



BT Group plc FY 2020/21 results

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Chief Executive

Building a better BT for the future

Stabilised the business to build strong foundations for the future

Delivered for our customers, colleagues and country during the pandemic

Stronger organisation, well positioned to pivot to growth

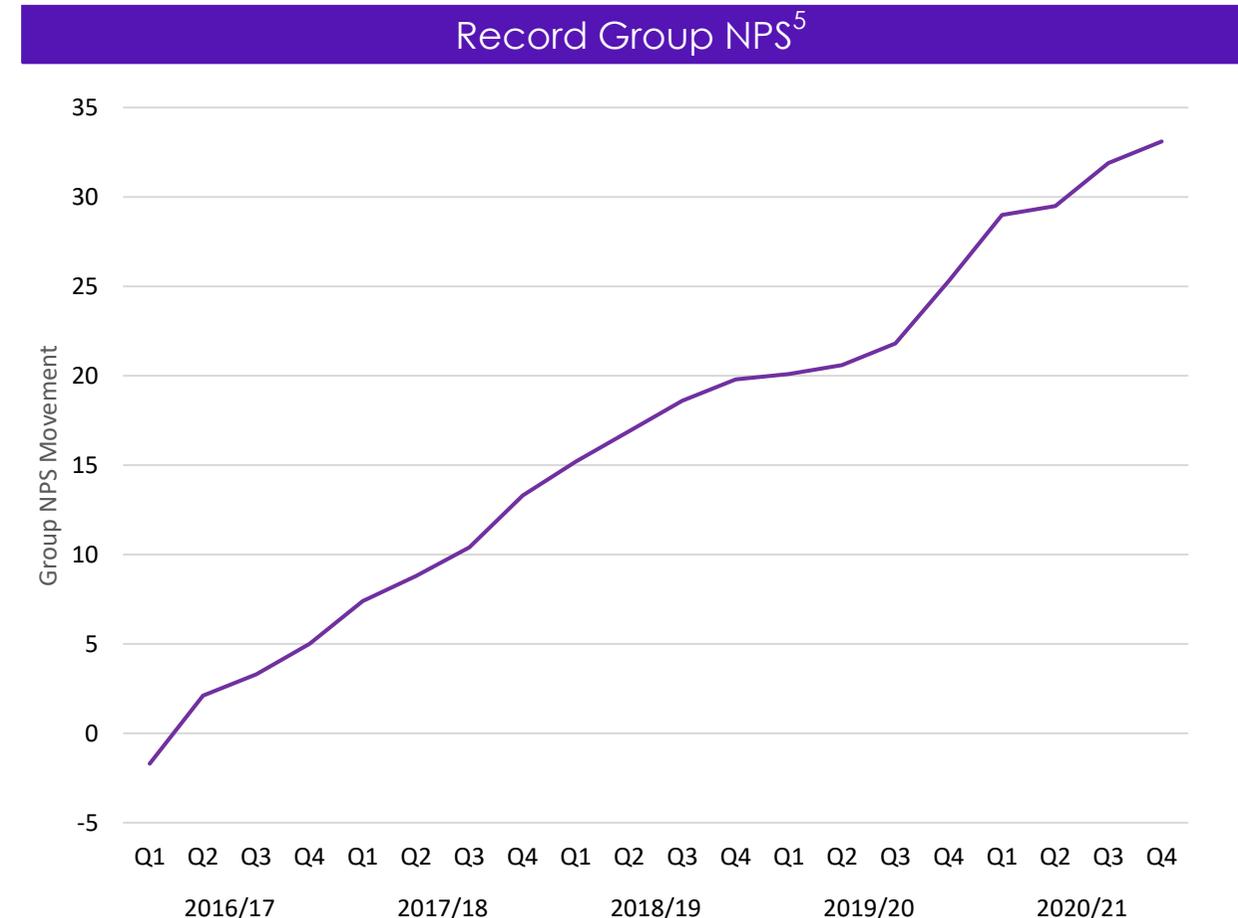
Increase and accelerate full fibre build to 25m premises passed by end of December 2026

