



H1 2021 Results

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Chief Executive Officer

H1'21 results highlights

Good H1'21 performance, increasing shareholder distributions

Supporting our customers through the recovery with £4.1bn net lending growth¹

Delivering against our targets to drive sustainable returns for shareholders

Increasing our minimum dividend to £1bn and announcing £750m on-market buyback bringing FY'21 distributions to minimum of c.£2.9bn²

1. Net lending to customers across the UK and RBSI retail and commercial businesses, excluding UK Government lending schemes
2. Shareholder distributions include minimum dividends of £1,000m, on-market buyback of up to £750m and Directed Buy Back of £1,125m
3. Other expenses, excluding OLD and Ulster Bank Rol direct costs

H1'21 performance

£2,505m

Operating profit before tax in H1'21, up from £0.8bn loss in H1'20

£707m

Impairment release in H1'21 (38bps) of customer loans vs. £2,858m charge in H1'20 159bps of customer loans

£1,842m

Attributable profit in H1'21, compared to £0.7bn loss in H1'20

Delivering against our targets

2.8%

Net Lending Growth¹ on an annualised basis, up £4.1bn on FY'20

5.9%

Cost reduction³ of £185m in H1'21 vs. H1'20

18.2%

CET1 Capital Ratio in line with Q1
Includes 73bps of IFRS 9 transitional relief

Shareholder distributions

£1bn

Minimum annual dividend up from £800m; £500m accrual included in 18.2% CET1 ratio

£750m

On-market buy-back included in 18.2% CET1 ratio

£1.1bn

Directed buy-back in Mar'21 4.99% window reopens in March 2022

Strategic priorities will drive sustainable returns

Delivering against our strategic priorities to drive sustainable returns for shareholders

Sustainable growth with an intelligent approach to risk

Simplification and cost efficiency

Powering our strategy through innovation, partnership and digital transformation

Portfolio discipline and effective deployment of capital

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Delivering on our Areas of Focus¹

Exceeded the 2020-2021 £20bn target for Climate & Sustainable Funding and Financing

ESG Ratings²

- Sustainalytics rating: upgraded to 17.0 (low risk) from 20.5 (medium risk) in July 2021
- MSCI rating: AA
- CDP rating: A-

1. H1'21 Climate, Purpose and ESG supplement
2. ESG ratings on this page are: (i) unsolicited; (ii) subject to the assessment and interpretation by the ESG rating agencies; (iii) provided without warranty (iv) not a sponsorship, endorsement, or promotion of NatWest Group by the relevant rating agency. Ratings as of 29/07/2021, the CDP score is from the 2020 submission.
3. £2.1bn is Gross New Lending, excluding Government lending schemes, in H1 to those SME customers in scope of the fund, predominantly SMEs outside of London
4. Including the underwriting of two loans that meet the [CSFI](#) criteria (£153m)
5. Aligned to the World Green Building Council definition premised on EPC A and B energy efficiency ratings

H1'21 progress

ENTERPRISE

The biggest supporter of enterprise in the UK & Ireland

35.1k individuals or business supported through enterprise programmes, with >87k interventions

725 entrepreneurs in the current accelerator cohort, 42% female

Coutts has collaborated with the Business Growth Fund to provide additional funding, growth capital and support to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)

Delivered £2.1bn, 35% of overall £6bn 2021 funding commitment to support SMEs to scale and grow³

LEARNING

Enhancing financial capability and the skills of our colleagues

1.5m Financial capability interactions, of which 515k financial health checks

273k people helped to start saving

Launched Career Sense, a new programme to support 13-24 year-olds, aiming to reach over 10,000 young people this year

CLIMATE

A leading bank in the UK & Ireland helping to address the climate challenge

£21.5bn Climate and Sustainable Funding and Financing, including £3.4bn green Wholesale lending, £10.6bn, green bond public issuances and green private placements⁴ and £4.3bn Sustainability Linked Loans

Playing an active role in tackling climate change collaborating with Microsoft, Octopus Energy and CoGo

Retail Banking completed Green⁵ Mortgages with a value of £431 million during H1 2021

NWG founding member of the Net Zero Banking Alliance; Coutts joined the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative and obtained B Corp certification

Supporting customers at every stage of their lives

Supporting our customers through the recovery

Debit and credit card spending improved through Q2, credit card balances up £0.1bn (3%) in the quarter

Strong and improving new mortgage lending

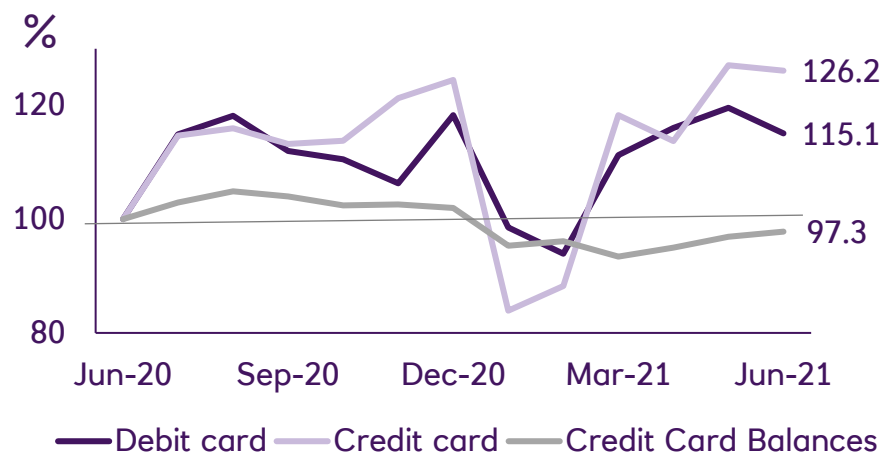
Corporate deleveraging continues with net government scheme repayments in Q2

Credit quality remains strong and we see growth opportunity as the economy recovers

1. Data relates to Retail Banking
2. RCF – Revolving Credit Facility
3. Bounce Back Loans
4. PAYG option is available to customers 60 days before first payment

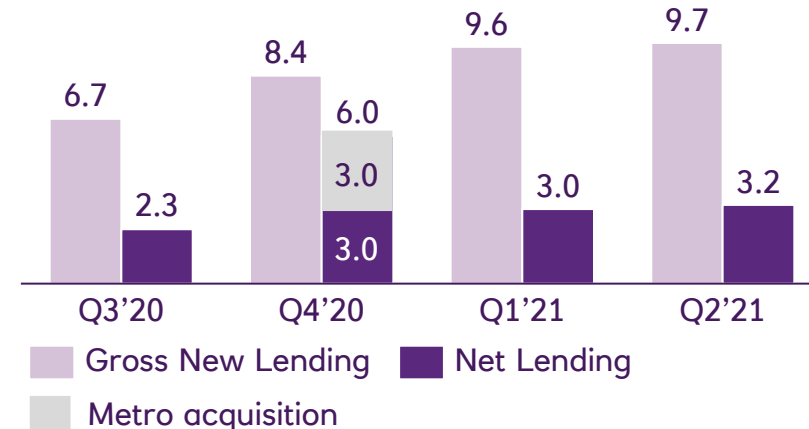
Card spending and Credit Card balances⁽¹⁾

Monthly spend and balances outstanding (£bn rebased 100 = June'20)



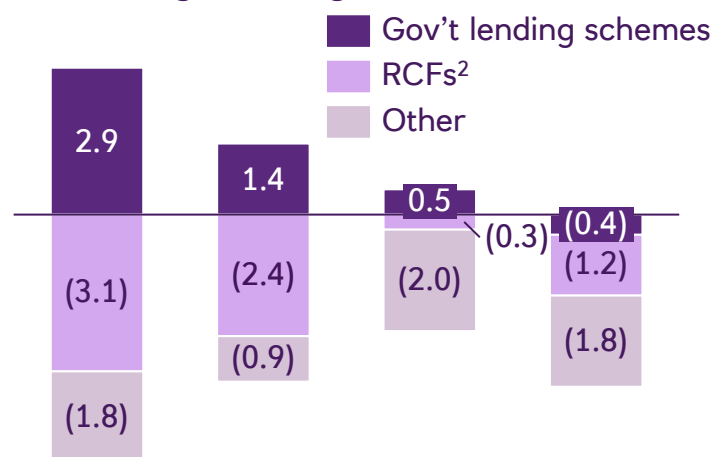
Mortgage lending⁽¹⁾

Retail Banking gross new mortgage lending & net mortgage balance growth (£bn)



- Retention rate of ~79% in Q2'21

Commercial Banking lending (change in period, £bn)



Total change in Gross Commercial Loans

Quarter	Total change in Gross Commercial Loans (£bn)
Q3'20	(2.0)
Q4'20	(1.9)
Q1'21	(1.8)
Q2'21	(3.4)

- £0.4bn of net government scheme repayments in Q2, predominantly BBLS³
- ~5% of BBLS customers have repaid in full
- ~5% have requested a further payment holiday through PAYG⁴
- Of the BBLS customers due to start repayment ~92% are repaying on or ahead of schedule



We are delivering on our growth priorities harnessing innovation and partnerships

Mortgage market grew significantly, and we continue to increase our share of it

Delivered strong AuMA growth of 8% in H1

Digital platforms delivered £1.2bn AuMA growth since inception

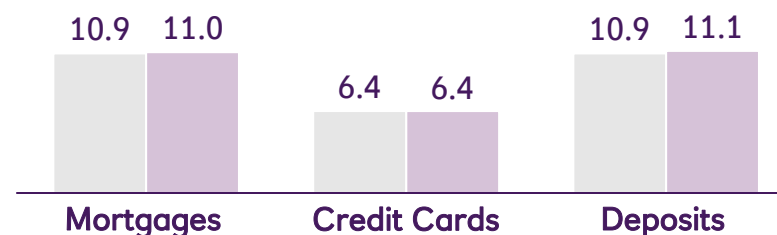
1. H1'21 stock share % is based on June 2021 Bank of England Data
2. AUMs comprise assets where the investment management is undertaken by Private Banking irrespective of the franchise the customer belongs to. AUAs comprise third party assets held on an execution-only basis in custody. Total AUMA is sum of AUM and AUA

Retail Banking

Stock share¹, %

■ FY'20 ■ H1'21

Current account share stable at ~16%

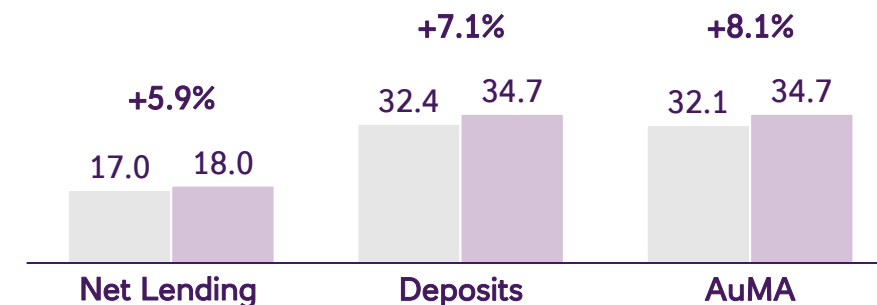


- Above market growth across mortgages and deposits in H1'21
- Our stock share of mortgages is now 11.0%¹ compared to 10.9% at FY'20 and 10.6% at H1'20

