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Welcome

Jason Fayers







Economic Update

Luke Morris









Exhibit A: Workforce participation forecast to fall

Exhibit B: £140bn more borrowing

Exhibit C: Sluggish growth

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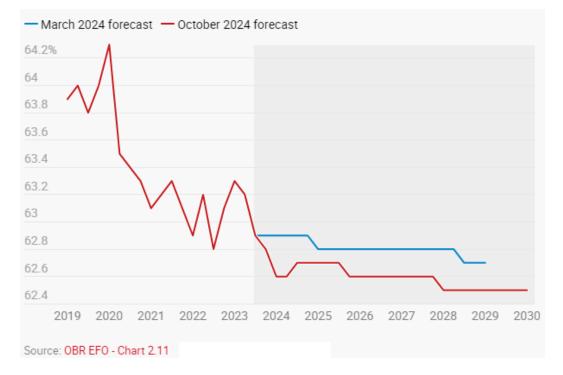


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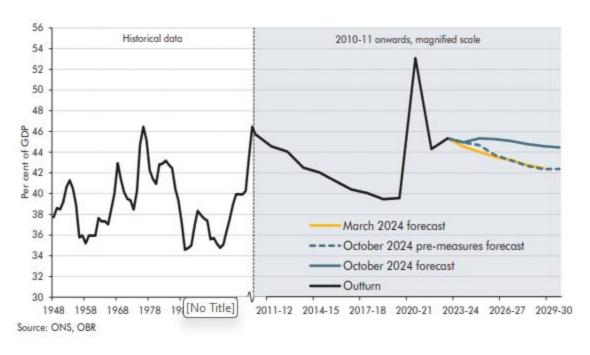
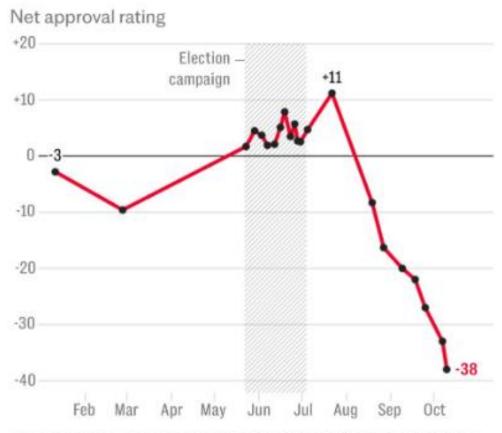


Exhibit C:	YEAR	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	GROWTH	1.1%	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%





Keir Starmer's approval



Proportion who think Starmer is doing a "somewhat good" or "very good" job, minus those who think he is doing a "somewhat bad" or "very bad" job | Source: More in Common (Oct 9-10)