Building strong foundations for the future

- Fixed network:
 - driven migration to FTTC¹
 - building FTTP² at pace and scale, strong up-take
 - regulatory clarity from WFTMR³; allows for a fair return on investment
- Mobile:
 - extended 4G coverage; 5G now in 160 towns and cities
 - 5G ready connections more than 3.2m
 - secured new 5G spectrum at very competitive cost
- Modernisation programme ahead of target
- Record NPS⁴
- Transparent pricing to support market repair
- Continued business de-risking including pension triennial agreement

¹ Fibre-to-the-cabinet; ² Fibre-to-the-premises; ³ Wholesale Fixed Telecoms Market Review; ⁴ Net promoter score

⁵ Group NPS shows the cumulative movement in our customers' perception of BT since April 2016. It's a combined measure of 'promoters' minus 'detractors' across our business units

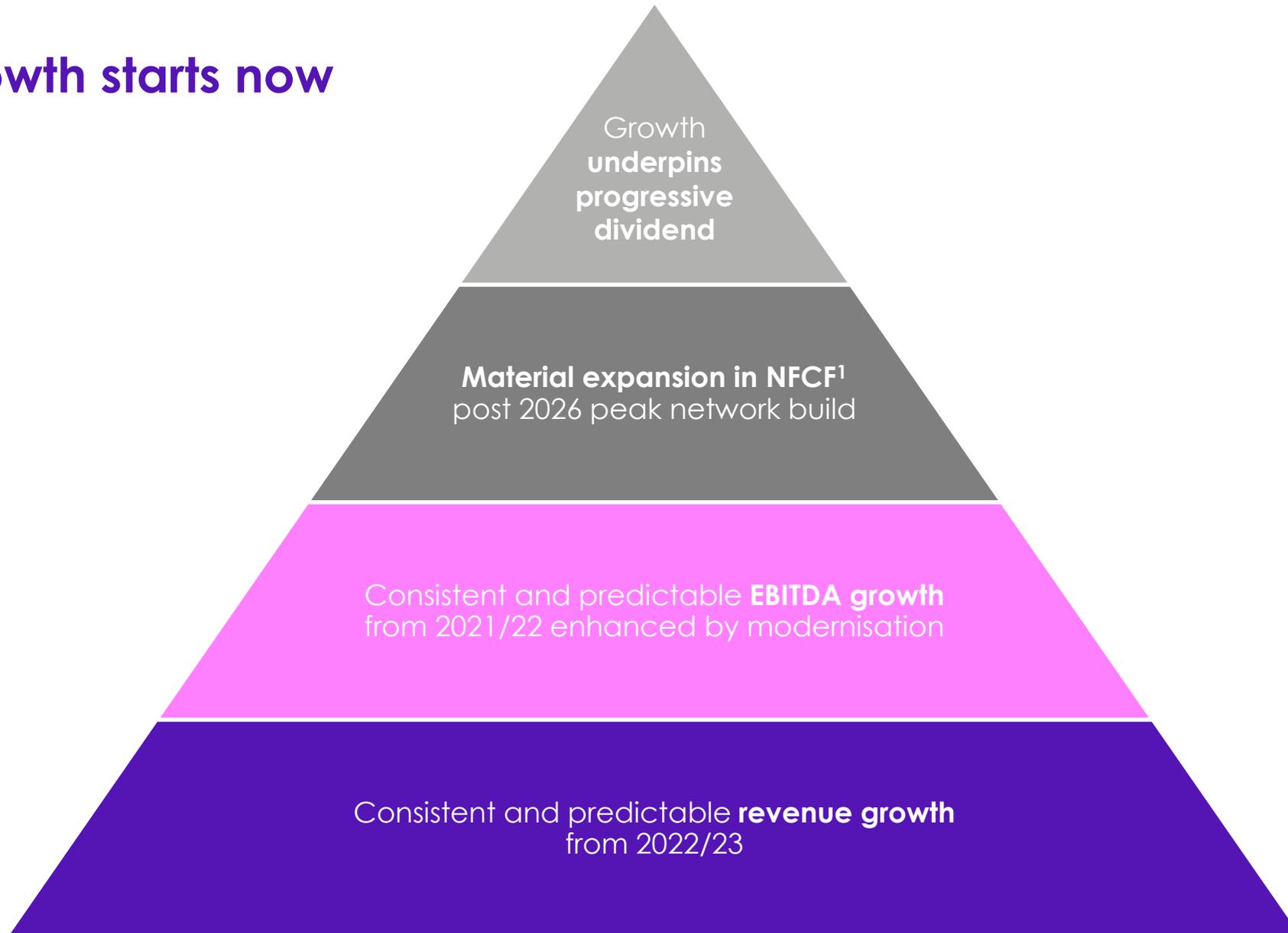


Delivering through Covid-19 for colleagues, customers and country

- Keep **colleagues** safe and protected:
 - no staff furloughed; no redundancies as a direct result of the pandemic
 - plan to pay £1,500 cash and shares bonus for frontline staff
- Keep **customers** connected:
 - launched 'Top Tips on Tech' adverts and Lockdown Learning
 - EE unlimited data for NHS staff extended until June
 - introduced small business support scheme
 - Lifelines hit 100k virtual visits
- Keep the **country's** critical national infrastructure running:
 - connected 200 vaccination centres
 - connected mass testing centres and all 17 Nightingale Hospitals in the UK