Private Banking

Balances, £bn

■ FY'20 ■ H1'21



- AuMA² growth is accelerating, mainly driven by AUM Net New Money³ inflows of £1.4bn in H1'21 vs. £0.8bn in H2'20

Shared investment offering

- Investment Centre of Expertise: Our digital investment platform across NatWest Invest, Royal Bank Invest and Coutts Invest saw £0.5bn of inflows in H1, more than double H1'20 levels
- In June launched our first online Stocks & Shares Junior ISA, available through NatWest and Royal Bank Invest

Sustainable growth with an intelligent approach to risk

We are delivering on our growth priorities harnessing innovation and partnerships

Commercial Banking impacted by muted credit demand

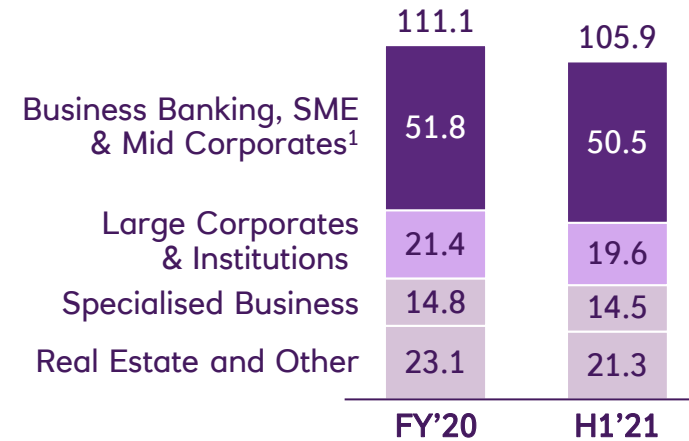
NWM business model reshaping largely complete this year with ongoing cost reduction through to FY'23

Established Climate and ESG Capital Markets team as a centre of expertise

1. Includes EU divestment
2. H1'21 RWA shown proforma for model change approval received in July 2021, benefit of £2.5bn. See page 11 in the NWG Q2'21 IMS
3. Green, Social and Sustainable (GSS) bond market share and ranking based on Dealogic

Commercial Banking

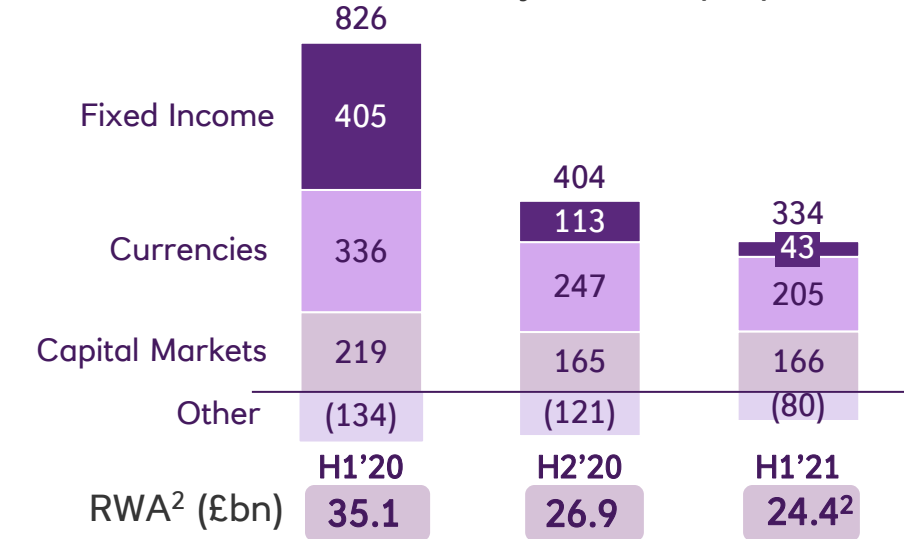
Total Gross Commercial Loans (£bn)



- Committed to supporting SME economic recovery
- Tyl continues to gain traction and has processed transactions worth over £1bn since inception
- Payit has now processed 500k transactions since August 2020

NatWest Markets (NWM)

Income excl. asset disposals/strategic risk reduction and own credit adjustments (£m)



- Fixed income was impacted by a weaker performance and the reshaping of the business. Capital Markets and Currencies performed broadly in line with expectations
- Continue to grow GSS bond underwriting. Our Global share increased from 2.3% in FY'20 to 3.8% in H1'21³ and ranked #4 in Europe, #9 Globally in H1'21

Shared ESG capability

In H1'21 we exceeded our 2020-2021 Climate and Sustainable Funding and Financing target of £20bn. £9.5bn completed during H1'21 - £6.3bn in NatWest Markets, £2.5 bn in Commercial Banking and £0.6bn in RBS International – up from £12bn at FY'20



NatWest Group is a relationship bank for a digital world

Accelerating digital transformation to deliver income growth improved customer experience and productivity

60%¹ of retail customer base exclusively use digital channels to interact with us

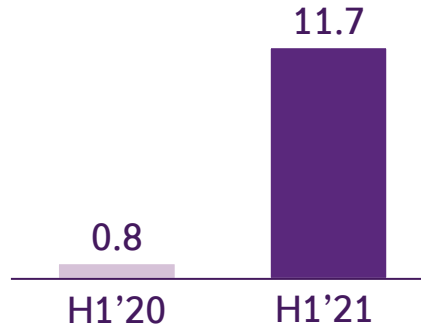
1. Retail Banking based on the average for the last month of the period
2. Across Retail Banking based on the average number of appointments per week in the period
3. Across Retail Banking and Business Banking at the end of period
4. Across Retail and Commercial Banking, total interactions
5. Retail Banking only

We are a relationship bank for a digital world with high levels of digital engagement

Video Banking

Typical weekly appointments²

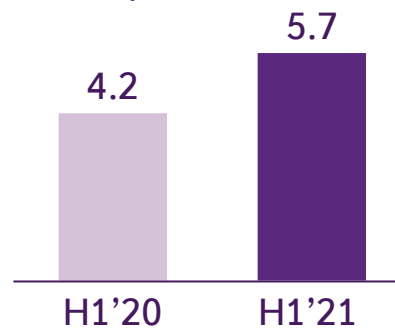
('000 appointments)



Artificial Intelligence

Cora conversations⁴

(m conversations)

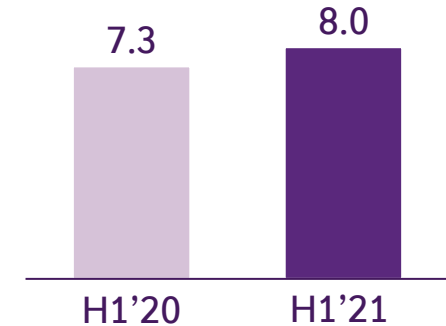


44% required no human intervention in H1'21, up from 31% in H1'20⁵

Mobile

Active mobile users³

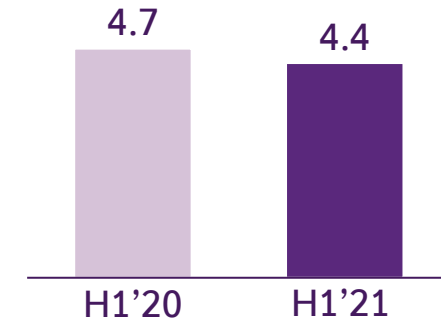
(m customers)



Online

Active online users³

(m customers)



Cash usage is reducing - branch transactions down 31% vs H1'20, mobile payments are up 23% vs H1'20



Actively managing capital

We remain strongly capitalised with 18.2% CET1 ratio

Good progress in executing Ulster Bank Rol withdrawal and NatWest Markets refocusing

Pro-active management of Retail and Commercial Banking to optimise capital, manage credit risk and drive sustainable returns

Legacy capital stack managed to optimise regulatory efficiency

Ulster Bank Rol

- Natwest has agreed a binding sale agreement with Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. for the sale of c.€4.2bn of performing commercial loans and associated undrawn exposures of c.€2.8bn¹
- We have also agreed a non-binding MoU with Permanent TSB for the sale of €7.6bn of performing retail and SME loans

NatWest Markets

- NatWest Markets RWAs at £24.4bn, down £2.1bn on Q1'21²

Portfolio Sales and Synthetic Trades

- Commercial Banking active capital management contributed to £0.8bn reduction in RWAs in H1

Managing non-equity capital

- In H1 2021 repurchased or called c.£2.4bn of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital securities to optimise the capital stack and reduce interest expense

1. Completion of each proposed sale is subject to obtaining regulatory and other approvals and in the case of Permanent signing definitive sale agreements. Completion may not occur when contemplated or at all H1'21 RWA shown proforma for model change approval received in July 2021, benefit of £2.5bn. See page 11 in the NWG Q2'21 IMS

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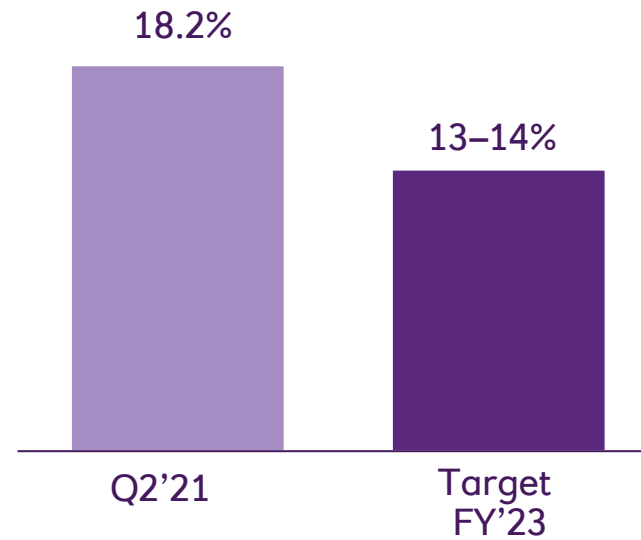


Returning surplus capital to shareholders

NatWest Group is a capital generative business that aims to operate at a CET1 ratio of between 13-14% by 2023

Shareholder distributions are a key driver of our path to 13-14%. We are increasing our minimum dividend to £1bn and announcing £750m on-market buyback bringing FY'21 distributions to minimum of c.£2.9bn¹

CET1 ratio



Key drivers of CET1 ratio

Capital generation:

- Earnings
- NWM reshaping and Ulster Bank withdrawal

Capital Usage:

- Distributions²
- Loan growth & Procyclicality
- Regulation

NatWest Group capital distributions

- NatWest Group now aims to distribute a minimum of £1 billion per annum from 2021 to 2023, via a combination of ordinary and special dividends, and intends to commence an ordinary share buy-back programme of up to £750 million in the second half of the year

1. Shareholder distributions include minimum dividends of £1,000m, on-market buyback of up to £750m and Directed Buy Back of £1,125m