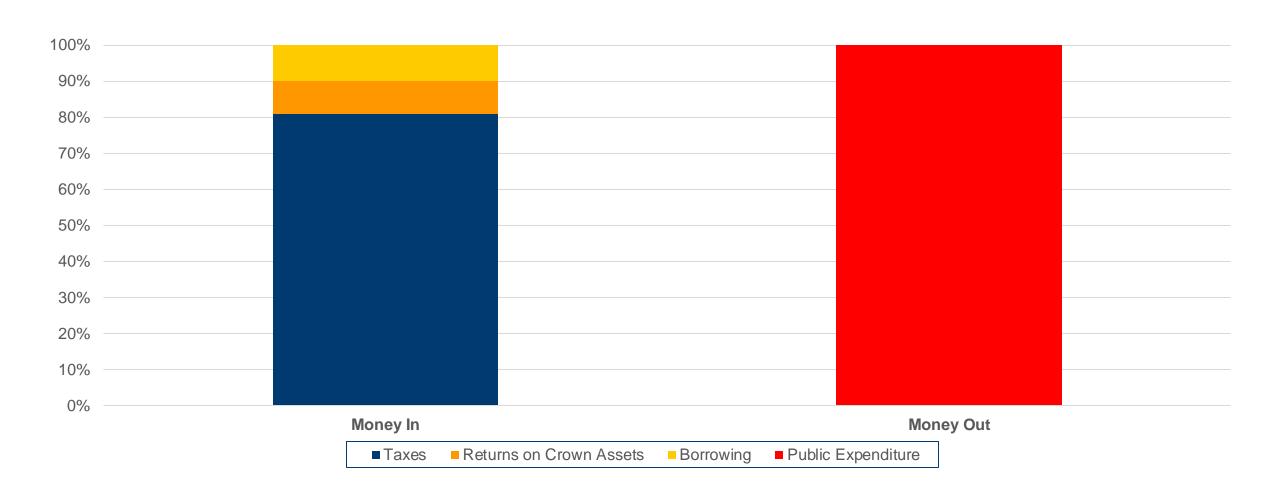
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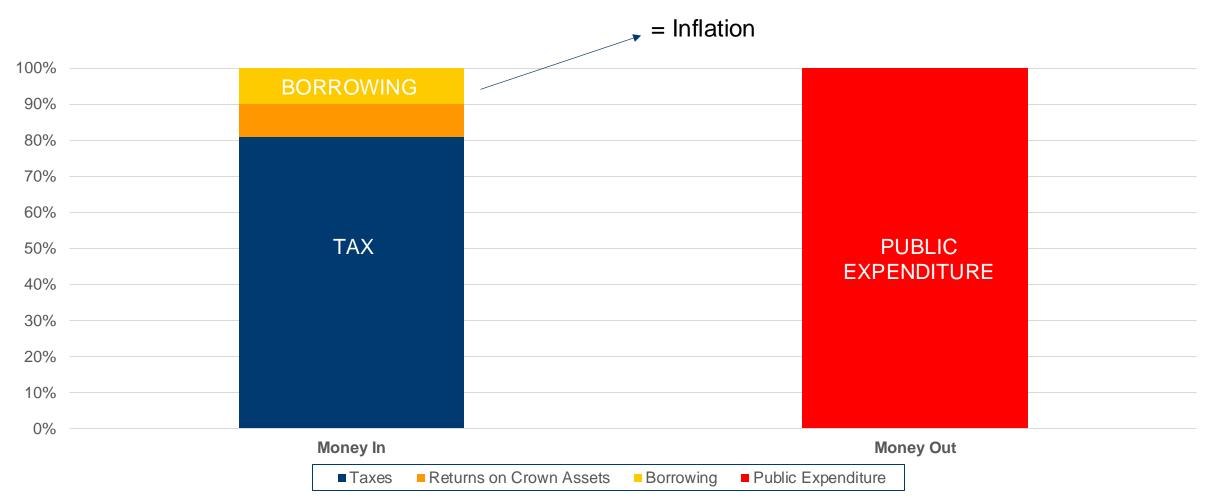
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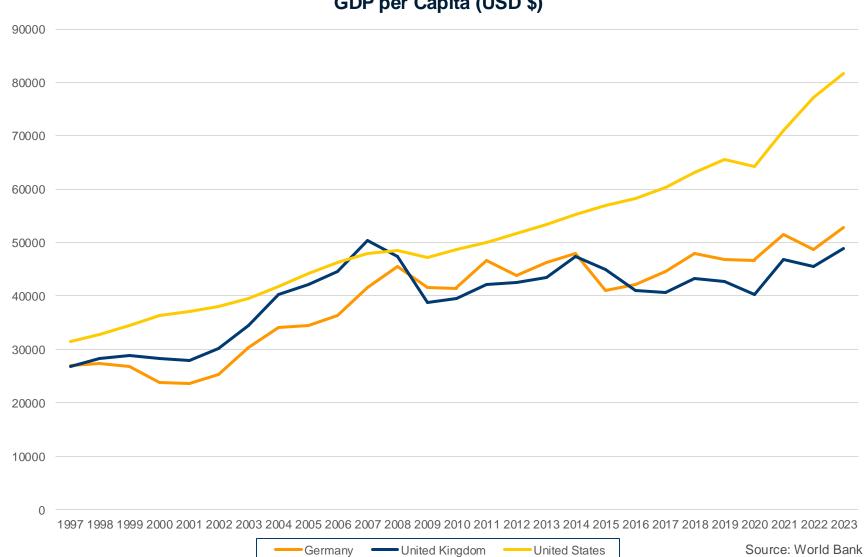








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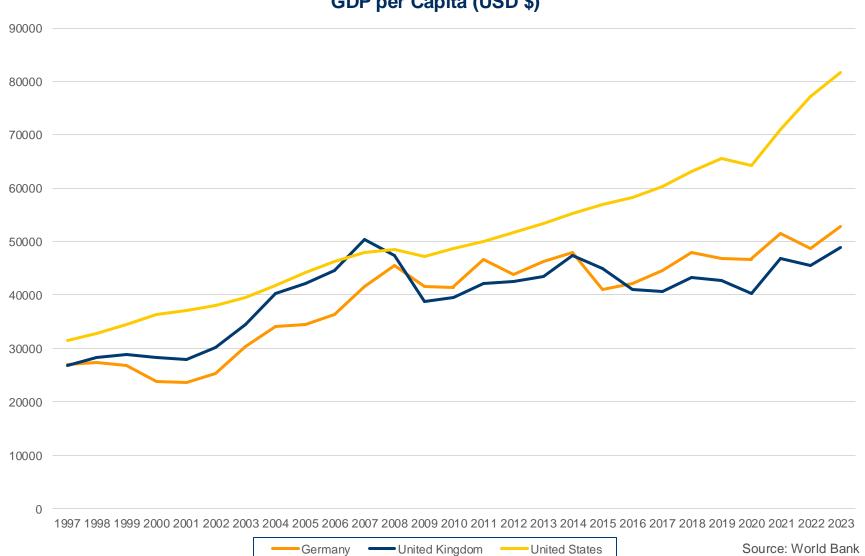
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Tailwinds