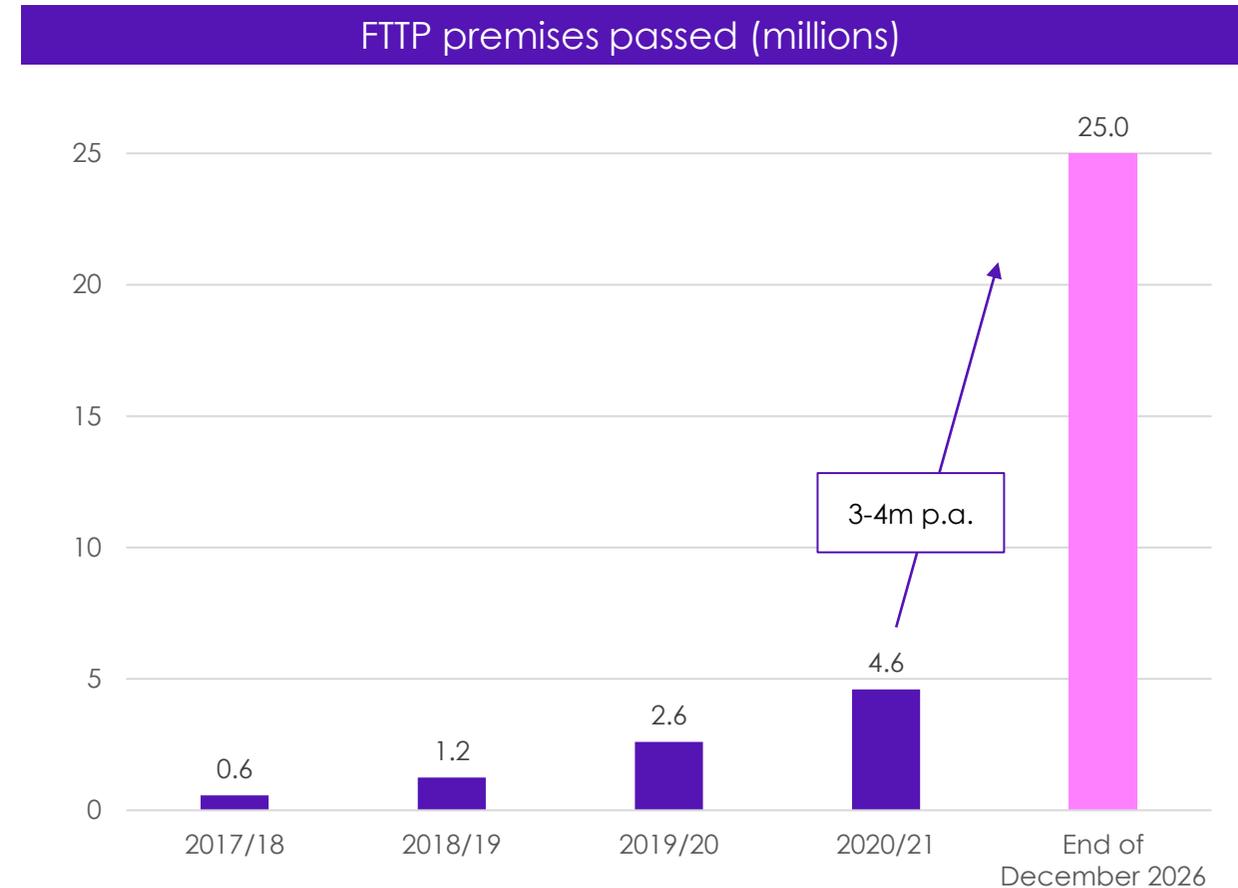


Pivot to growth starts now



BT to increase and accelerate FTTP build to 25m premises by end of 2026

- Record FTTP build of 2m premises in 2020/21
- Encouraging take up, all major CPs¹ now selling FTTP
- Maximises opportunity from cash tax super-deduction and positive outcome of 5G spectrum auction
- Accelerating to peak build of c.4m premises passed per annum
- Investigating funding of 5m build via JV structure with external parties



¹ Communications Provider

Simon Lowth
Chief Financial Officer

2020/21 results in line with our expectations

Full year to 31 March

2020/21

2019/20

Change

Adjusted revenue ¹	£21,370m	£22,824m	(6)%
Operating costs ²	£(13,955)m	£(14,917)m	(6)%
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	£7,415m	£7,907m	(6)%

¹ Before specific items

² Before specific items and depreciation and amortisation

Customer facing units results summary

	Adjusted Revenue ¹				Adjusted EBITDA ²			
	Q4 2020/21	Change YoY	FY 2020/21	Change YoY	Q4 2020/21	Change YoY	FY 2020/21	Change YoY