2. Includes dividends, buybacks and dividend linked pension contributions



Katie Murray
Chief Financial Officer

Strong Q2 performance

Income excluding notable items was down 1.2% vs Q1'21 as strength in mortgages was offset by lower trading income

Other expenses down 4% over Q2'21 due to ongoing delivery of cost transformation

Further impairment release of £605m, 66bps loans, reflects improved economic outlook and low level of defaults

£m	Q2'21	Q1'21	vs Q1'21	H1'21	H1'20	vs H1'20
Net interest income	1,985	1,931	2.8%	3,916	3,852	1.7%
Non-interest income	675	728	(7.3%)	1,403	1,986	(29%)
Total income	2,660	2,659	0.0%	5,319	5,838	(8.9%)
Other expenses	(1,568)	(1,639)	(4.3%)	(3,207)	(3,375)	(5.0%)
Strategic costs	(172)	(160)	7.5%	(332)	(464)	(28.5%)
Litigation and conduct costs	34	(16)	n.m	18	89	(79.8%)
Operating expenses	(1,706)	(1,815)	(6.0%)	(3,521)	(3,750)	(6.1%)
Operating profit before impairments	954	844	13.0%	1,798	2,088	(13.9%)
Impairment releases/ losses	605	102	493.1%	707	(2,858)	n.m
Operating profit / (loss)	1,559	946	64.8%	2,505	(770)	n.m
Tax charge/ credit	(202)	(233)	(13.3%)	(435)	208	n.m
Attributable profit/ (loss)	1,222	620	97.1%	1,842	(705)	n.m
RoTE	15.6%	7.9%	+7.7ppt	11.7%	(4.4%)	+16ppt

Focused on generating shareholder value

Net interest income supported by mortgage growth

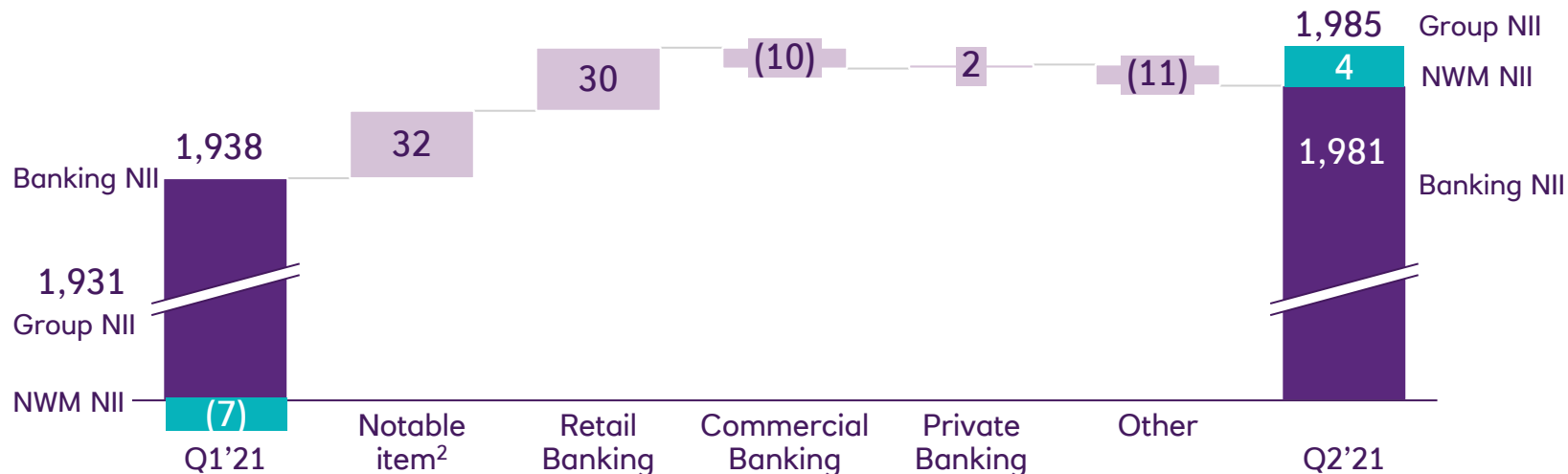
Banking net interest income ex-notable items was up 1% in the quarter, as mortgage growth was partially offset by commercial deleveraging

Increased liquidity depresses Bank NIM, however excluding this trends are broadly stable

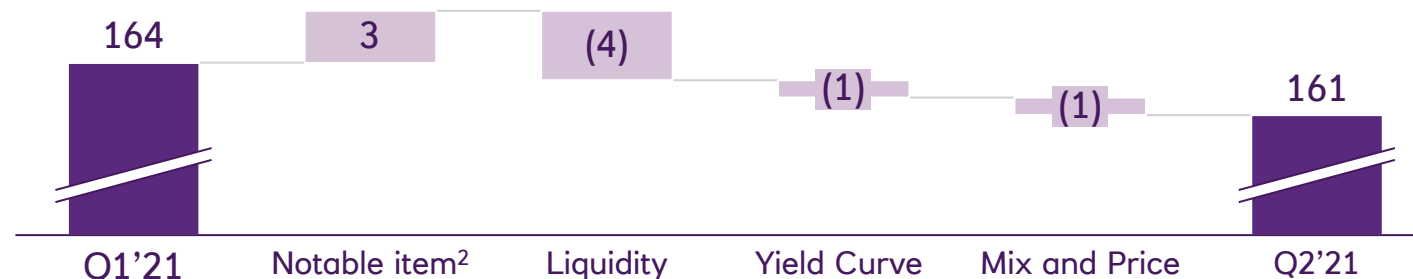
Structural hedge impact moderates to -1bp in Q2

1. May not cost due to rounding
2. One-off in Commercial Banking related to tax variable lease repricing following the enactment of future corporation tax rate changes (+£32m or +3bps)
3. Bank net interest margin and Bank average interest earning assets exclude NWM from NatWest Group plc figures.

Net Interest Income¹ £m



Bank Net Interest Margin³ bps



480

Average Interest Earning Assets¹, £bn

494

239

Bank NIM excluding Liquid Asset Buffer

240

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NIM drivers: moderate pressure on asset yields

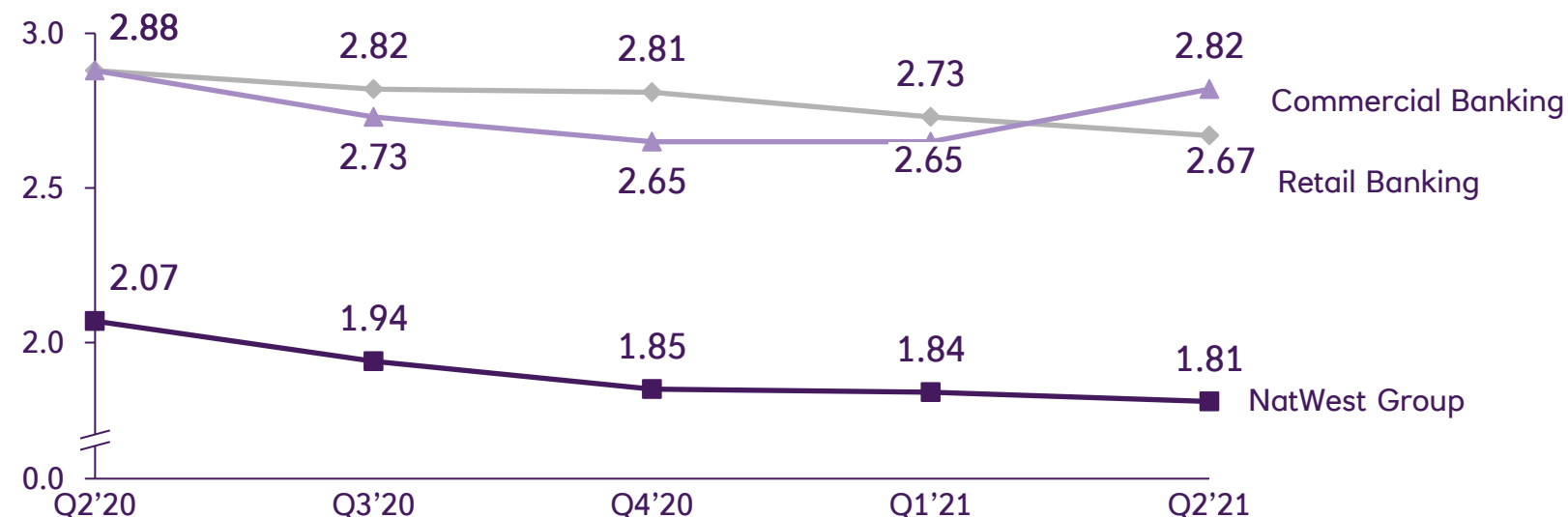
Group asset yield impacted by strong growth in Liquid Asset Buffer, +8% over Q1³. Funding costs broadly stable on Q1 at 0.30%

Retail Banking loan yield impacted by lower unsecured balances. Mortgage margin on back book up 4bps to 1.63%

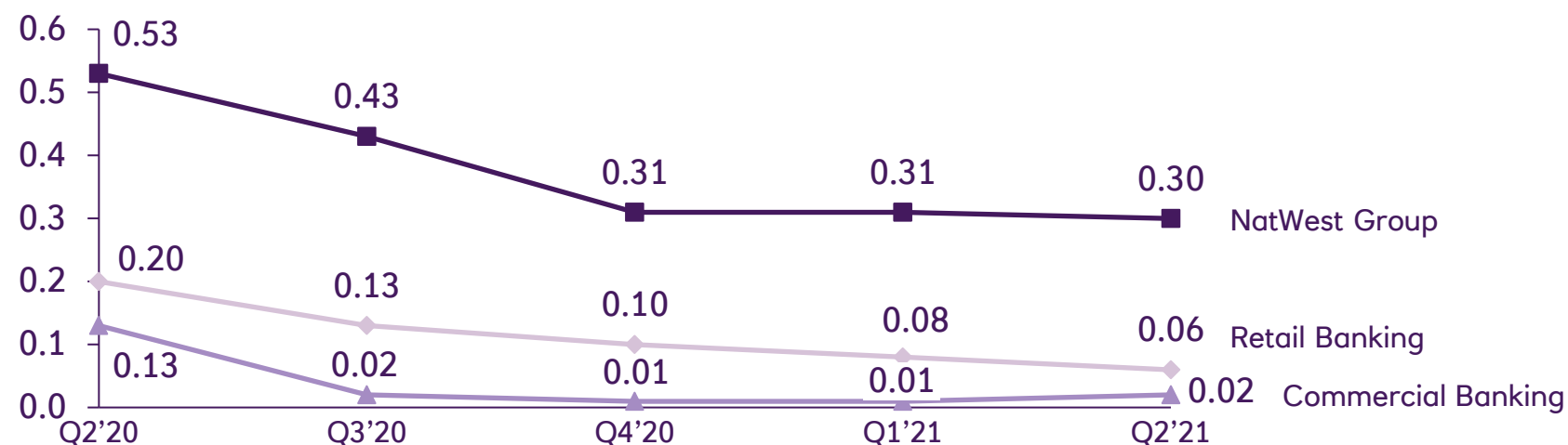
Commercial loan yield broadly stable excluding one-off tax adjustment