Tailwinds to 2008

- 1. Demographics
- 2. Globalisation
- 3. Europe







Tailwinds to 2008	Headwinds since 2008
1. Demographics	1. Demographics
2. Globalisation	2. Globalisation
3. Europe	3. Europe









Public Expenditure

...the one thing to keep your eye on



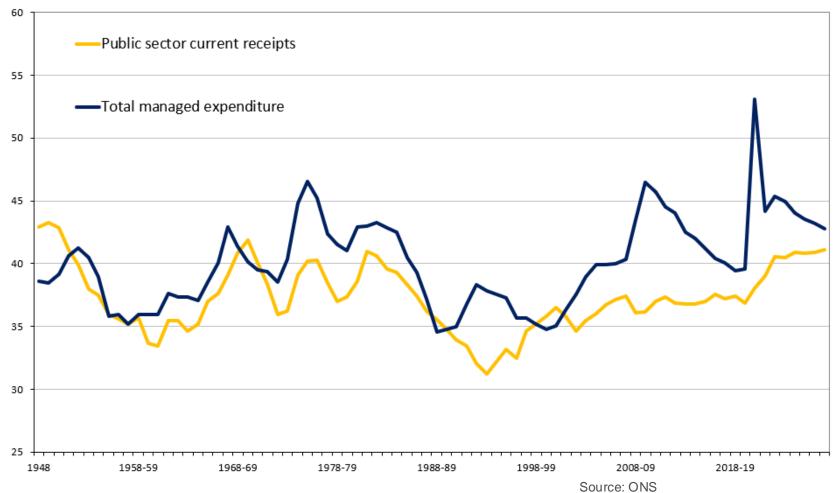






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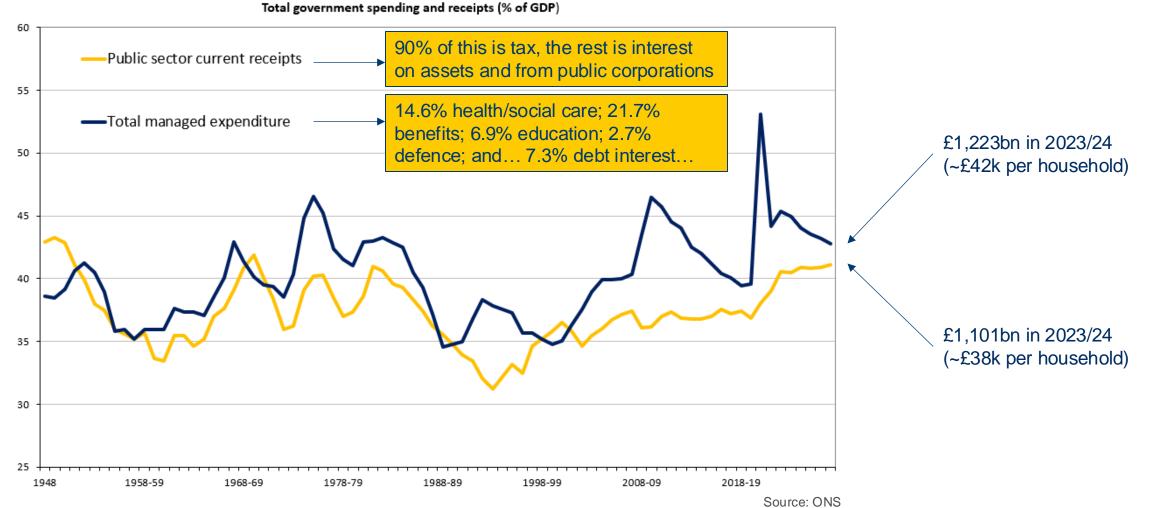