Consumer	£2,391m	(4)%	£9,885m	(5)%	£518m	(17)%	£2,128m	(12)%
Enterprise	£1,363m	(10)%	£5,449m	(8)%	£436m	(13)%	£1,704m	(12)%
Global	£908m	(16)%	£3,731m	(14)%	£156m	(11)%	£596m	(6)%
Openreach	£1,346m	4%	£5,244m	3%	£726m	1%	£2,937m	3%
Other	£5m	(38)%	£23m	(17)%	£(24)m	(100)%	£50m	(7)%
Intra-group	£(727)m	3%	£(2,962)m	2%	-	-	-	-
Total	£5,286m	(6)%	£21,370m	(6)%	£1,812m	(10)%	£7,415m	(6)%

¹ Before specific items.

² EBITDA before specific items, share of post tax profits/losses of associates and joint ventures and net non-interest related finance expense

2020/21 results in line with our expectations

	FY 2020/21	FY 2019/20	Change YoY
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	£7,415m	£7,907m	(6)%
Depreciation and amortisation	£(4,347)m	£(4,296)m	1%
Net finance expense ¹	£(773)m	£(757)m	2%
Share of post tax profit of associates and joint ventures ¹	£8m	£6m	33%
Tax ¹	£(428)m	£(536)m	(20)%
Adjusted profit after tax ¹	£1,875m	£2,324m	(19)%
Specific items	£(499)m	£(507)m	(2)%
Reported profit for the period	£1,472m	£1,734m	(15)%
Adjusted earnings per share ¹	18.9p	23.5p	(20)%

