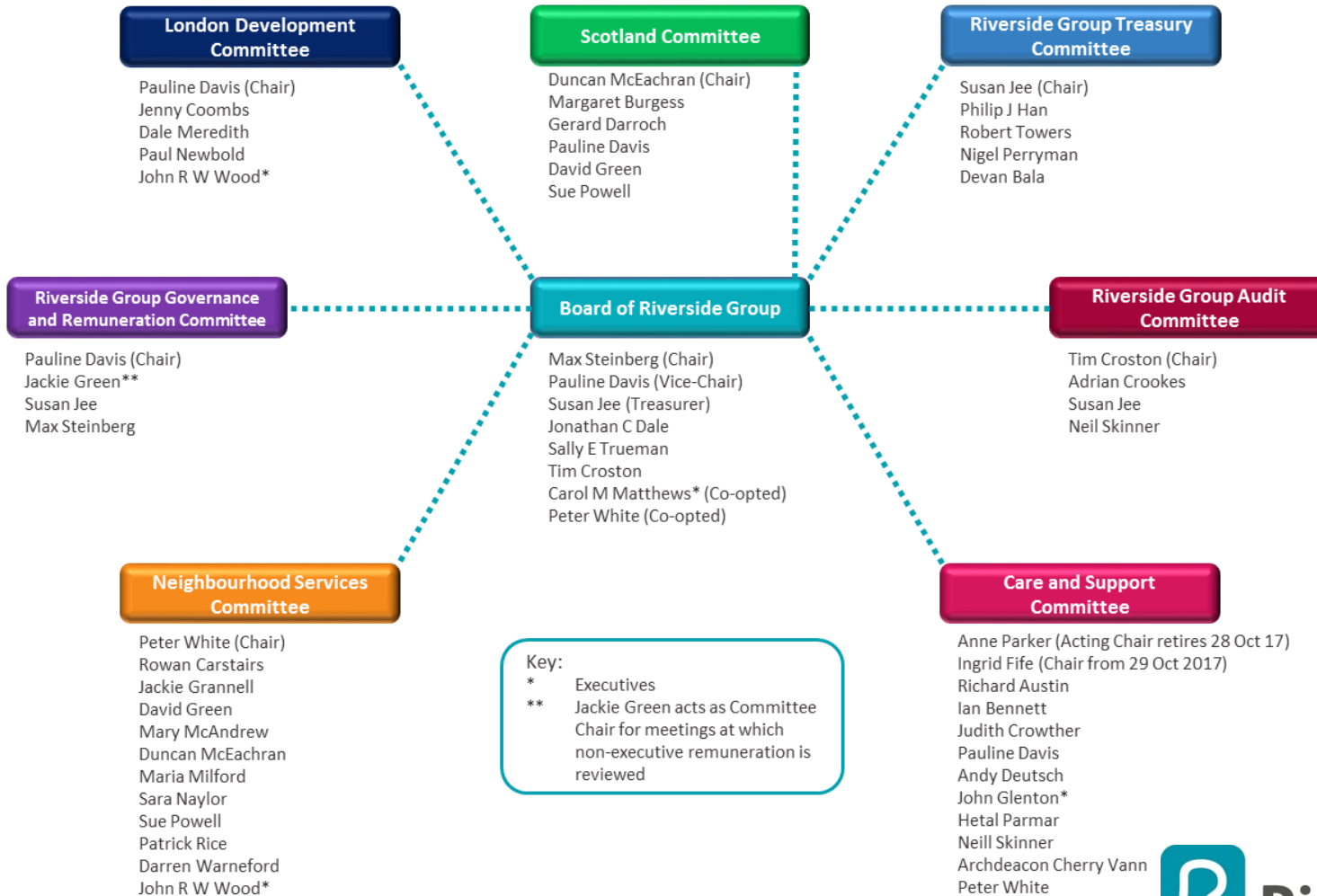
Carol Matthews (Co-opted)



Ingrid Fife

# Governance

## Board and sub-committee structure



# Governance


## Executive team



- Executive team with combined experience of 171 years in Social Housing
- Influencers of government policy; selected for proof of concept and as pilot leaders
- Sounding board to the Regulator



# Governance Regulation



Homes & Communities Agency  
The social housing regulator

## In-depth assessments

Component	Element
Strategy	The provider's strategic direction , priorities and its operating markets
Structure	The provider's structure, the interaction between the various companies within the organisation and the activities they carry out
Financial Resilience	In-depth analysis of the provider's long term viability: financial strength and financial management.
Risk profile and mitigation	Rounded assessment of the provider's understanding of the significant risks facing its business and how effectively it is managing them in the context of its risk appetite so that it can deliver its objectives, maintain its financial position and protect social housing assets.

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- IDA completed Feb to Apr 2017
- Retained G1 / V1 rating
- All CQC rated services are at a minimum of 'Good'