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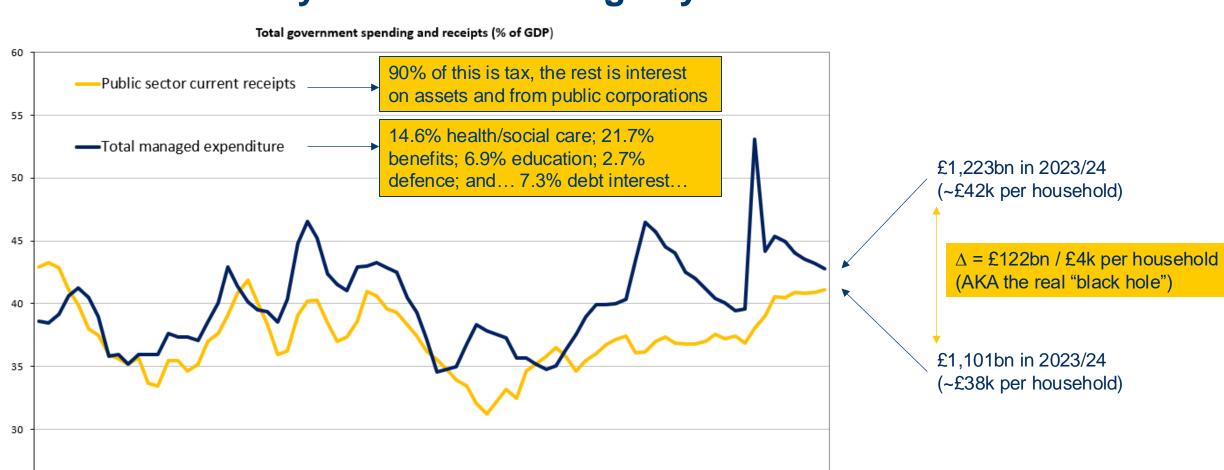
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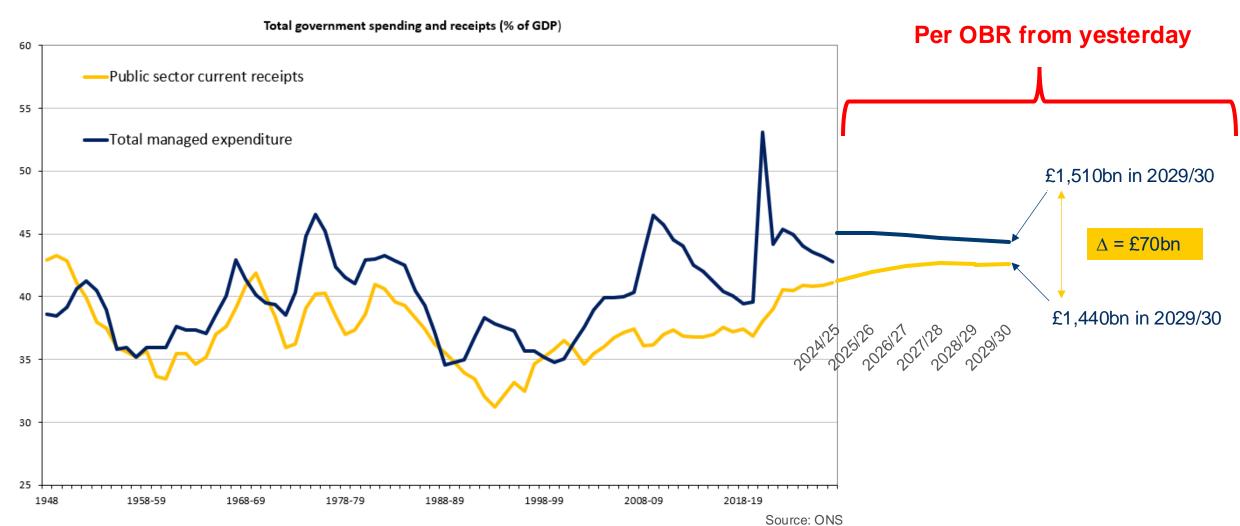
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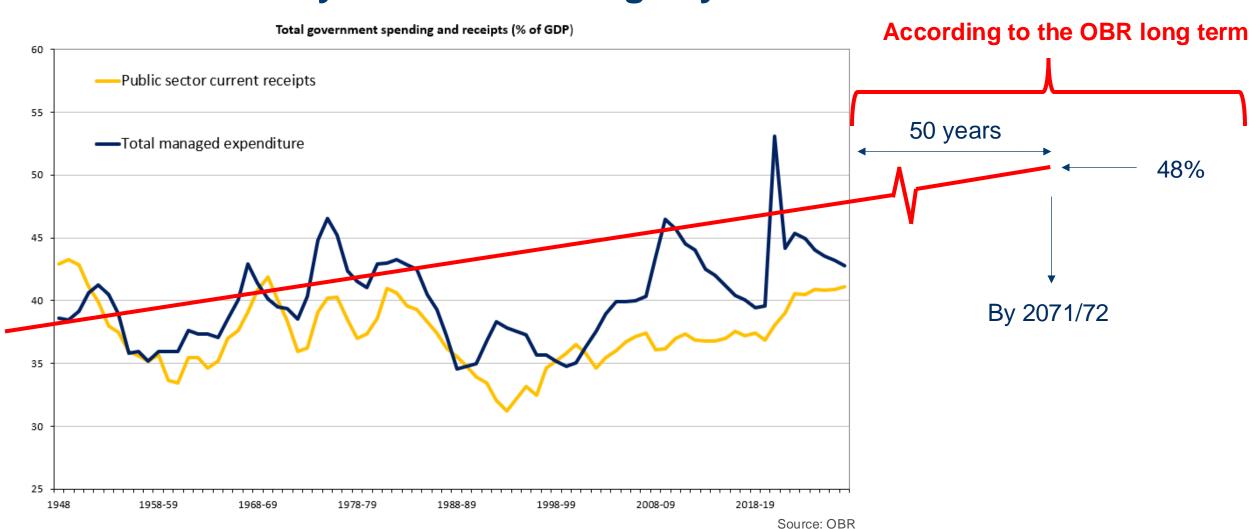
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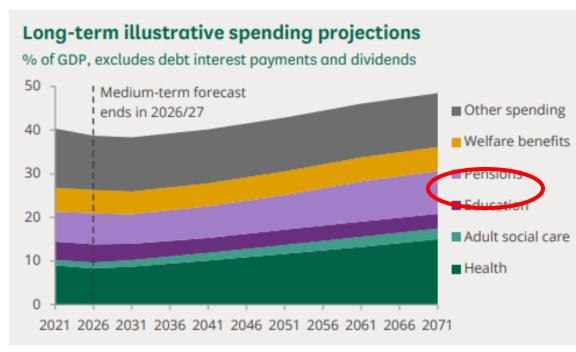
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"A conspiracy of silence"