¹ Before specific items

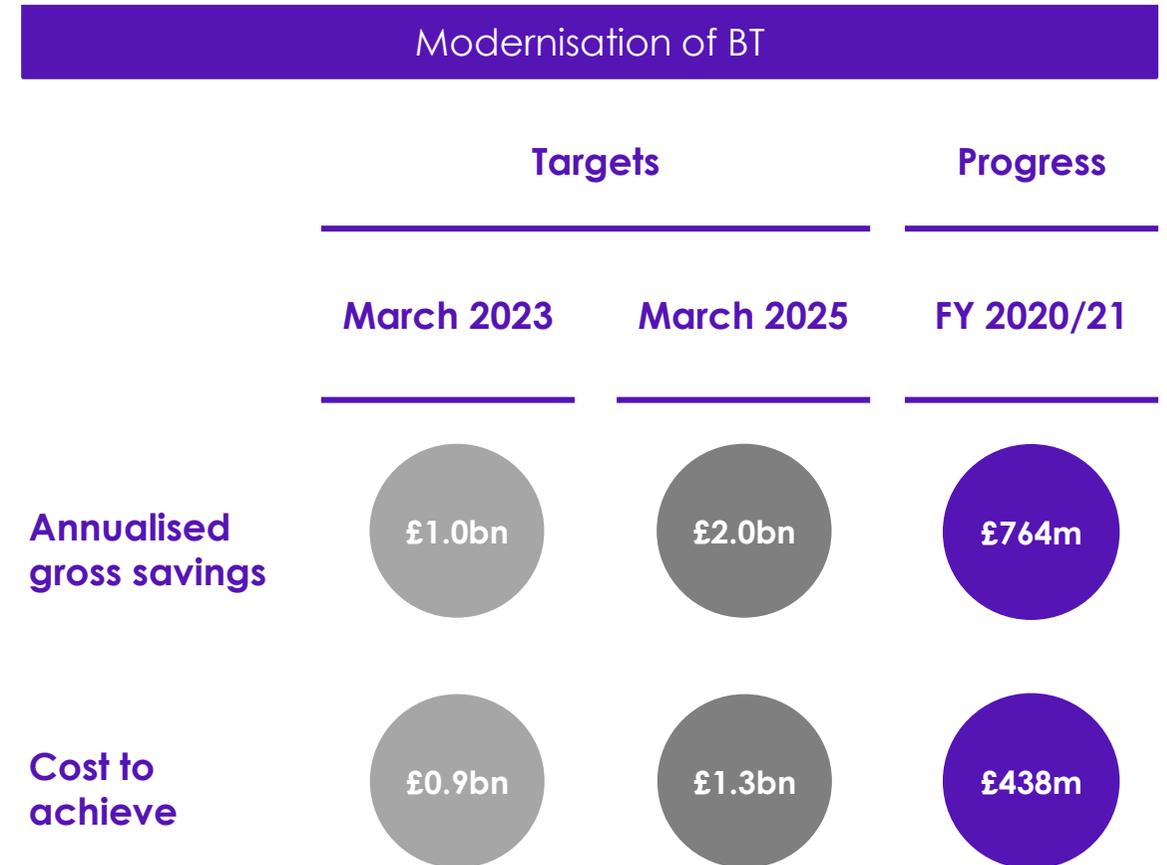
Cash tax super-deduction supports our future cashflow and fibre build plan

	FY 2020/21	FY 2019/20	Change YoY
Adjusted EBITDA¹	£7,415m	£7,907m	(6)%
Interest	£(764)m	£(706)m	8%
Tax (ex cash tax benefit of pension deficit payments)	£(469)m	£(644)m	(27)%
Payment of lease liabilities	£(782)m	£(651)m	(20)%
Change in working capital and other	£259m	£204m	27%
Cash available for investment and distribution	£5,659m	£6,110m	(8)%
Cash capital expenditure	£(4,200)m	£(4,099)m	2%
Normalised free cash flow²	£1,459m	£2,011m	(27)%
Payments for the acquisition of spectrum ³	£(702)m	-	-
Net cash flow from specific items	£(390)m	£(112)m	(248)%
Reported free cash flow	£367m	£1,899m	(81)%
Net Debt	£(17,802)m	£(17,969)m	(1)%

Likely to pay no UK tax in 2021/22 and 2022/23

Modernisation tracking ahead of target

- Examples of modernisation progress so far:
 - reducing by a quarter the number of buildings in which desk-based colleagues are located
 - migrated the majority of our legacy broadband customers onto our strategic products, closing over half of the legacy product variants
 - launched the first digital journeys for our SME¹ customers, who can now order many of our SME Halo packages online
- Ahead of target, taking £764m of gross annualised cost out of the business over the last year, over three quarters of our 2022/23 target
- Fewer than 100,000 full time equivalent employees across the Group, a 5% reduction from last year