# Strategy

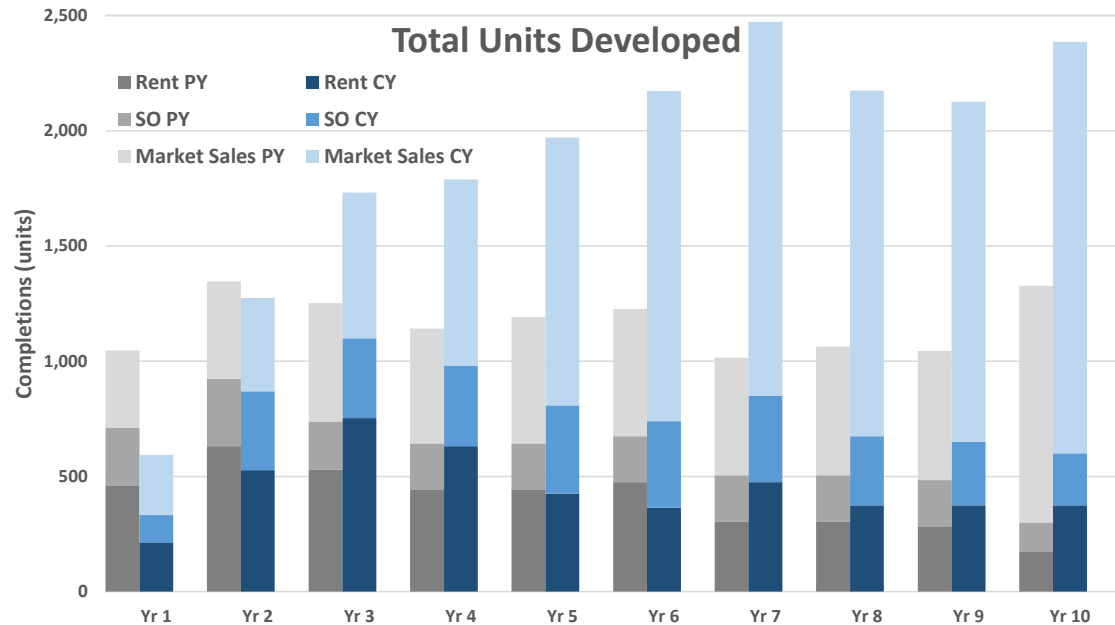
## 2017 - 2020 Corporate Plan

- We are building
- We are connecting
- We are renewing



# Strategy

We are building



- The graph illustrates the stepping up in supply of the new business plan (blue lines) versus the previous business plan (grey lines)
- Whilst the May 2017 business plan assumed a significant increase in market sale properties to cross subsidise affordable units, the mix is being re-evaluated given the change in market conditions over the past 6 months. However, the ambition to deliver the increased unit numbers overall has not diminished

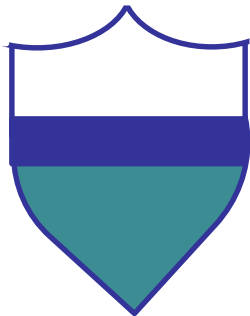
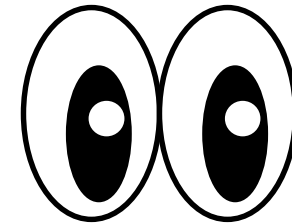
# Strategy

## Shaping the business plan



Ambition to step up supply and build more units across all tenure types to support the need for more housing in the UK

Board are entering into the Plan with 'eyes wide open'; increased development = additional risk



Mitigation strategies are in place and being further developed to manage the risk and protect charitable assets

# Strategy

## Shaping the business plan

- Influencing and responding
- Transformation
- Sales and development
- Driving margin
- Welfare reform



### London Asset Development:

- Additional resource and governance to mitigate risk
- Understanding the challenge of timing, especially post Grenfell and with current downturn in London housing market.
- Engaging with tenants at the earliest possible opportunity and every step of the way

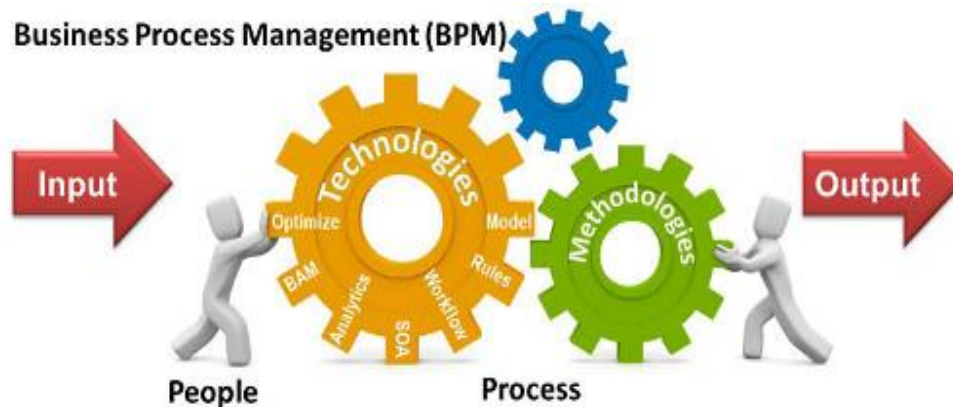
# Business Plan – A change in pace

## Transformation

### Progress so far

- The operating model for Social Housing and Shared Services
- New model for Retirement Living in Care & Support
- A Business Partnering model for professional services
- A more modern approach for engaging with our customers and delivering local projects
- Deliver culture change across the business
- Update Housing system, agile working and virtual desktop

### Business Process Management (BPM)



# Business Plan – A change in pace

## Transformation so far – Saving 6 Ps

First year of Transformation in Riverside delivered **£15m** savings:

- £6.3m from People and Pensions  
*(207 posts removed in the year)*
- £2.3m from Procurement
- £5.0m from Properties
- £1.6m from Personal Responsibility
- (£0.2m) from Programme  
*(Higher proportion of non-capitalised costs)*