Source: OBR, Fiscal risks and sustainability - July 2022, Table 4.9, 7 July 2022

- A 2022 (well pre-election) OBR report said:
 - "Over the next 50 years, total spending under current policies is projected to rise, reaching around 48% of GDP by 2071/72"
 - "Health spending would be the largest contributor to this increase"
 - "Pensions would be the second largest contributor"
- The IFS asked whether there was there a "conspiracy of silence" between both parties?



Taxes

...should be regarded from the point of view of social and economic consequences











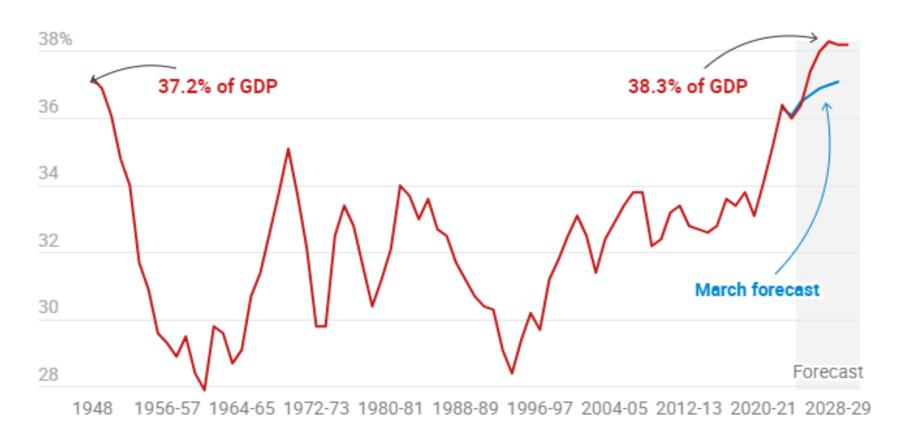
"Given control of a central banking system and an inconvertible currency (a currency not backed by gold) a sovereign national government is finally free of money worries and needs no longer levy taxes for the purpose of providing itself with revenue.

All taxation, therefore, should be regarded from the point of view of social and economic consequences."









Source: OBR EFO Oct 2024 chart 4.1



Borrowing

...debt continues to rise for as long as there is a deficit, and is currently £2,500,000,000

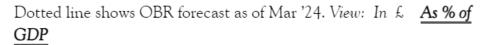


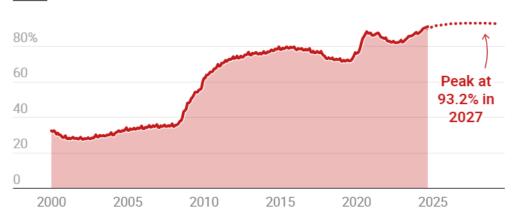






Public Debt: 91.2% of GDP in September Debt Interest: £5.6bn in September

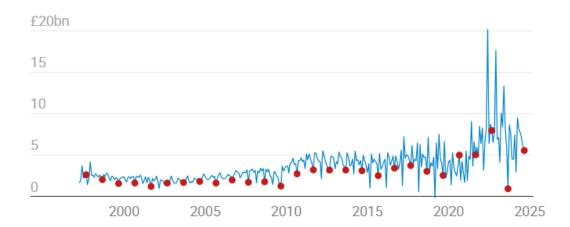




Actual figures published 22 Oct.

View: Excluding PS banks, Excluding PS banks and BoE Source: ONS (CPOA) / OBR EFOs & historical forecast

Monthly central government debt interest payable.