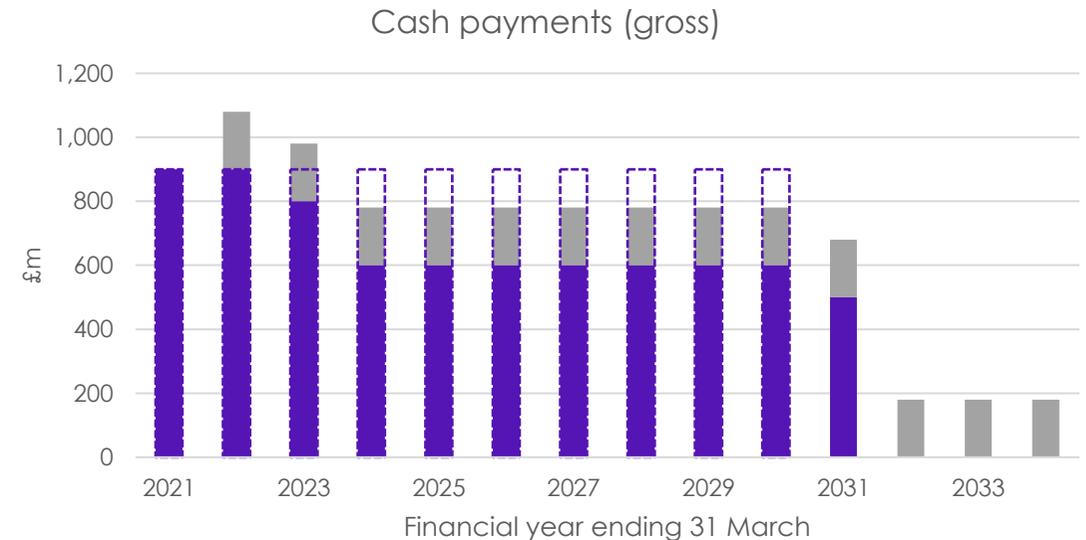


¹ Small-medium enterprise

Triennial agreement supported by asset-backed funding

- Funding deficit at 30 June 2020 of £7.98bn
- Deficit repair plan consisting of two elements:
 - £2bn met through an asset backed funding (ABF) arrangement, secured against the EE business
 - remainder met over existing 10 year period with annual cash contributions reducing from £900m to £600m from 2023/24
- New “stabiliser” mechanism reduces risk of future trapped surplus and provides more certainty over how any future deficits will be funded
- IAS 19 deficit at 31 March 2021 of £5.1bn, up £0.2bn on H1