Raising performance



**£15m**

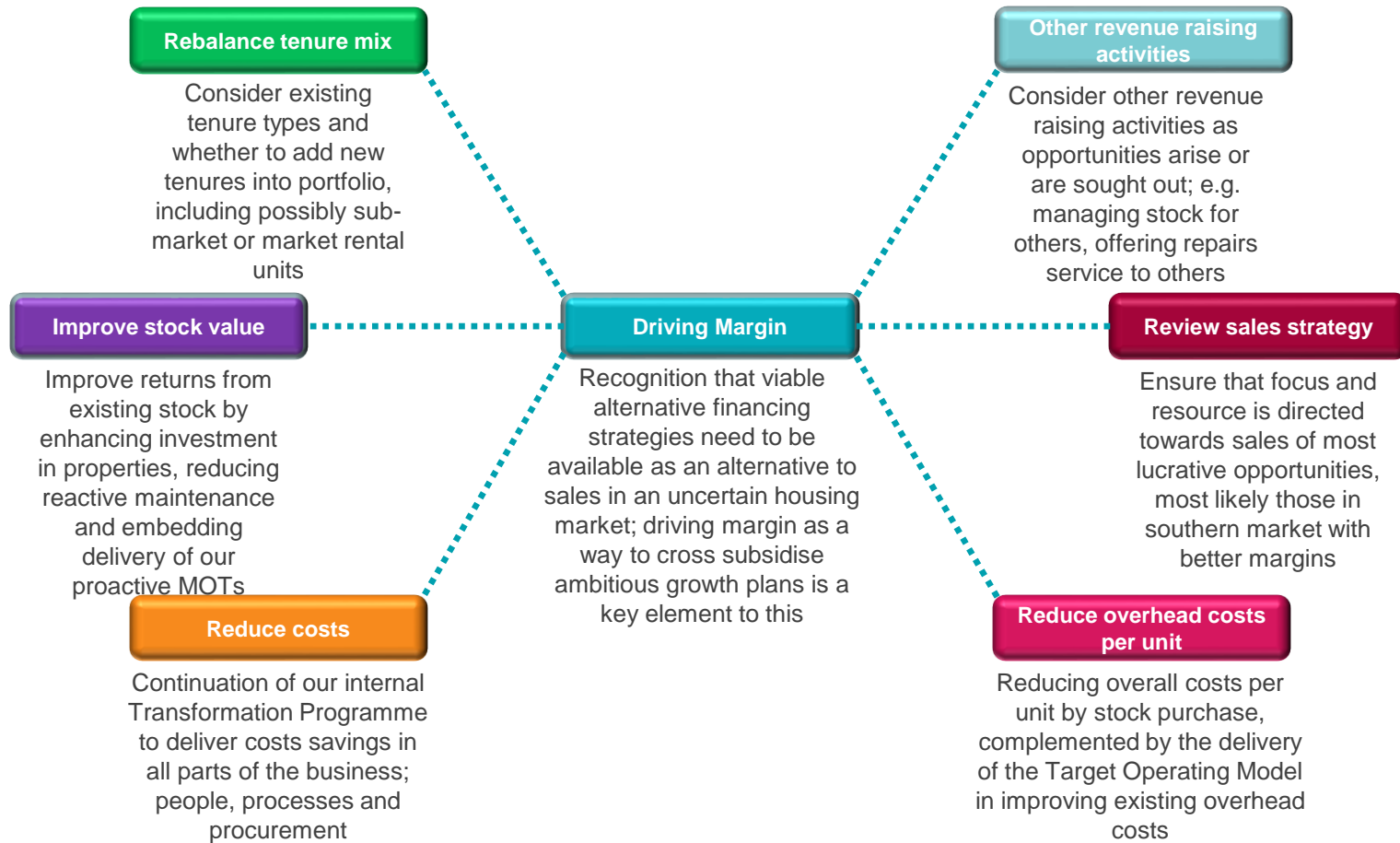
Saved in first year of Riverside transformation programme