Figures to Sep '24, published 22 Oct. Next update: 21 Nov

Source: ONS (Public Sector Finances series NMFX)





"Debt wish"

- Two global shocks, but also deeper structural reasons
- The "timebomb" of an ageing population
- Important: As debt mounts lenders become more wary
- The "right" level of debt? Hotly disputed, but the Maastrict fiscal rules set 60% of GDP as an "upper limit"
- 2023/24 interest bill > than both the education budget and the defence budget





Inflation

"The only cure for inflation is to reduce the rate at which total spending is growing"

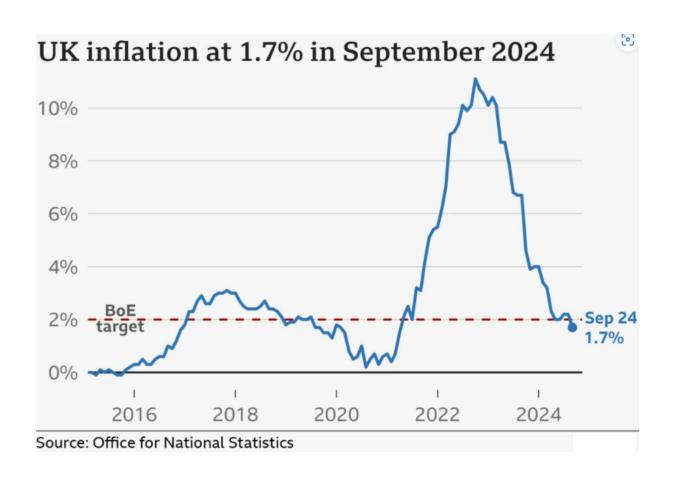








Inflation is caused by too much money chasing after too few goods















Imagine if money was sound?







Imagine if money was "sound"???







I'm over time... Personal view on what next (not advice!!)?

Issue?

 More government, more spending, more technocracy, more bureaucracy, more quangos, more regulation, more taxation, further declines in the purchasing power of money, further erosion of individual liberty, more state solutions to things that would sort themselves if government stayed out of it?

Solution?

Keep as much wealth as you can outside the system? Do not hold sterling?
 Embrace the state?



Private Client Tax

Paul Harris









Personal Tax Rates and Bands

	2025/26	2024/25
Personal Allowances	£12,570	£12,570
Income limit for Personal Allowance	£100,000	£100,000
Personal Savings Allowances		
Basic Rate Taxpayer	£1,000	£1,000
Higher Rate Taxpayer	£500	£500
Additional Rate Taxpayer	N/A	N/A
Dividend Allowance	£500	£500

Band	Income	Non Savings Tax Rate	Dividend Tax Rate (after £500 allowance)
Personal Allowance	Up to £12,570	0%	0%
Basic rate	£12,571 to £50,270	20%	8.75%
Higher rate	£50,271 to £125,140	40%	33.75%
Additional rate	£125,141+	45%	39.35%





Pension Tax Relief

- Annual Allowance still £60,000
- Income tax relief still at marginal rate
- Tapered Annual Allowance adjusted income threshold still £260,000
- Minimum Tapered Annual Allowance still £10,000
- Lifetime Allowance Charge not reintroduced
- 25% tax free lump sum retained (max. £268,275)
- But IHT...
- QROPs







Other Income Tax Points

- ISAs £20,000 annual limit until April 2030
- High Income Child Benefit Charge (HIBC)
- Making Tax Digital (MTD)







What is a Non-Dom?

- Residence Your current home
- Domicile Your permanent home
- Individuals who live or work in the UK but don't class the UK as their permanent home are 'Non-Dom'
- Can be for up to 15 years







Main changes to take effect from 6 April 2025

Axing of Remittance Basis of taxation

 4-year period tax-free on Foreign Income & Gains (FIG) for anyone arriving in UK after 10 years of continuous Non-UK residency



 Temporary Repatriation Facility (TRF) extended from 2 to 3 years, only for previous Remittance Basis users. Does not apply to income/gains before 6 April 2025





Other changes

- End of Trust protections for Non-Doms
- New residence-based system for Inheritance Tax (IHT), 10 out of 20 years.
- Capital rebasing of assets up to their value at 5 April 2017
- Extension of Overseas Workday Relief (OWR) to 4 years to align with FIG, but limits on the amount of relief. No need to keep the income offshore





Potential treasures from the measures?