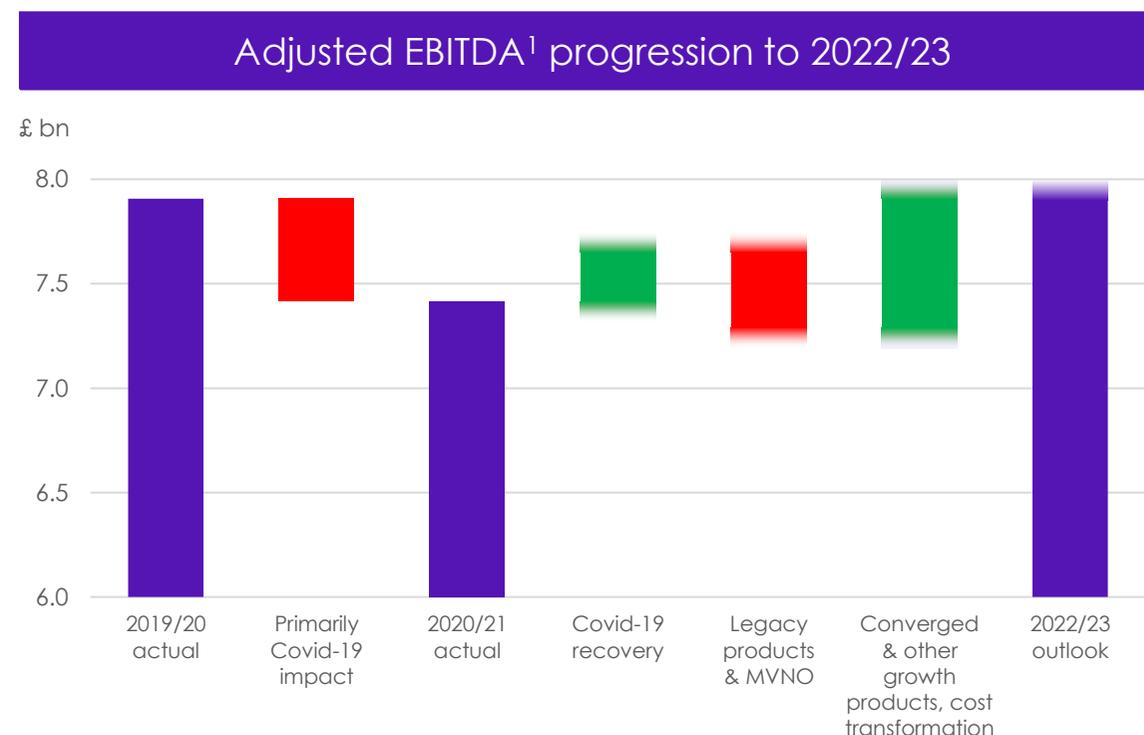
2020 deficit repair plan



- ABF payments (if BTPS in deficit)
- Payments to BTPS or co-investment vehicle (option available from 2024)
- 2017 schedule

Increasing confidence in our outlook and growth momentum

	2021/22 outlook
Change in adjusted revenue ¹	Flat
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	£7.5bn - 7.7bn
Capital expenditure	c.£4.9bn
Normalised free cash flow ²	c.£1.1bn – 1.3bn
Dividend	7.7pps



Expect adjusted EBITDA¹ of at least £7.9bn in 2022/23 and sustainable growth thereafter

¹ Before specific items

² After net interest paid and payment of lease liabilities, before pension deficit payments (including the cash tax benefit of pension deficit payments) and specific items

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Chief Executive

Summary

- Results in-line with our expectations
- Strong foundations laid for the future
- Well positioned to pivot to growth
- Growth underpins reintroduction of progressive dividend
- Increase and accelerate FTTP build to 25m premises by end of December 2026



Driving growth and value for all our stakeholders



Appendix

Consumer – Q4 Covid impact as expected, strong foundations for the future

- Revenue down 5%:
 - Mobile: closure of retail stores, lower out of bundle usage and roaming
 - Fixed & Other: lower out of contract price rises, copper price reductions.
- EBITDA down 12%:
 - driven by revenue decline, strategic base growth, front line bonus, partly offset by H1 sports right rebates
- Strong foundations for growth are in place:
 - record FTTP growth to 753k customers
 - 5G ready base >3.2m
 - Q4 mobile postpaid & broadband churn both at 1.0%
- Cautiously optimistic into FY21/22:
 - retail stores and pubs & clubs re-opening
 - growing customer base on index-linked contracts
 - continued converged growth with Halo 3+

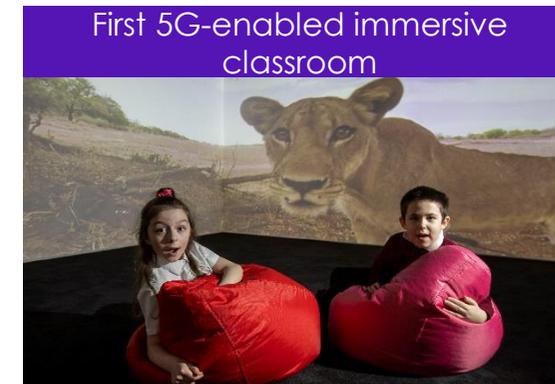
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Capex			£1,082m	14%



Enterprise – impacted by Covid-19; transformation, partnerships and innovation to support growth