Last year: Pre Target Operating Model

**£1.9m**

# Plan for the future

## Six Point Plan

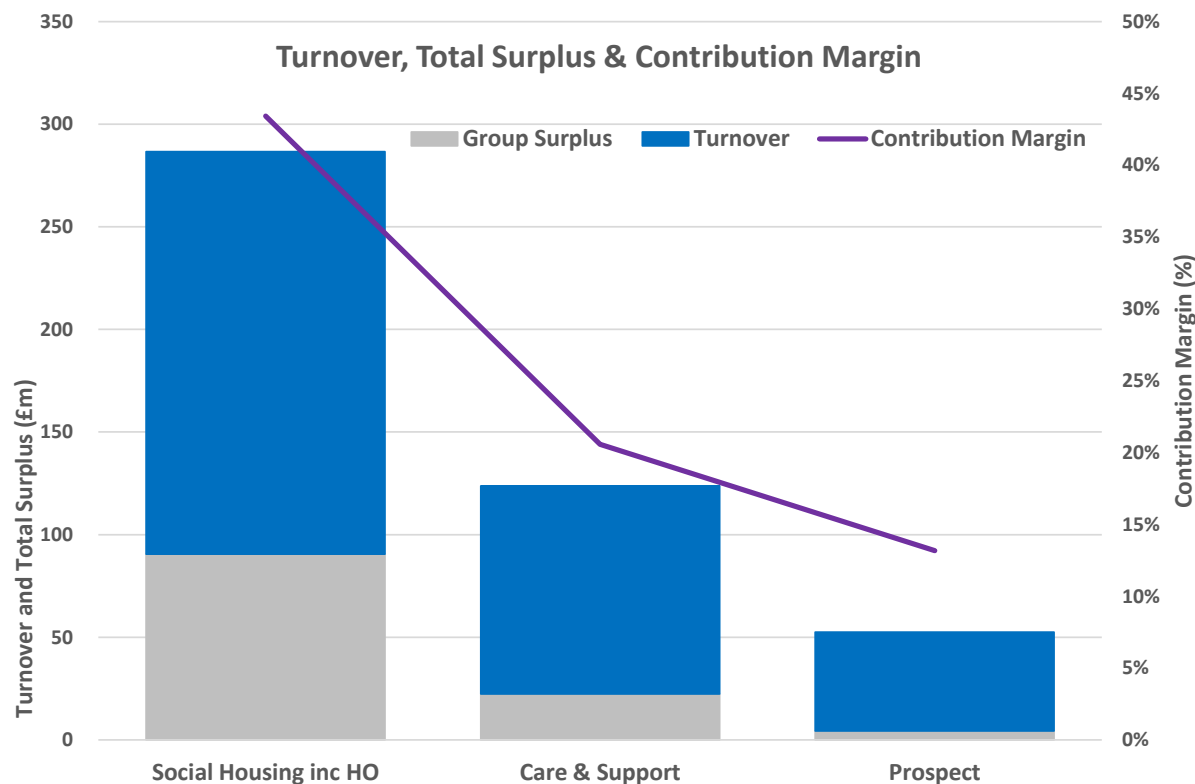


• New business plan will drive margin from 25% to 30%



# Business plan

## Contribution from different business areas



- The line illustrates the difference in contribution from different business areas to central costs and overheads; our core social housing business remains the key contributor to margin (2017 / 18 business plan)

# 2017/18 Business Plan

## Summary – Ambitious but not at any cost

### Objectives

- Continue to satisfy charitable objectives
- Continue to explore ways of managing the business prudently
- Work to return to target operating margin (25%) as quickly as possible and then push on to new objective of 30%
- 30 years covenant compliance
- Respond to the pressure to provide more new homes

### Risk Mitigation

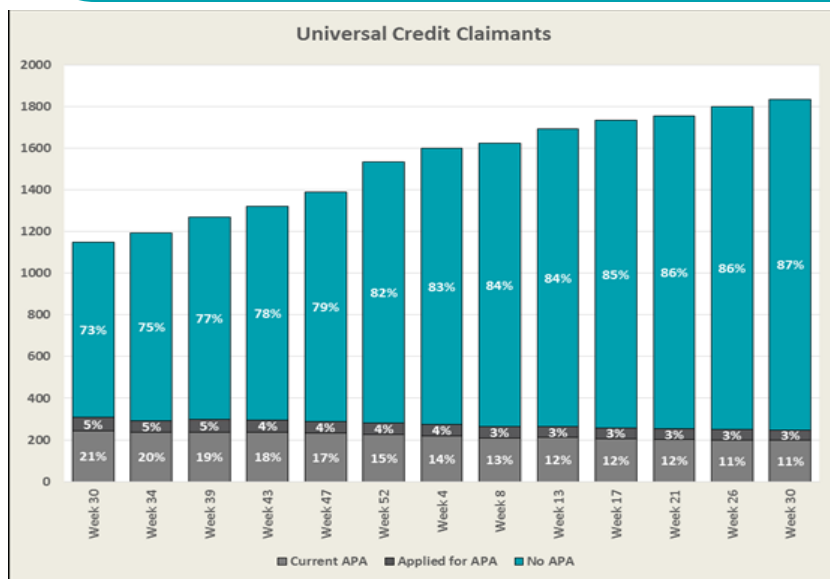
- Planned provisions in early years
- De-risking the balance sheet with pension exits and self-sufficiency drive
- Aware of risks of stepping up supply in current market conditions; remaining vigilant with processes to support this
- Making TRGL more agile to respond as required
- Grants on their way back? Additional source of funding before needing to utilise Riverside resources to build
- Programme change – s106 developments increasing

# Welfare Reform

## Universal Credit - Roll out

### Rollout of Full Service Universal Credit

- Around 10% of working age HB claimants are now on Universal Credit – just under 2,000 households out of a potential 17,000
- Based on what has happened in Halton (our main stock area that has transitioned to Full Service), we expect this to increase to just over 8,000 tenants by September 2019 - that's nearly half of working age HB claimants
- Of our current UC claimants, approximately 11% have already reverted to direct payments to Riverside (APAs)



### The Impact of Universal Credit



**18%** (1,252 tenancies) of Halton Housing's customers are in receipt of Universal Credit, but owe **55%** of all our arrears

The **increase** in arrears attributable to UC has increased by **£400K** in the last year

The impact of UC on our income will result in **reduced investment** in our existing homes. It will also reduce our ability to build new homes at a time of a housing crisis

**Average arrears have increased by 60%**

Prior to claiming UC, average arrears were **£270**  
Post UC, the average arrears are now **£448**

**1 in 5**

customers in receipt of UC are not paid within the initial 6-week timescale, forcing many to endure severe financial hardship

**Our Debt Recovery and Benefit Support teams have doubled** in size over the last year to enable us to support those customers impacted by the roll out of Universal Credit

The number of Foodbank vouchers issued by Halton Housing has **doubled** over the last year

Average time on hold to the UC helpline is **30 minutes**, charged at a premium rate of 45p per min on mobiles, and 12p per min from a landline

Advance Payments are paid at an average of just **£22 per week**. These have to be repaid and are deducted from a claimants first UC payment

UC is fuelling **personal debt, food bank use, rent arrears, eviction and mental distress**



# Welfare Reform

## Universal Credit – Arrears risk

### Arrears Risk

Data on average arrears from Halton suggests

- Increases in arrears for the first three months of a UC claim – £150 at the highest point.
- After three months, we start to claim the money back however it may take just over a year for arrears balances to return to their pre-UC position
- After this point, we start to claim back existing arrears