1. For NatWest Group plc this is the gross yield on the IEAs of the banking business; for Retail and Commercial Banking it represents the third party customer asset rate.
2. For NatWest Group plc this is the cost of interest-bearing liabilities of the banking business plus the benefit from free funds; for Retail and Commercial Banking it represents the third party customer funding rate which includes both interest-bearing and non-interest bearing deposits.
3. Growth of average balances for the quarter

Gross yields of interest earning banking assets, %¹



Cost of interest bearing and non-interest bearing banking liabilities, %²



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Loan book growing in the quarter

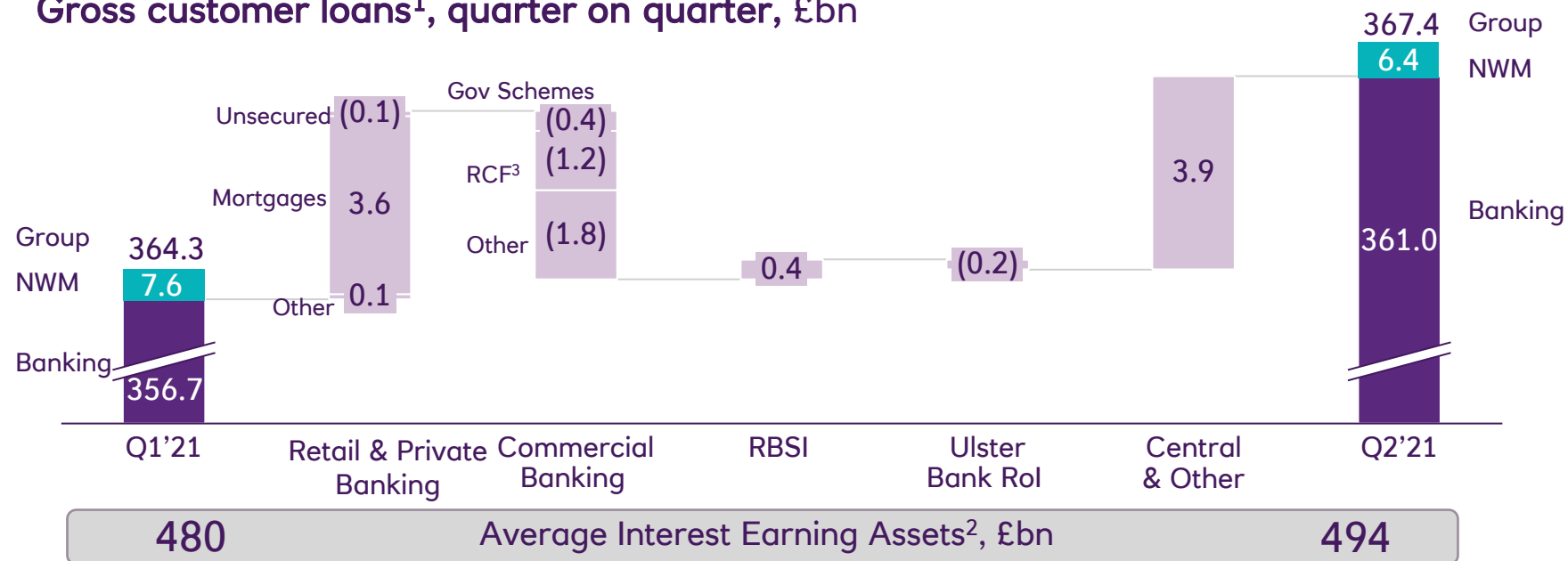
Gross banking loans to customers +1.2% in the quarter including £1.0 bn growth across UK & RBSI Retail & Commercial businesses, ex govt. schemes

Strong mortgage growth partly offset by commercial deleveraging with government lending scheme net repayments of £0.4bn

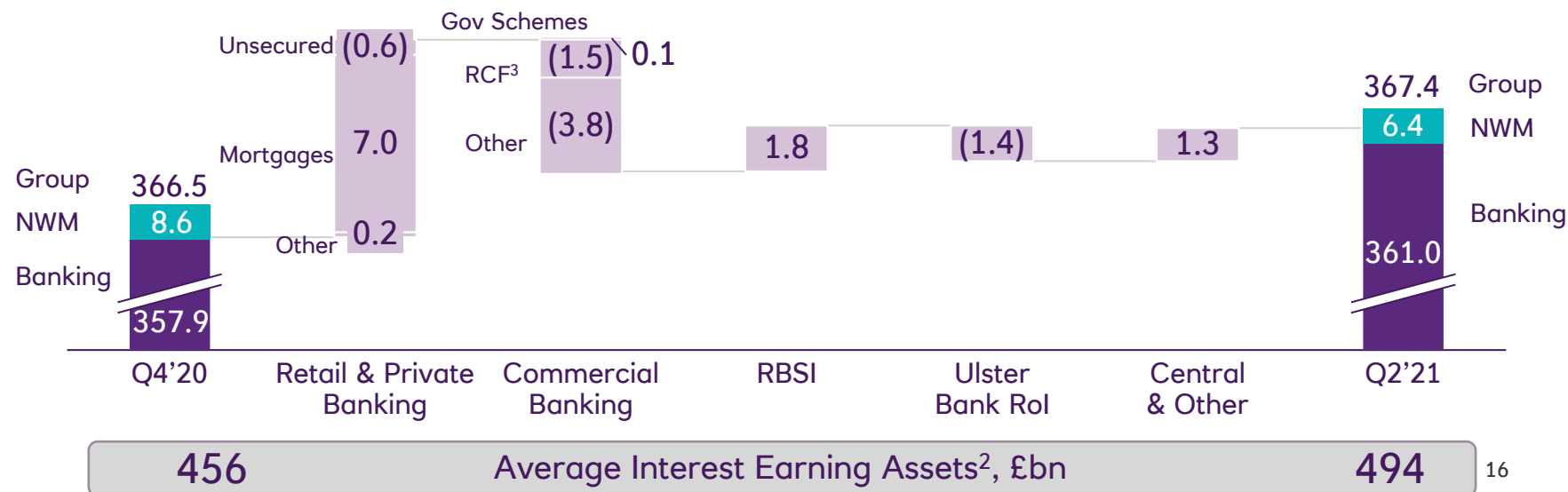
Central & Other growth reflects reverse repo activity

1. May not cast due to rounding, Customer Loans Amortised Cost
2. Bank average interest earning assets = NatWest Group plc excluding NWM.
3. Revolving credit facilities for our Commercial Banking customers.

Gross customer loans¹, quarter on quarter, £bn



Gross customer loans¹, year to date, £bn



Focused on generating shareholder value

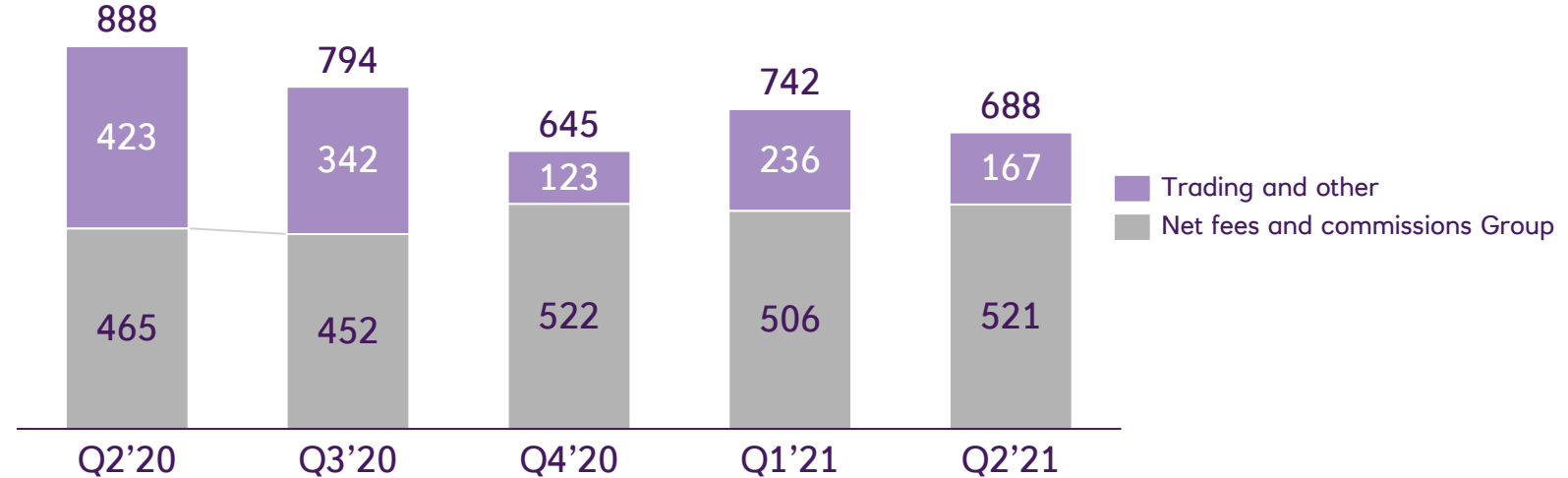
Non-interest income impacted by lower trading income

NatWest Markets¹ income down 25% over Q1'21 to £143m due to weaker Fixed Income performance and ongoing reshaping of the business

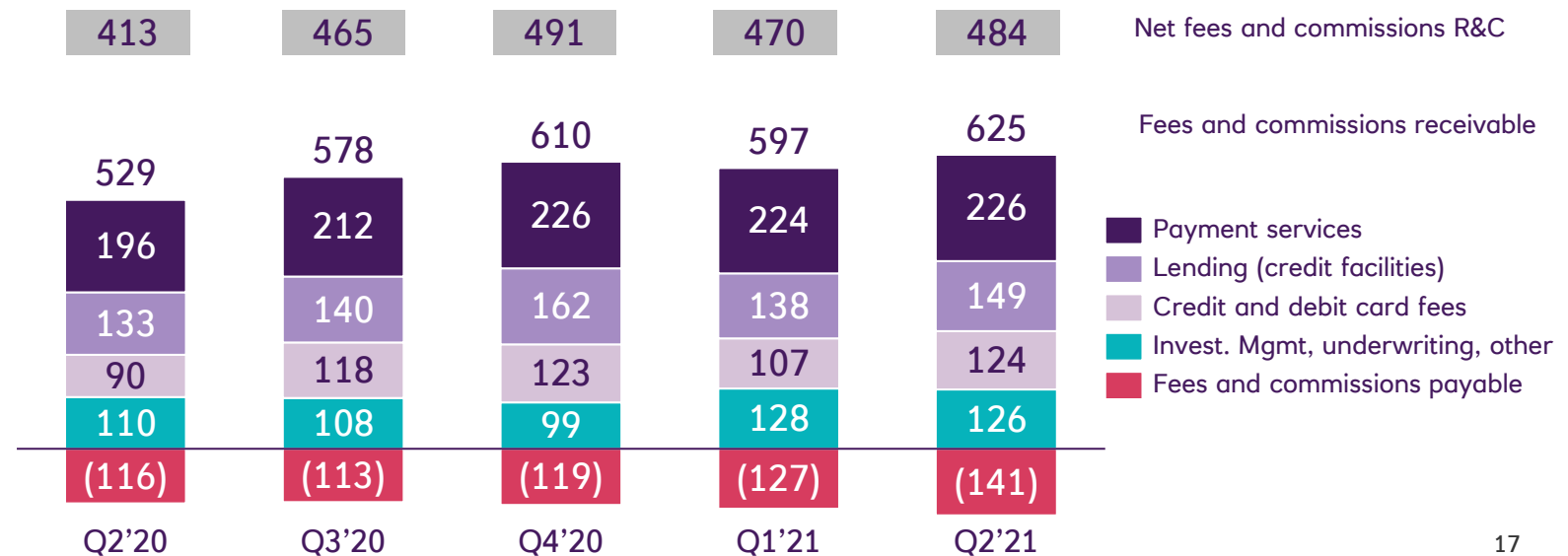
Retail & Commercial net fees and commissions² up £14m or 3% over Q1'21 including £12m of one-offs in Retail Banking