- Revenue down 8%:
 - due to continued declines in legacy products, in particular traditional fixed voice volumes and usage
 - ongoing impacts of Covid-19 and divestments
- EBITDA down 12%:
 - due to declines in legacy products and Covid-19, partly offset by lower costs from our transformation programme
- Rolling 12-month order intakes down 27%
- Launched Complete Mobility, which allows our customers to design, configure and deliver a mobile experience for their employees
- Connected more than 179 vaccination centres across England and Wales
- Collaborated with North Lanarkshire Council to set up the UK's first 5G-enabled immersive classroom
- Extended our partnership with Google to bring free digital skills learning content and business mentoring to SMEs

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Capex			£492m	(1)%

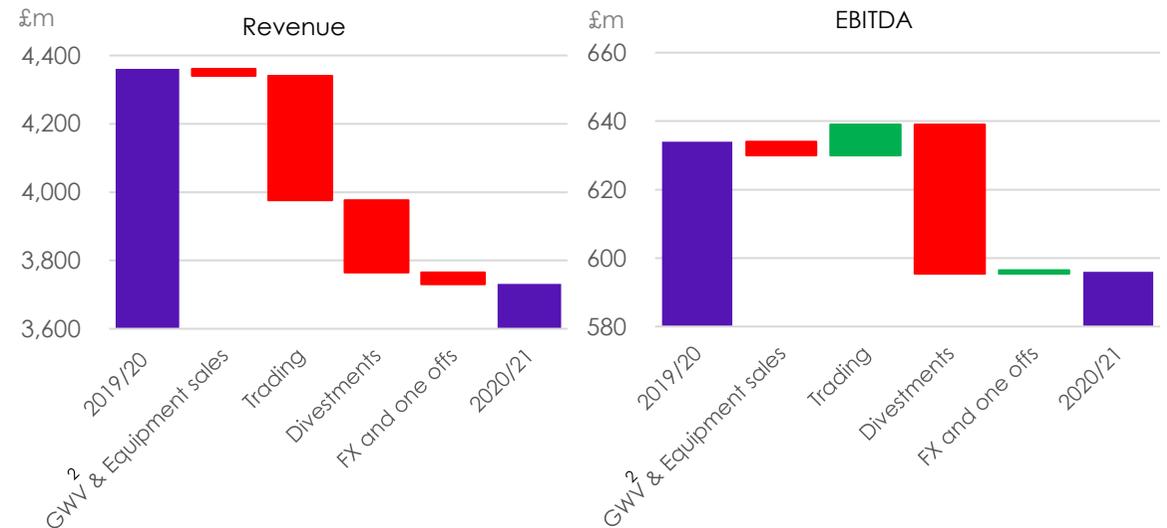


Global – Covid-19 impact mitigated by transformation

- Revenue down 14%:
 - Covid-19, divestments, mature and legacy declines, and FX¹
 - excluding divestments and FX revenue was down 9%
- EBITDA down 6%:
 - revenue decline, divestments, and FX movements
 - excluding divestments, one-offs and FX EBITDA was up 3%
- Rolling 12 month order book down 15% at £3.7bn; impact of Covid-19, divestments and large renewals in prior year
- Challenging market conditions resulting from Covid-19, including reduced spending and more caution from our multinational customers is expected to continue into 2021/22

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Capex			£188m	(16)%

Global full year revenue and EBITDA movements



¹ Foreign Exchange
² Global Wholesale Voice

Openreach – FTTP rollout reached record levels, now 4.6m premises passed

- Revenue up 3%:
 - primarily due to higher rental bases in fibre, up 15%, and Ethernet, up 7% at quarter end
 - partly offset by declines legacy copper products
- EBITDA up 3%:
 - driven by revenue growth
 - partly offset by higher operating costs, with increased service costs and FTTP provisions, pay inflation, and a special frontline bonus
- Capex up 7%:
 - due to investments in the network and connecting our customers
- FTTP rollout has now reached 4.6m:
 - achieved a record 2 million in year build
 - record levels in fourth quarter with average run rate of 43k premises passed per week

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Capex			£2,249m	7%

Service levels maintained despite pandemic