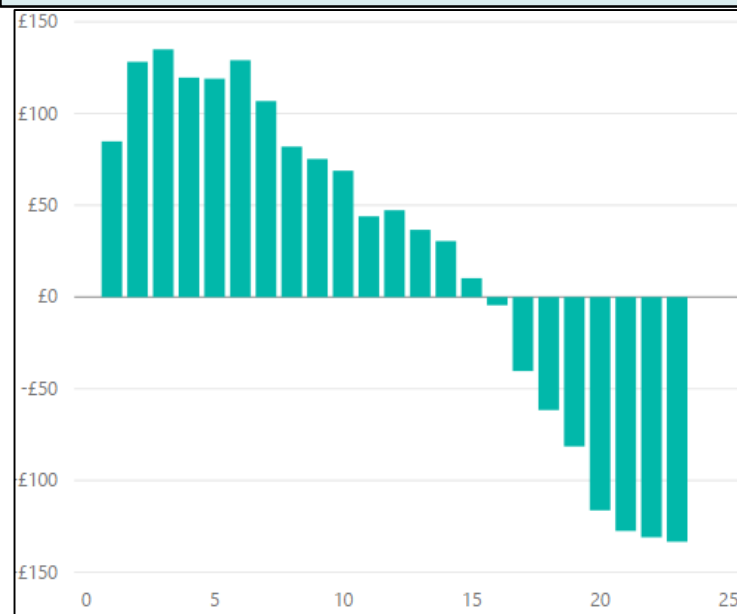
### Financial Impact

- Data shows the highest point of UC related arrears is 12 weeks into the claim
- In Riverside, we anticipate 19% convert rate (from 10% to 48% in two years)
- Financial impact (cashflow) is £3.5m at worst point calculated:

*[eligible households] x [avg rent] x [12 weeks]*

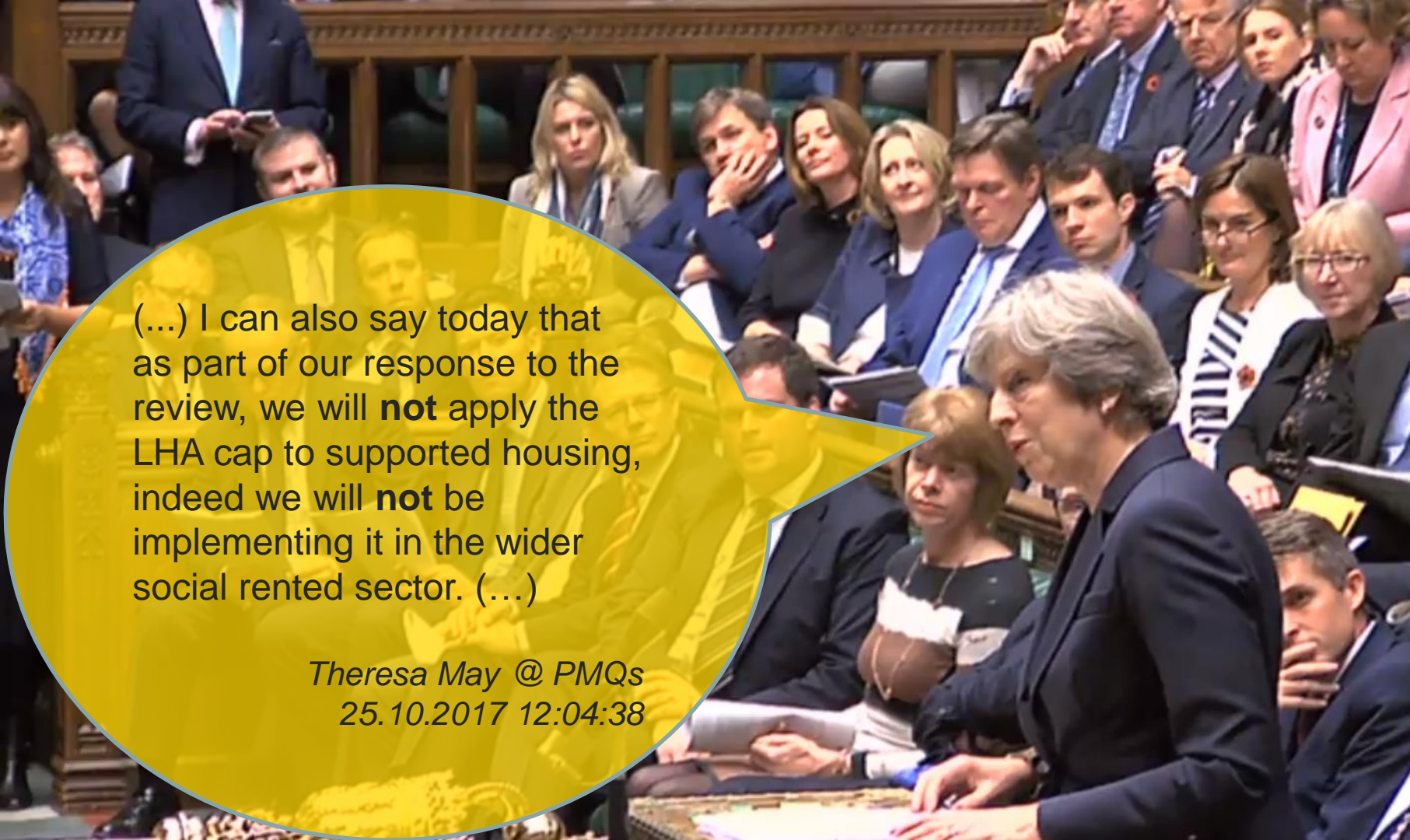
$17000 \times 19\% \times £89.18 \times 52 \times (12 / 52) = £3.5\text{m per annum}$

### Arrears Change Since UC Start Date for TRG by Length of UC Claim



# Welfare Reform

## LHA Cap – Scrapped!



(...) I can also say today that as part of our response to the review, we will **not** apply the LHA cap to supported housing, indeed we will **not** be implementing it in the wider social rented sector. (...)