1. Excluding relevant notable items per slide 30
2. Retail & Commercial Businesses' Fees and Commissions are calculated as NatWest Group excluding NatWest Markets, central items and other

Non Interest Income¹ £m



Retail & Commercial Businesses' Fees and Commissions² £m



Simplification and cost efficiency

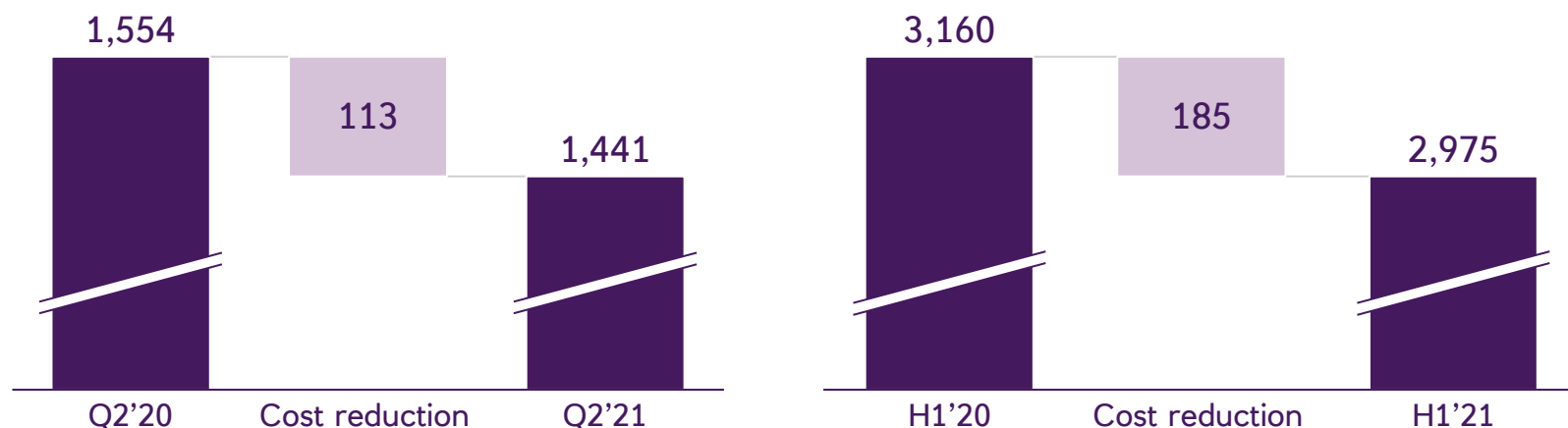
Cost reduction of 5.9% in H1'21¹, on track for c.4% target for FY'21

Other expenses ex-OLD and Ulster Bank Rol² of £1.4bn in Q2, down £113m or 7% versus Q2'20

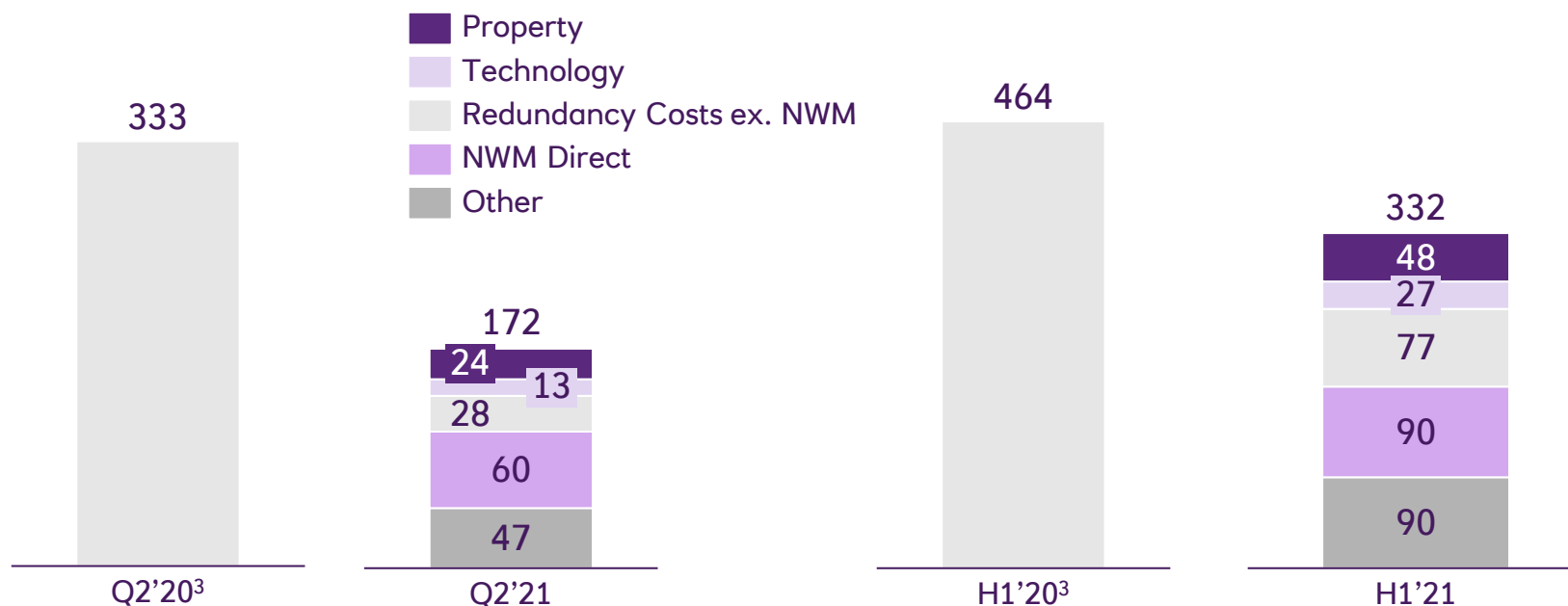
Strategic costs of £172m in Q2'21 include £96m relating to Redundancy and NatWest Markets refocusing

1. Reduction of £185m in Other expenses ex Operating Lease Depreciation and Ulster Bank Rol Direct
2. Other expenses excluding Operating Lease Depreciation (OLD) and Ulster Bank Rol Direct Cost. Operating Lease Depreciation £35m in Q2'21, £37m in Q2'20. Ulster Bank Rol Direct costs of £92m in Q2'21, £70m in Q2'20.
3. Q2'20 and H1'20 breakdown not disclosed

Other expenses ex Operating Lease Depreciation and Ulster Bank Rol Direct², £m



Strategic costs, £m



Intelligent and consistent approach to risk

Impairment release resulting from an improvement of the economic outlook

Updated economic assumptions with re-weighting of our scenarios

Our base case now assumes UK GDP growth of 7.3% in 2021, up from 4.5% previously

We now expect a net impairment release for the full year 2021

1. Previous weightings from FY'20. New weightings updated for H1'21

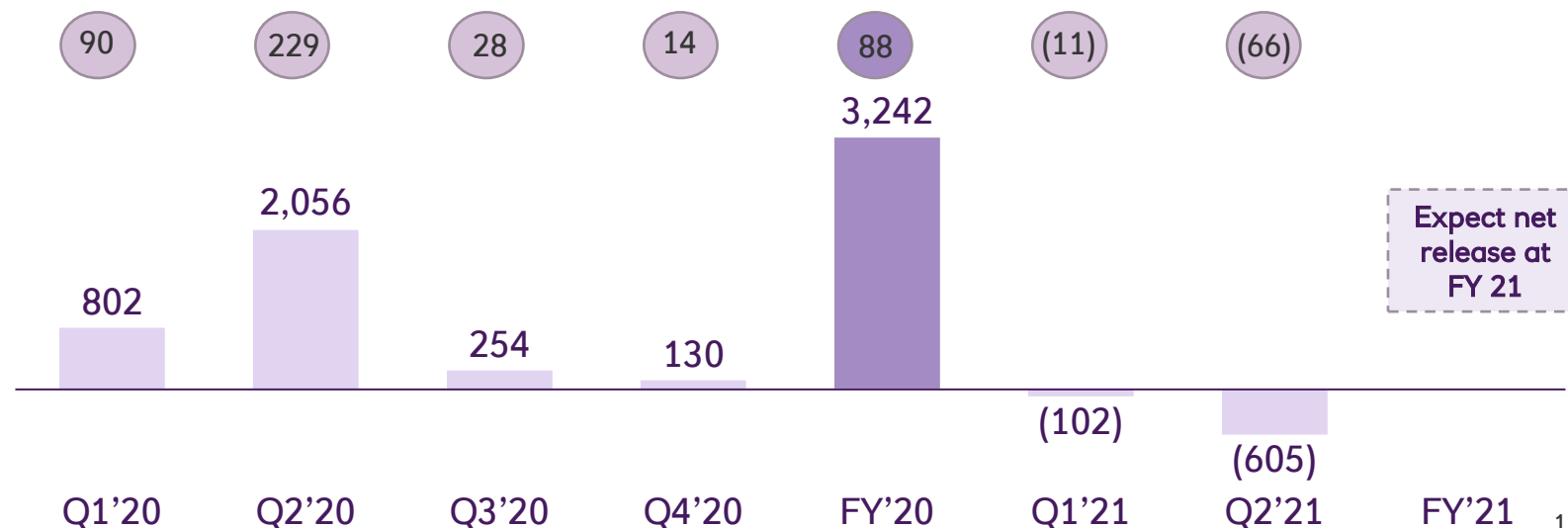
Economic scenarios and weightings, H1'21

The main macroeconomic variables for each of the four scenarios used for expected credit loss (ECL) modelling below:

Scenario	Probability weightings ¹		UK GDP – Annual Growth (%)			UK Unemployment rate – annual avg. (%)		
	Previous	New	2021	2022	5y Avg.	2021	2022	5y Avg.
Upside	20%	35%	10.1	5.4	3.9	4.7	4.3	4.1
Base case	40%	40%	7.3	5.8	3.5	5.3	4.8	4.6
Downside	30%	20%	2.7	4.3	2.9	5.4	7.0	5.8
Extreme Downside	10%	5%	0.1	-	2.5	5.9	11.8	8.1

Impairments charge (£m)

Loan impairment rate (bps of gross loans)



Intelligent and consistent approach to risk

Improved economic outlook drives ECL release

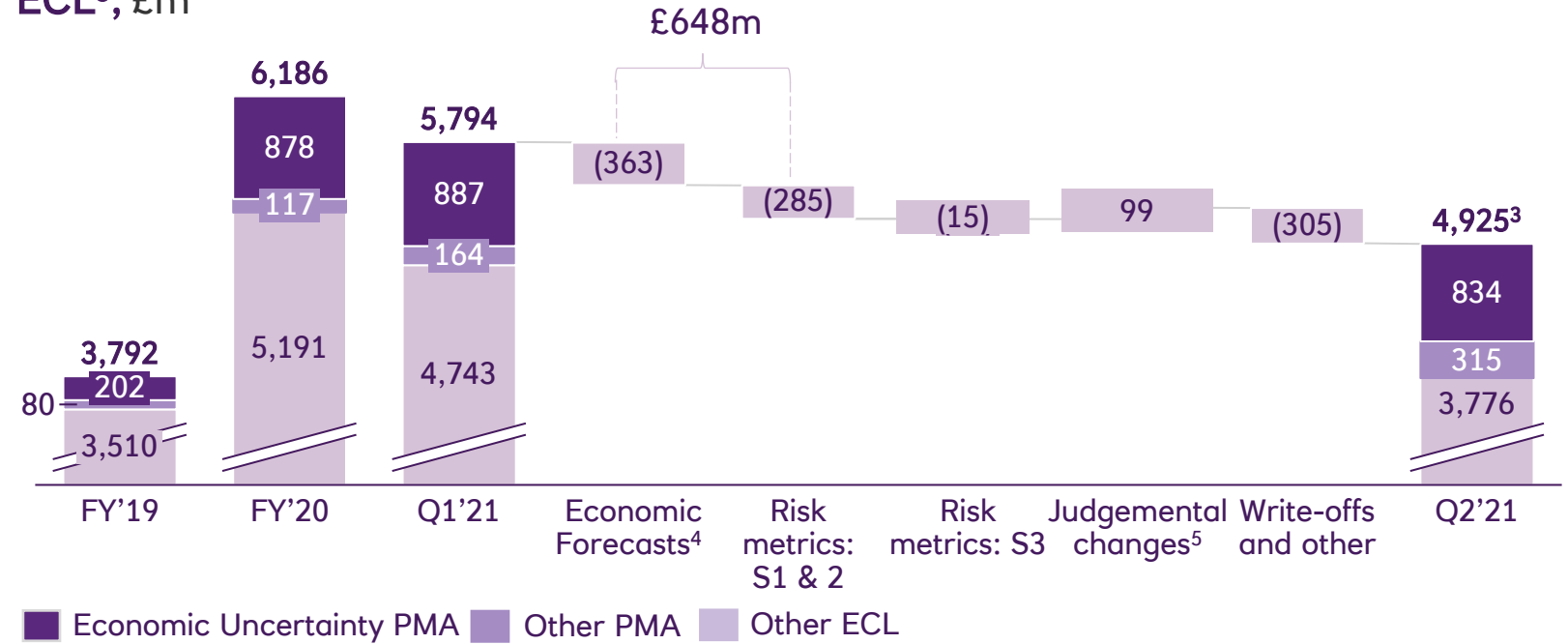
Of the £869m ECL release, £648m is driven by the improvement in economic forecasts and PD¹ on our performing book

PMA² for economic uncertainty has reduced slightly but is offset by other adjustments

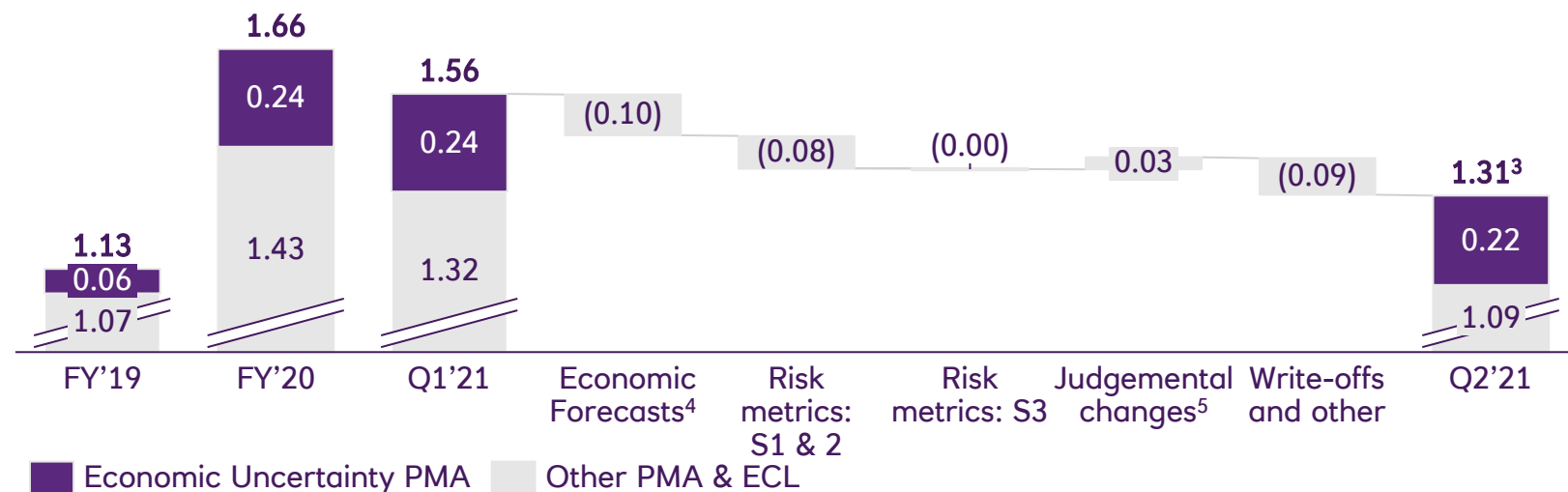
ECL coverage reduced from 1.56% to 1.31% due to the ECL release

1. Probability of Default. 2. Post Model Adjustments. 3. May not cast due to rounding 4. Implementation of improved IFRS9 forward-looking economics scenarios and weightings drive the release 5. Changes in post model adjustments

ECL³, £m



ECL Coverage³, %





Good progress on our
phased withdrawal from
the Republic of Ireland

Entered a binding
agreement with AIB¹ for the
sale of c.€4.2bn gross
performing commercial
loans²

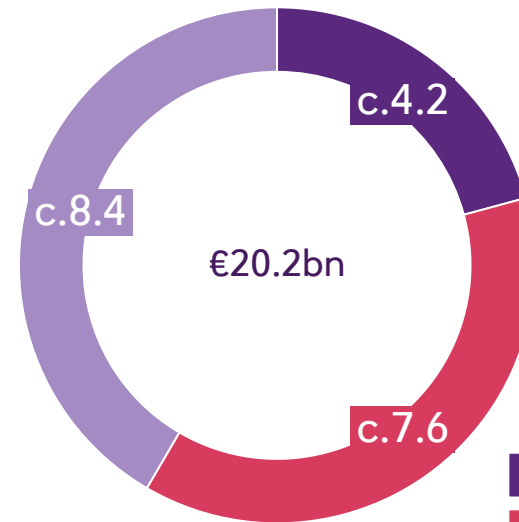
Entered a non-binding MoU
with PTSB¹ for the sale of
c.€7.6bn gross performing
retail and SME loans³

Agreement reached with
Financial Services Union
including enhanced
redundancy terms

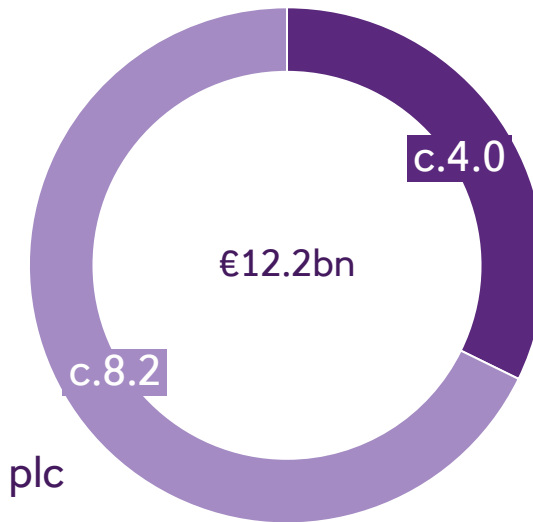
1. Please refer to footnote 1 on slide 10
2. AIB = Allied Irish Banks plc, agreement includes associated undrawn exposures of c.€2.8bn, all subject to regulatory approval
3. MoU = Memorandum of Understanding, PTSB = Permanent TSB, proposed sale of a perimeter comprising performing non-tracker mortgages, performing Micro-SME loans, UBIDAC's asset finance business and a subset of its branch locations.

Ulster Bank Rol, H1'21

Loans amortised cost (€bn)



RWAs (€bn)



■ Allied Irish Banks plc
■ PTSB
■ Other

- Cost reduction will follow with a lag as we support our employees and customers purposefully through the journey
- There will be costs to exit and decommission

We expect NWG's withdrawal from the Republic of Ireland to be
capital accretive over the multi-year process

Robust balance sheet with strong capital & liquidity levels

Strong capital position post dividend and buyback accruals

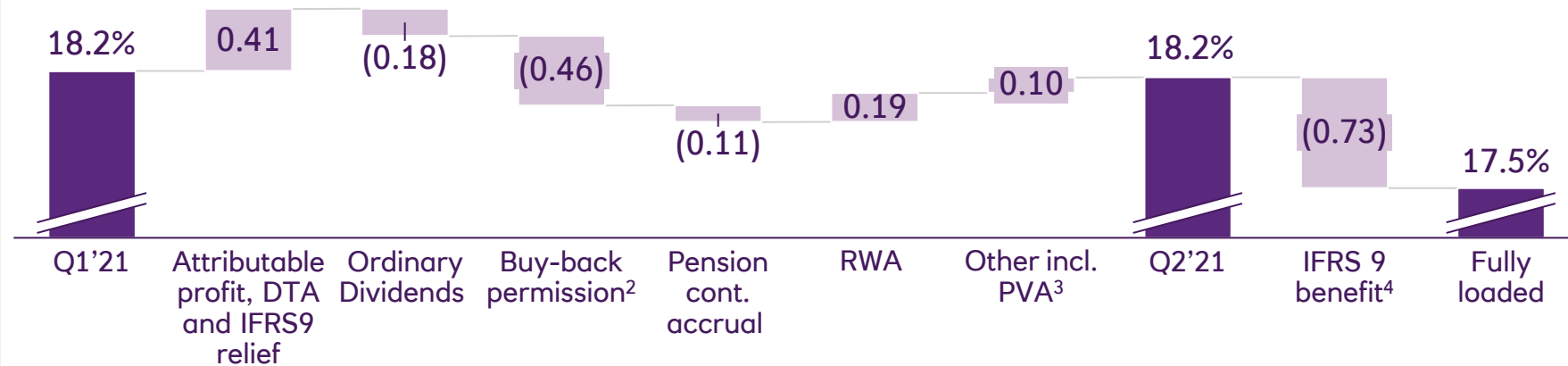
CET1 ratio 18.2% in line with Q1'21

2021 dividend accrual, £750m on-market buyback plus pension contributions reduced ratio by 75 basis points