According to OBR

- 2025-26 = Negligible
- 2026-27 = +£4.17b
- 2027-28 = +£5.89b
- 2028-29 = +£2.45b
- 2029-30 = Negligible







Summary

- Pledges to 'working people' honoured?
- Pensions lifetime tax reliefs remain attractive, but beware the IHT sting in the tail
- Making Tax Digital is now just around the corner
- Out with Non-Doms but there are benefits for new residents



Capital Gains Tax Update

Chris George









Increase in CGT rates

Type of Disposal	Previous Rates	New Rates
Main rate: Basic rate taxpayers	10%	18%
Main rate: Higher & Additional rate taxpayers	20%	24%
Residential rate: Basic rate taxpayers	18%	18%
Residential rate: Higher & Additional rate taxpayers	24%	24%





Timings

- Rates increase for disposals on or after 30 October 2024
- No change in Annual Exemption £3,000 (£1,500 for trusts)
- No change in the use of losses
- CGT for residential properties still due within 60 days













Business Asset Disposal Relief

- Disposal of a trading business or shares in a trading company
- Owned for at least 2 years leading up to the disposal
- For shares, the individual must have owned at least 5% and been an employee or office holder for the 2 year period leading up to disposal

Investor Relief

Subscriber shares issued after March 2016 and held for a minimum of three years





Increase in BAR & IR Rates

Phased increase in CGT rates	Previous Rates	From 6 April 2025	From 6 April 2026
BADR and Investor Relief Gains	10%	14%	18%
In excess of limits Basic rate Higher & Additional rate	10% 20%	18% 24%	18% 24%





Example

- SME trading business with shares owned jointly by two individuals
- Total capital gain on sale of £5m (£2.5m each)
- Both are Higher rate taxpayers
- All relevant conditions met to qualify for Business Asset Disposal Relief
 - Trading business
 - Ownership of business for two years
 - Directors of the company







Sale proceeds	Tax rate	Individual	Total
£1,000,000	10%	£100,000	£200,000
£1,500,000	20%	£300,000	£600,000
Total		£400,000	£800,000





Example: Sale prior to 6 April 2025

Sale proceeds	Tax rate	Individual	Total
£1,000,000	10%	£100,000	£200,000
£1,500,000	24%	£360,000	£720,000
Total		£460,000	£920,000





Example: Sale between 6 April 2025 and 5 April 2026

Sale proceeds	Tax rate	Individual	Total
£1,000,000	14%	£140,000	£280,000
£1,500,000	24%	£360,000	£720,000
Total		£500,000	£1,000,000





Example: Sale after 5 April 2026

Sale proceeds	Tax rate	Individual	Total
£1,000,000	18%	£180,000	£360,000
£1,500,000	24%	£360,000	£720,000
Total		£540,000	£1,080,000







Timing of sale	Effective rate	Total CGT
Sale pre budget	16%	£800,000
Post budget but pre 6 April 2025	18%	£920,000
After 6 April 2025 but pre 6 April 2026	20%	£1,000,000
6 April 2026 onwards	22%	£1,080,000





Additional Points

- No changes to any other reliefs Holdover, Rollover, etc
- Anti-forestalling measures for disposals exchanging prior to rate changes but completing after
- Anti-avoidance rules for individuals looking to disapply share for share exchange transactions



Inheritance Tax

Samantha Stent









Inheritance Tax - Current Regime

- £325,000 Nil Rate Band
- £175,000 Residence Nil Rate Band
- Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief
 - Generally relief given at 100% and unlimited





Inheritance Tax - From 6 April 2026

- APR and BPR Relief at 100% on first £1m only
- APR and BPR on qualifying assets > £1m now only given at 50%
- Unused reliefs on first death not transferable





Inheritance Tax – Family Example

- £1m home and £2m family business (farm, trading company, partnership)
- Current Inheritance Tax position
 - No first death planning IHT £140k
 - First death planning IHT £Nil
- Revised position from 6 April 2026
 - No first death planning IHT £340k
 - First death planning IHT £Nil





Inheritance Tax – Application of revised rules to Trusts

- 10 Year anniversary charge still applies at 6%
- £1m APR/BPR allowance will also apply to Trusts
- Effect of changes is therefore an additional tax charge of 3% on assets > £1m





Inheritance Tax - APR and BPR - Planning points

- Lifetime gifts
- First death planning
- Insurance
- Election to spread the Inheritance Tax over 10 years





Inheritance Tax - Pensions

- From 6 April 2027, pension funds will be included in IHT estate
- PSAs will be liable for reporting and paying the IHT





Inheritance Tax - Pensions Case Study

- Pension fund of £700,000, home and remainder of estate worth £800,000
- Current rules IHT £190,000
- From 6 April 2027 IHT £470,000
 - PSA would pay £219,333 from the pension fund
 - PR would pay £250,667 from the rest of the estate



Stamp Duty Land Tax









Stamp Duty Land Tax - Additional Dwellings

Purchase Price	Completion Date – 30/10/2024	Completion Date - Post 31/10/2024	Completion Date – Post 01/04/2025
£250,000	£7,500	£12,500	£15,000
£500,000	£27,500	£37,500	£40,000
£1,000,000	£71,250	£91,250	£93,750







SDLT Planning - Example

- Lana owns a small flat worth £180,000
- Lana and her boyfriend Scott would like to buy a property worth £500,000 to live in
- SDLT on second home = £37,500
- Can save £16,000 in SDLT by transferring the flat to a company