*Theresa May @ PMQs  
25.10.2017 12:04:38*



# Welfare Reform

Rent settlement – back to the ‘good’ old days?



# Financial Performance

## 2017 Highlights

UKGAAP

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For the year ended 31 March	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual
Turnover (£'m)	291.9	303.9	326.0	365.6	370.1
Operating Costs	233.1	235.6	245.4	292.8	290.0
Operating Surplus (before property sales)	58.8	68.4	80.5	72.8	80.1
Operating Margin	20%	23%	25%	20%	22%
Surplus for the Year	32.7	49.1	48.0	49.9	68.9
Of which: gain on FA sales	7.9	15.2	5.0	13.5	22.3

**Turnover – Strong finish on development for sale (+£13m) offset by final year of Hull PFI construction (-£12m)**

**Margin includes one-off pension exit fees £12.4m, and £4m impairment on BCH**

**Gain on FA sale enhanced by £11.6m VRTB Pilot in 2017 only.**

**Headroom on TRGL covenants – interest cover £61m and gearing £410m**



# How we did in 2017?

## FY Act vs Bud

**£80.3m**  
£16.7m Fav

## OPERATING SURPLUS

**21.7%**  
0.8% Fav

## OPERATING MARGIN

**£69.8m**  
£24.6m Fav

## GROUP SURPLUS

## INTEREST HEADROOM

**£60.5m**

TARGET = £27.2m

**GEARING HEADROOM**  
**£410m**

TARGET = £368m

## FACILITY AVAILABLE

**£169m**

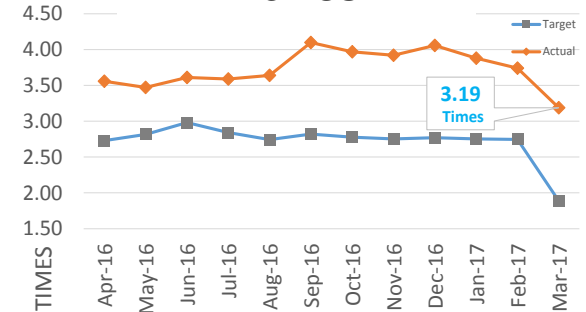
TARGET = £160m

## MONTHS COVER

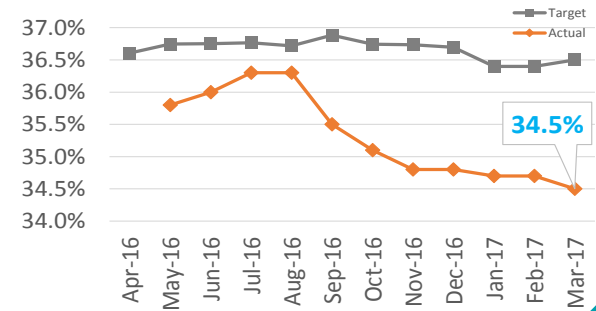
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(golden rule = 18)