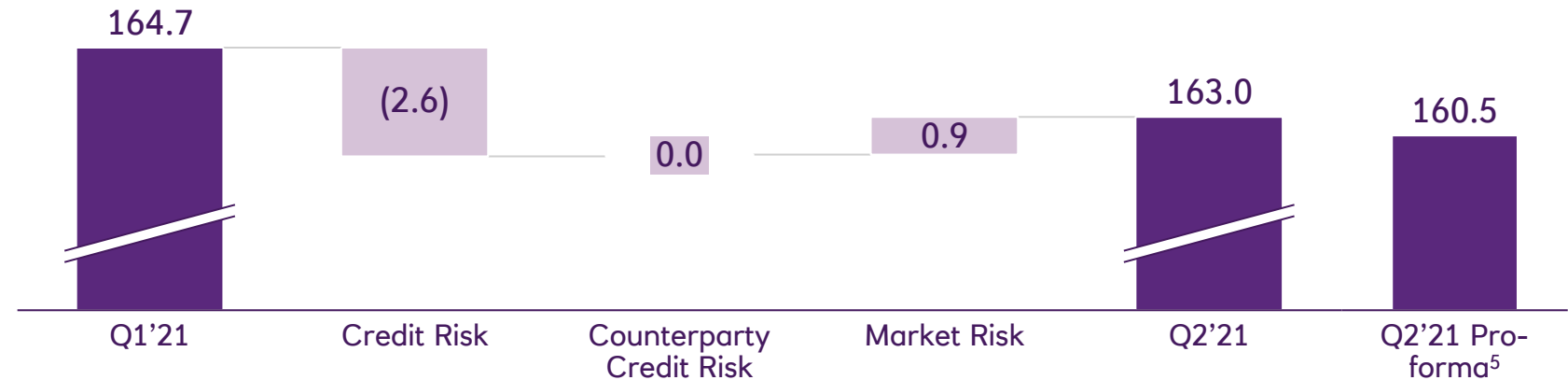
RWAs reduced by £1.7bn mainly due to Commercial Banking business movements. NWM model change effective in July gives proforma RWA of £160.5bn

1. May not cast due to rounding. 2. Distributions are subject to regulatory approvals. "Directed" buy backs post March'22 only 3. PVA = Prudential Valuation Adjustment. 4. Including IFRS9 Transitional adjustment at 100% reducing to 75% in 2022. 5. RWA proforma for model change approval received in July 2021, benefit of £2.5bn

CET1, (%)¹



RWA, £bn



Robust balance sheet with strong capital & liquidity levels

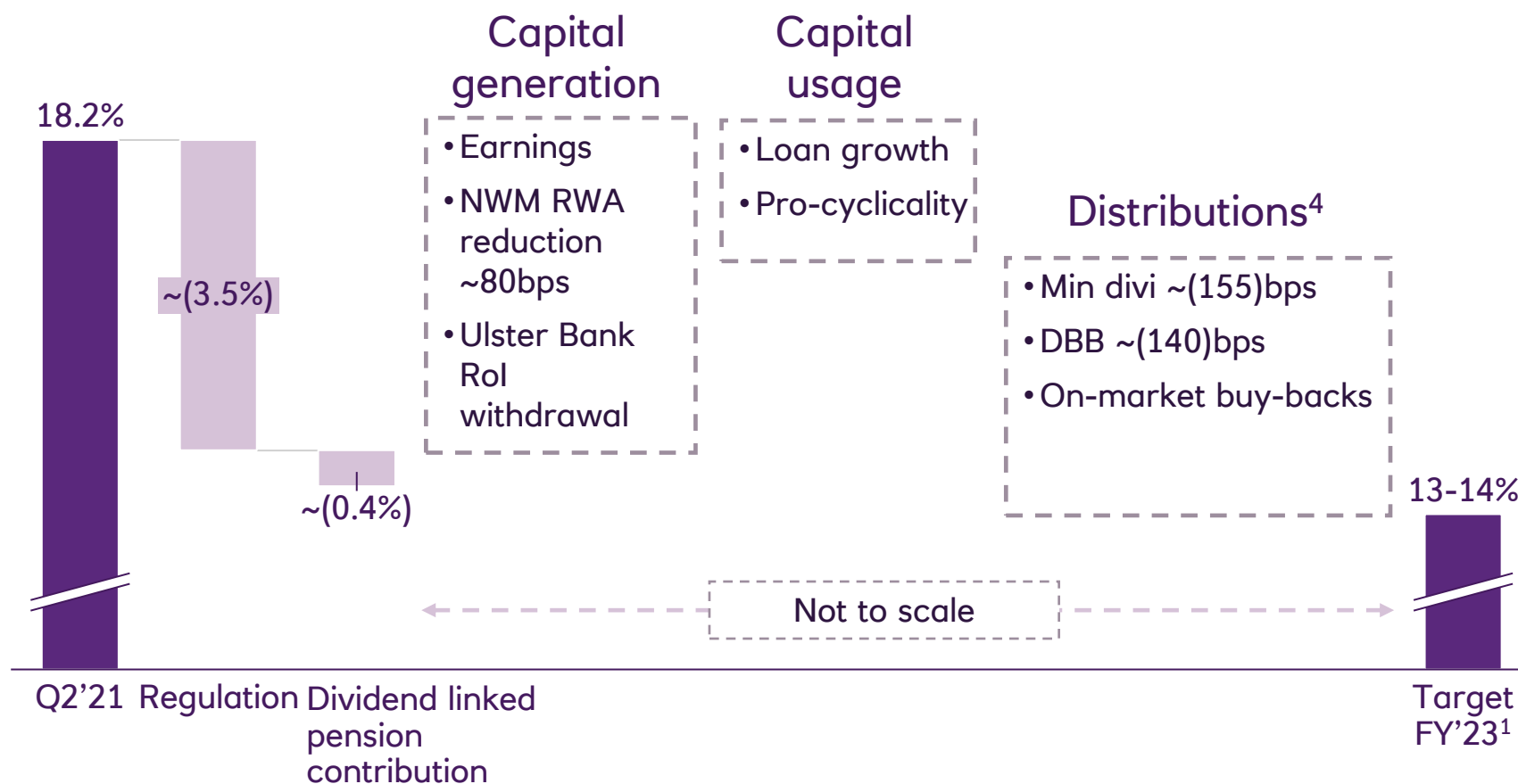
We have shaped a business that can operate at a CET1 ratio of between 13% to 14% by FY'23¹

We now expect RWAs to be below or at the lower end of our previously guided range of £185-195bn on 1 January 2022

This includes c.£15bn of RWA inflation due to the mortgage book²

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2. £15bn equates to c.15% risk weights on the mortgage book as at Q2'21
3. Impacts are approximate, not to scale and shown on a standalone basis using Q2'21 capital position. These impacts will change quarterly. Combined impacts will not be sum of standalone impact. For more details see slide 31 in the Appendix
4. Distributions are subject to regulatory approvals. "Directed" buy backs post March'22 only

Key drivers of CET1 ratio^{3,4}



Robust balance sheet with strong capital & liquidity levels

Strong capital and liquidity positions provide flexibility

In H1 we repurchased or called c.£2.4bn of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital securities to optimise the capital stack

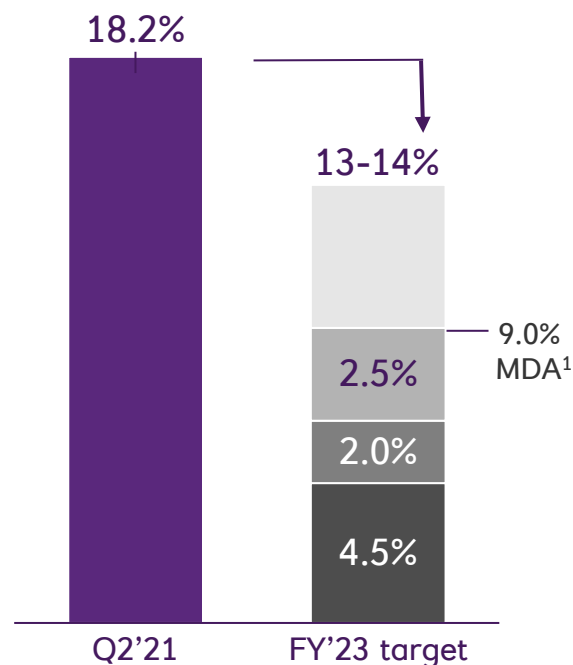
In July we gave notice to call \$2.65bn AT1 redeemable August 2021 resulting in c.8bps benefit to CET1 and a significant reduction in annual coupons

1. Refer to detailed disclosure in Q2'21 IMS. Headroom presented on the basis of target CET1, and does not reflect excess distributable capital. Headroom may vary over time and may be less in future.
2. Based on assumption of static regulatory capital requirements.
3. NatWest Group plc's Pillar 2A requirements are set on a nominal capital basis which results in an implied 9.0% MDA. 56.25% of the total Pillar 2A requirement must be met from CET1 capital. Pillar 2A requirement is expected to vary over time and is subject to at least annual review.