Business Tax Update

Jason Fayers









Employer NIC

Employer NIC Increase from 13.8% to 15%



Employer NIC Threshold to reduce from £9,100 to £5,000



Employment allowance to increase from £5,000 to £10,500



These changes will take effect from 6 April 2025





Employer NIC - Example

	Year Ended 31 March 2025		
	1 Employee	10 Employees	100 Employees
Salary	£40,000	£400,000	£4,000,000
Employer NIC Threshold	(£9,100)	(£91,000)	(£910,000)
Subject to Employer NIC	£30,900	£309,000	£3,090,000
Employer NIC	£4,264	£42,642	£426,420
Less Employment Allowance	(£-)	(£5,000)	(£-)
Total Employer NIC Payable	£4,264	£37,642	£426,420

	Year Ended 31 March 2026		
	1 Employee	10 Employees	100 Employees
Salary	£40,000	£400,000	£4,000,000
Employer NIC Threshold	(£5,000)	(£50,000)	(£500,000)
Subject to Employer NIC	£35,000	£350,000	£3,050,000
Employer NIC	£5,250	£52,500	£525,000
Less Employment Allowance	(£-)	(£10,500)	(£10,500)
Total Employer NIC Payable	£5,250	£42,000	£514,500
Increase in NIC	£986	£4,358	£88,080





Employee Ownership and Employee Benefit Trusts

- New conditions to obtain 0% CGT:
 - Former owners cannot retain control post-sale
 - Requires the trustees of the EOT to be UK resident
 - Consideration paid must not exceed market value
- Ensures relief is focused on the intended purpose of encouraging and supporting employee ownership



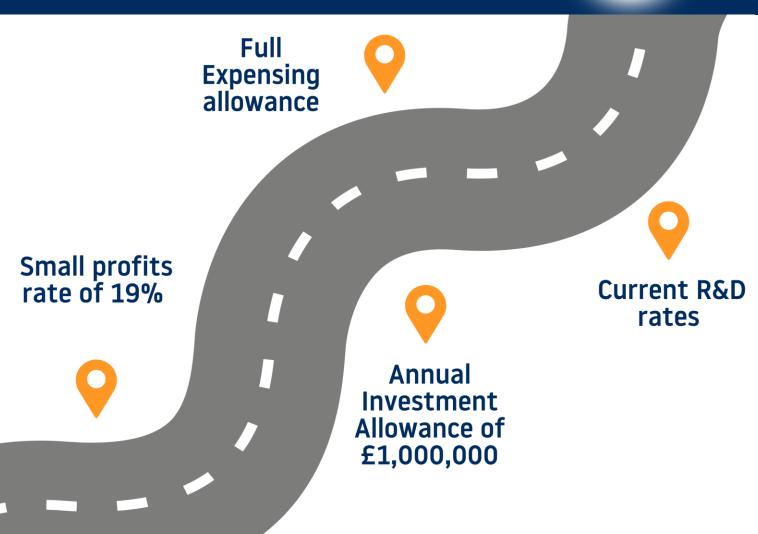




Corporate Tax Roadmap

Further commitments for advanced assurances and simplifying/improving tax administration to follow...

Main rate of Corporation Tax at 25%







Vehicles & Benefits

- 100% FYA for electric vehicles extended to April 2026
- Ongoing increases for company cars through to 2029/30
- Van benefit:

Tax Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Van benefit charge	£3,960	£3,960	£4,020
Van fuel benefit charge	£757	£757	£769
Car fuel benefit charge multiplier	£27,800	£27,800	£28,200

 From April 2026, payrolling benefits-in-kind through approved software will become mandatory





Double Cab Pick-ups

- Yet another 'U Turn'
- Will be cars for capital allowances and benefit-in-kind purposes
- From April 2025
- Transitional arrangements will apply

	Capital Allowances Available	
Pre change	100% AIA	
Post change	18%/6% WDAs	







Furnished Holiday Lettings

From April 2025:

- No Capital Allowances
- Losses c/fwd as normal property business losses
- Reliefs no longer available
- Former FHL properties now part of the UK and overseas business







VAT

From 1 January 2025:

- Private school fees subject to 20% VAT
- Includes prepaid fees
 (paid on or after 29 July 2024)







Tax Compliance and Administration

- Late payment interest rate up by additional 1.5%
- Anti-avoidance rules on loans to participators
- Crypto-Assets Reporting Framework (CARF)
- Modernise and simplify transfer pricing, permanent establishment and diverted profits tax
- Exploring thresholds at which transfer pricing applies
- Measures to tackle promotors of marketed tax avoidance
- Investing in additional HMRC compliance and debt management staff
- Latest tax gap figures show a gap of 4.8% = £39.8 billion

CLOSING REMARKS















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