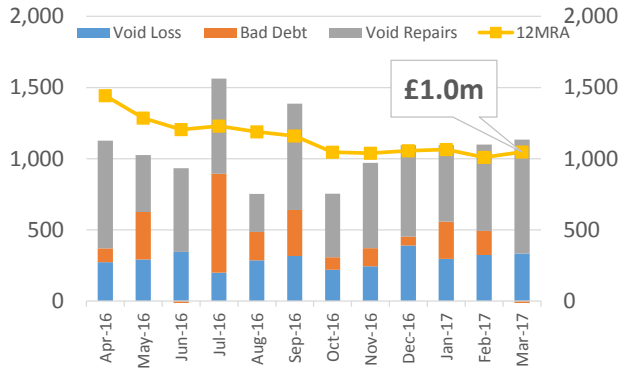
## INTEREST COVER



## GEARING

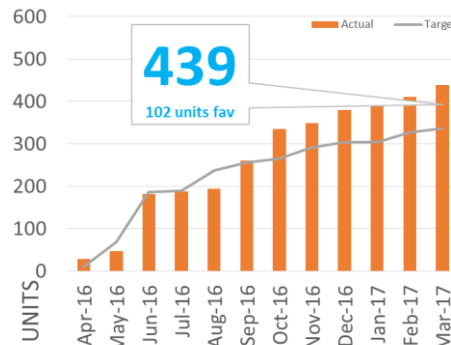


## WELFARE REFORM

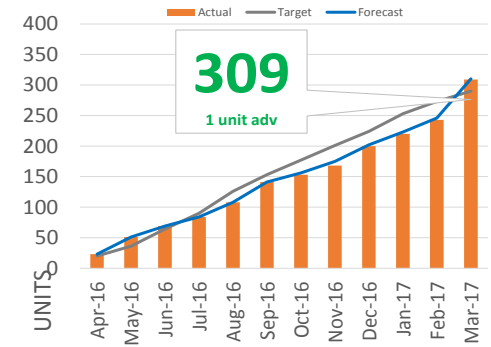


12 Mth Rolling Average

## UNIT HANDOVERS



## (New House) UNIT SALES



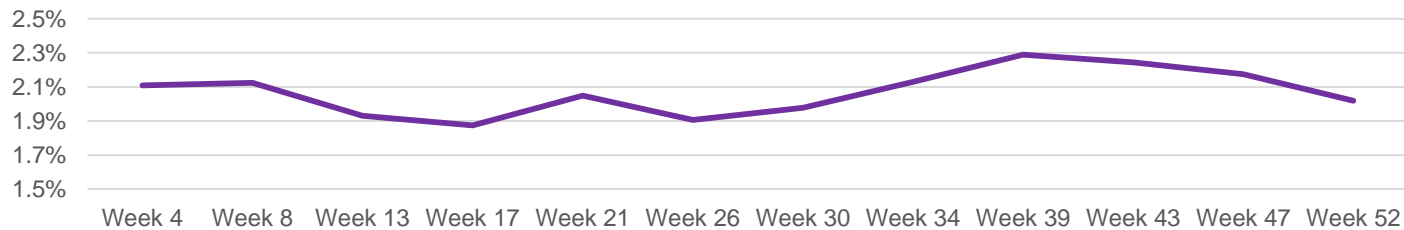
Exc RtB & Broadway

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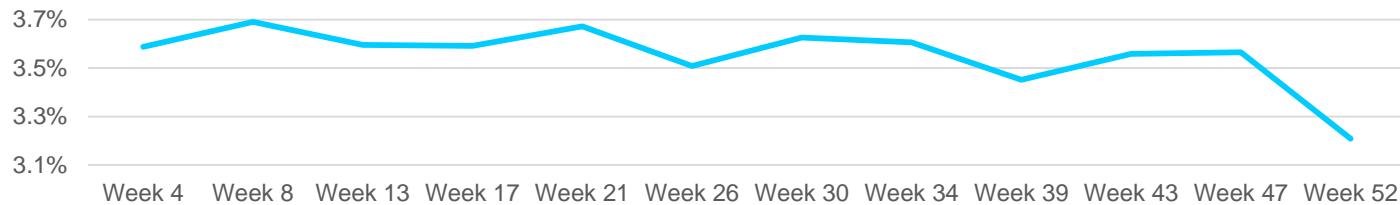
## Operations

Steady improvement in all cash leakage KPIs over the last 12 months

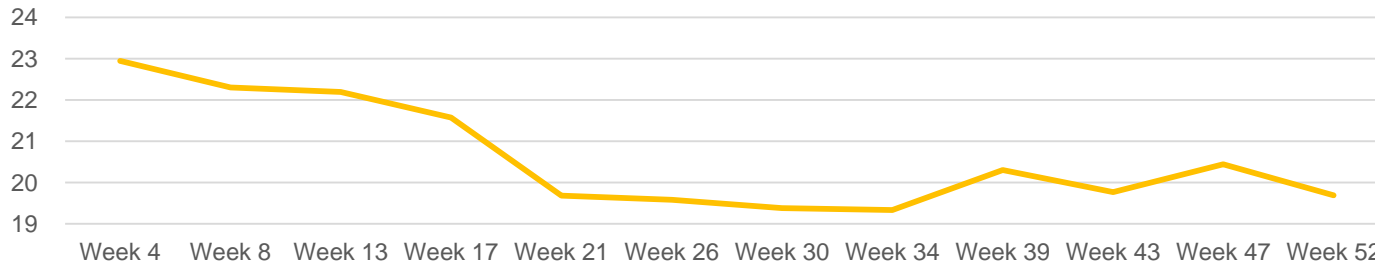
VOID STOCK% (ops + policy)



ARREARS %



AVERAGE RELET DAYS



# Forecast for end of 2018

Based on current year performance to date

## Financial Performance

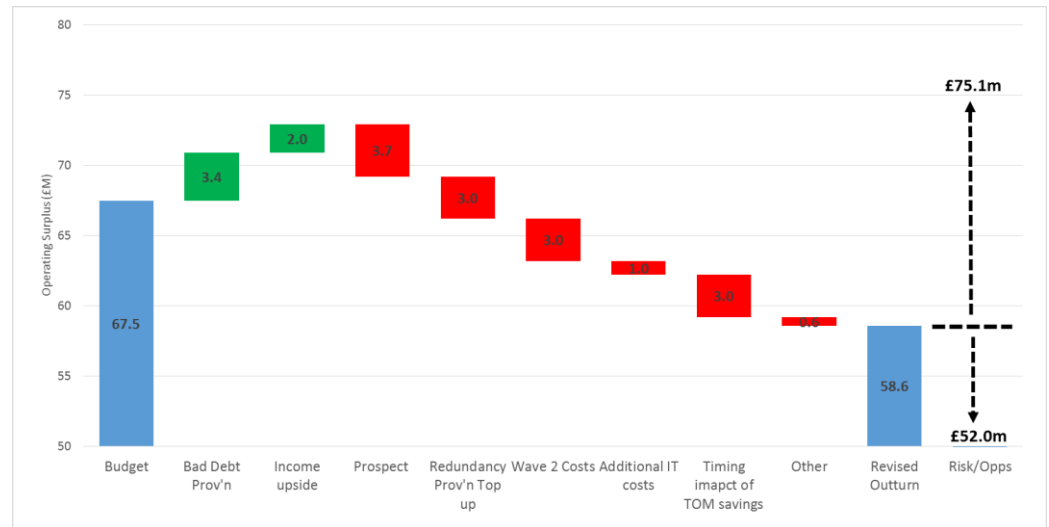
	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Budget
Operating Surplus (£m)	58.6	67.5
Operating Margin (%)	17.1%	19.3%
Total Surplus (£m)	28.7	26.5

## Risk/Covenants

	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Budget
Interest Headroom (£m)	29.5	26.6
Interest Cover (times)	2.0	1.9

## Cash

Facility Available £m	194.7	172.6
Months Cover	28.0	



# 2017 Treasury highlights

New team – upskilled to deliver better treasury services

New Treasury Strategy and Investment Policy

Early prepayment of old and expensive debt; replaced with more agile facilities

Increased focus on cash management and cashflow forecasting – able to make better use of resources

Better support offered to commercial subsidiaries – centralising cash and revisiting intra-group lending facilities

Improved reporting to Treasury Committee regarding liquidity and unencumbered stock numbers

More to follow, including improved cash management platform and operational banking put out to tender.....

# Treasury update

## Group debt profile – as at 30 September 2017

- Less than 1% of the portfolio is indexed linked; c6% is variable; 94% is fixed, some by standalone swaps as detailed below:

Counterparty	Nominal value	MtM	Collateral
Abbey	7,000,000	(440,962)	Under threshold
Credit Suisse	100,000,000	(11,189,112)	Cash
Lloyds	21,388,519	(1,200,802)	Under threshold
NatWest	67,000,000*	(35,387)	Under threshold
Relating to PFIs	35,141,125	(7,766,835)	PFI assets
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,529,644</b>	<b>(20,633,099)</b>	

# Treasury update

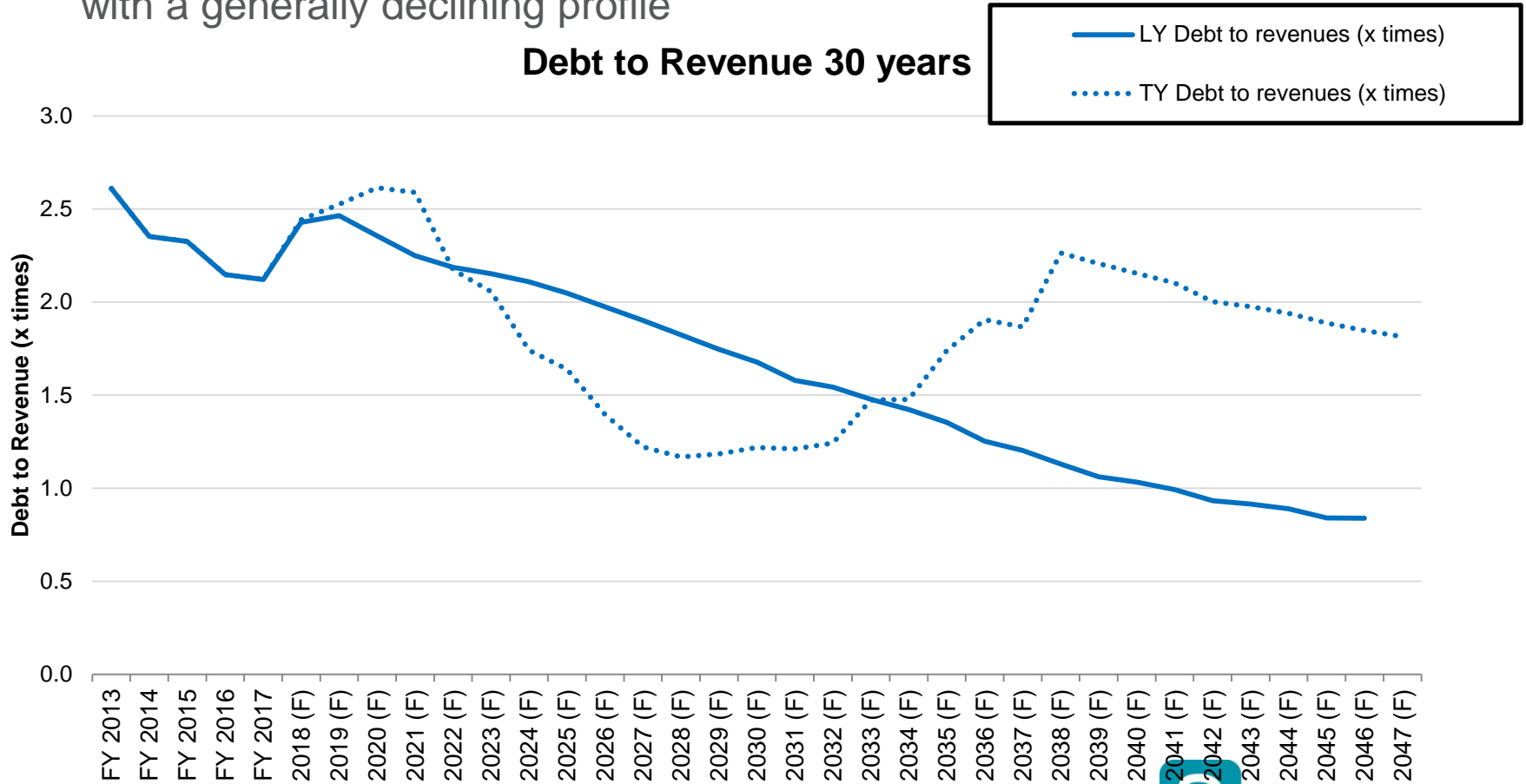
## Portfolio management (September 2017)

- Immediately available liquidity totals £205m:
  - £59m cash
  - £146m committed and fully secured loan facilities (excluding retained bond of £100m and overdraft facilities of £8m)
- 28 months cover based on the latest business plan
- New RCF facilities being agreed (£190m) to extend liquidity out further and introduces two new counterparties to spread risk:
  - HSBC
  - Handelsbanken
- 12,000 unencumbered units available for charging with average EUV-SH of £37,500, capable of supporting over £560m of new debt

# Treasury update

## Levels of debt – business plan 2017 / 18

Despite higher overall levels of debt, debt to revenue metrics remain strong with a generally declining profile





# Summary

## Carol Matthews

- Turnover £370m, Surplus £70m
- Stepping up supply – ambition to deliver substantially more units p.a.
- Transforming organisation to be fit to deliver core objectives in the modern world
- But not growth at any cost
- A1 Moody's Credit rating and G1 / V1 rating from HCA



# Questions?

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