CET1 headroom above medium term target^{1,2}

420-520bps

c.£6.8bn - 8.5bn of headroom in Q2'21

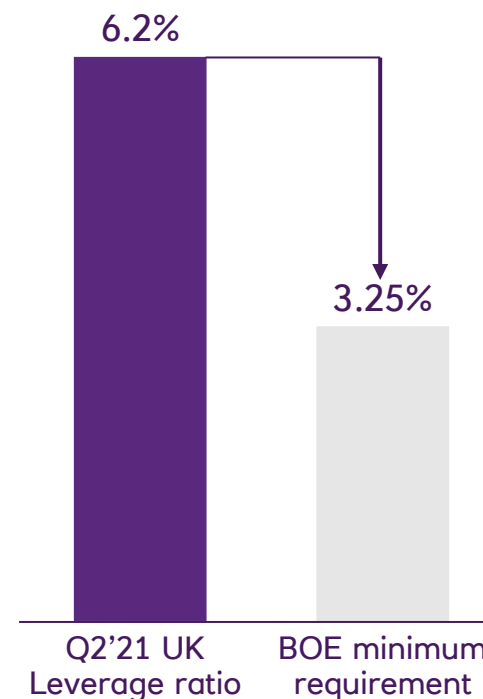


■ Capital
■ Capital conservation buffer
■ Pillar 2A³
■ Pillar 1

Headroom above minimum UK leverage requirements

295bps

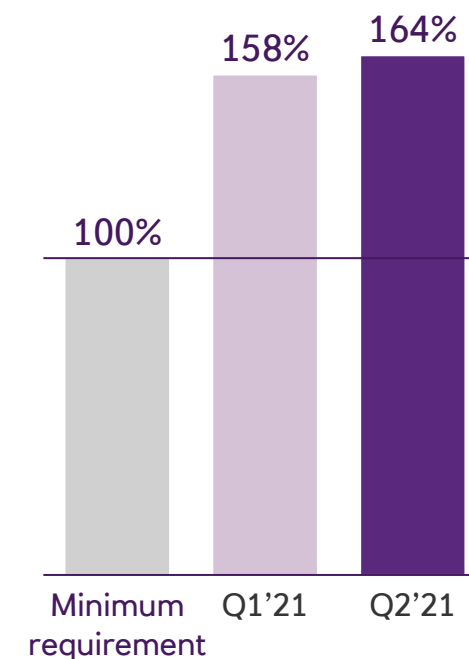
headroom above minimum requirements



Liquidity coverage ratio remains well above min UK requirement

£75bn

surplus liquidity over minimum requirement





Alison Rose
Chief Executive Officer

Focused on generating shareholder value through our strategic priorities

We are:

- Generating good performance
- Supporting our customers and growing Retail and Commercial lending
- Investing to accelerate our digital transformation to better serve our customers

Purpose-led, long term decision making

A purpose led, customer focused business with capability to grow

Intelligent and consistent approach to risk

Focus on simplification and taking costs out

Robust balance sheet with strong capital & liquidity levels

Focused on generating shareholder value



1 We have shaped a business that should operate at a CET1 ratio of between 13% to 14% by 2023

420-520bps or c.£6.8bn-8.5bn headroom to target CET1 ratio in Q2'21 and more than double our Maximum Distributable Amount

2 Expect to generate a ROTE of 9-10% by 2023

3 NatWest Group intends to maintain ordinary dividends of around 40% of attributable profit and aims to distribute a minimum of £1bn per annum from 2021 to 2023 via a combination of ordinary and special dividends

Q&A





Appendix

Guidance

	2021 financial targets and outlook	Medium-term targets and outlook
Costs	We plan on reducing other expenses, excluding OLD, by around 4% in comparison to 2020, excluding any change in the direct cost base of Ulster Bank Rol. We also expect to incur strategic costs of around £0.8 billion during 2021 from the continued refocussing of NatWest Markets and resizing of the Group's cost base.	Expect annual cost reduction of around 4%, excluding the impact of the phased withdrawal from the Republic of Ireland, along with continued strategic cost reduction.
Impairments	Noting impairment losses in the first half of 2021 were a net release of £707 million, we now expect the 2021 full year impairment loss to be a net release.	n/a
Capital	n/a	CET1 ratio of between 13% to 14% by 2023.
Returns	n/a	9-10% ROTE by 2023
RWA	<p>We now expect NatWest Group RWAs to be below or at the lower end of our previously guided range of £185-195 billion on 1 January 2022.</p> <p>This includes on a proforma basis the impact of Bank of England's mortgage risk weight changes and other model changes introduced on 1 January 2022.</p> <p>The impact of the mortgage regulatory changes is expected to be around £15 billion, subject to the timing and quantum of any procyclicality before implementation and based on the H1'21 book size and weighting. The £15 billion equates to an anticipated book risk weight of 15% which is subject to change. We expect minimal reduction in RWAs in Ulster Bank Rol in 2021 as a result of the completion of the strategic review announced. Other changes in RWAs will be driven by the level of procyclical inflation driven by the economic outlook, downgrades in the credit quality and assessments in the commercial book and ongoing demand for lending from our customers.</p>	<p>We anticipate RWA inflation from Basel 3 amendments to be less than 5% of RWAs as at 31 December 2020 and currently expect implementation in 2023. The details of Basel 3 amendments remain subject to regulatory uncertainty on both quantum and timing.</p> <p>As a result of the decision to withdraw from the Republic of Ireland, we would expect the level of RWAs to reduce in the coming years, and for this withdrawal to be capital accretive for NatWest Group across the multi-year process.</p>
NWM	<p>We now expect NatWest Markets exit/disposal costs and the impact of Commercial Banking capital management actions to total a combined £150 million in 2021.</p> <p>In 2021 we also expect to achieve the majority of the remaining NatWest Markets RWA reduction towards the medium-term target of £20 billion.</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>RWAs within corridor of c.£20bn in the medium term</p>
Lending	We are targeting above market rate lending growth across our UK and RBS International retail and commercial businesses, excluding UK Government financial support schemes	Supporting this we are targeting above market lending growth per annum across our UK and RBS International retail and commercial businesses
Dividends and pay-outs	<p>NatWest Group now aims to distribute a minimum of £1 billion per annum from 2021 to 2023, via a combination of ordinary and special dividends, and intends to commence an ordinary share buy-back programme of up to £750 million in the second half of the year.</p> <p>NatWest Group intends to maintain the required capacity to participate in directed buybacks of the UK Government stake and recognises that any exercise of this authority would be dependent upon HMT's intentions and is limited to 4.99% of issued share capital in any 12 month period.</p>	

Notable items

£m	Q2'20	Q3'20	Q4'20	FY'20	Q1'21	Q2'21
Metro Bank mortgage portfolio acquisition loss	-	-	(58)	(58)	-	-
FX recycling (loss)/gain in Central items & other	(39)	64	(1)	(40)	-	-
IFRS volatility in Central items & other ¹	55	49	45	83	(1)	45
Retail Banking Debt Sale Gain	3	4	1	8	-	-
Commercial Banking fair value and disposal (loss)/gain	8	1	(27)	(37)	(14)	(8)
NatWest Markets asset disposals/strategic risk reduction ²	(63)	(12)	(8)	(83)	(4)	(36)
Own Credit Adjustments (OCA)	(102)	(34)	(43)	(24)	2	(2)
Share of associate profits for Business Growth Fund	-	(46)	8	(22)	121	8
Liquidity Asset Bond sale gain/(loss)	17	1	2	113	-	-
Loss on redemption of own debt	-	(324)	-	(324)	(118)	(20)
Commercial Banking tax variable lease repricing, NII impact	-	-	-	-	-	32
Notable Items in Total Income - Total	(121)	(297)	(81)	(384)	(14)	19

Bank Levy	-	(11)	(156)	(167)	-	0
Strategic Costs	(333)	(223)	(326)	(1,013)	(160)	(172)
Litigation & Conduct	85	(8)	(194)	(113)	(16)	34
Notable Items in Total Expenses – Total	(248)	(242)	(676)	(1,293)	(176)	(138)

Cost:income ratio – reported ³	70.9%	74.5%	92.2%	72.9%	67.8%	63.7%
Cost:income ratio – excluding notable items ⁴	58.8%	57.6%	69.2%	60.1%	60.8%	58.8%
Return on tangible equity – reported ³	(12.4%)	0.8%	(1.4%)	(2.4%)	7.9%	15.6%
Return on tangible equity – excluding notable items ^{3,4}	(9.3%)	5.7%	4.8%	1.2%	9.8%	16.6%

1. IFRS volatility relates to derivatives used for risk management not in IFRS hedge accounting relationships and IFRS hedge ineffectiveness

2. Asset disposals/strategic risk reduction in 2020 relates to the cost of exiting positions and the impact of risk reduction transactions entered into, in respect of the strategic announcement on 14 February 2020.

3. Refer to the Appendix of Company Announcement for details of the basis of preparation and reconciliation of non-financial and performance measures

4. Excludes all notable income and cost items shown in the tables above except Bank Levy which is included. 27% tax rate assumed on all notable items excluding Litigation & Conduct costs and Bank Levy where no tax shield is assumed

Key Drivers of CET1 ratio¹: 18.2% at Q2'21 through to FY'23

Driver	Timing	Impact ²	Details
Earnings			Target a ROTE of 9-10% by FY'23
Distributions ³ : Dividends	Through to FY'23	c.155bps	Intend to distribute a minimum of £1bn per annum through dividends, £500m accrued at Q2'21. Impact related to remaining minimum £2.5bn intention
Direct Buybacks ⁴	Through to FY'23	c.140bps	Retain capacity to participate in Direct Buy Backs up to 4.99% in 12-month period; executed £1.1bn in March '21. Impact assumes two further DBBs in 2022 and 2023 in line with Mar'21
On-market buybacks			Announced first on-market buyback of up to £750m which is included in Q2'21 CET1 ratio
Dividend-linked pension contributions	Through to FY'22	c.35bps	£1bn of £1.5bn pre-tax contributions outstanding; maximum of £500m per annum accrual in FY'21 and FY'22, £238m accrual at Q2'21 (£174m post tax)
Lending volumes & RWA procyclicality			RWA consumption is dependent on loan growth and mix Expect to incur inflation due to negative credit rating migration, timing is dependent on economic development
NatWest Markets	Through to FY'23	+c.80bps	In 2021 we expect to achieve the majority of the remaining RWA reduction towards the RWA corridor c.£20bn in the medium term, £26.9bn at Q2'21 (£24.4bn ⁵ proforma for model change)
Ulster Bank Rol	Multi-year	+c.40bps	Impact relates to the binding agreement with AIB for the sale of c.€4.2bn performing commercial loans, estimated at c.€4bn RWAs
Regulation: IFRS 9 unwind	Through to FY'24	73bps	£1.2bn benefit at Q2'21 at 100%, will unwind to 75% in FY'22, 50% FY'23, 25% FY'24. Will also be affected by stage migration which remains uncertain
Software intangibles	01/01/2022	c.30bps	Benefit included at Q2'21 that we expect will end on 1 Jan 2022
Mortgage risk-weight inflation	01/01/2022	c.155bps	Expect mortgage risk-weight inflation of around £15bn based on book at Q2'21. Procyclicality may bring part of this forward into 2021.
Model changes	01/01/2022		Other model changes to be introduced on 1 Jan 2022, including SA-CCR
Basel 3 amendments	FY'23	<90bps	We anticipate RWA inflation from Basel 3 amendments to be less than 5% of RWAs as at FY'20 and currently expect implementation in 2023, subject to regulatory uncertainty on both quantum and timing

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3. Distributions are subject to regulatory approvals.

4. DBB 4.99% window reopens in March 2022

5. H1'21 RWA shown proforma for model change approval received in July 2021, benefit of £2.5bn. See page 11 in the NWG Q2'21 IMS

Tangible net asset value

	£m	Share count	Pence
31 March 2021	30,126	11,560	261
Attributable profit	1,222	-	11
FY'20 dividend paid	(347)	-	(3)
Remeasurement of net defined benefit liability (net of tax)	(182)	-	(2)
Other movements	(68)	9	(1)
Net change	625	9	5
As at 30 June 2021	30,751	11,569	266

Customer Loans and Deposits

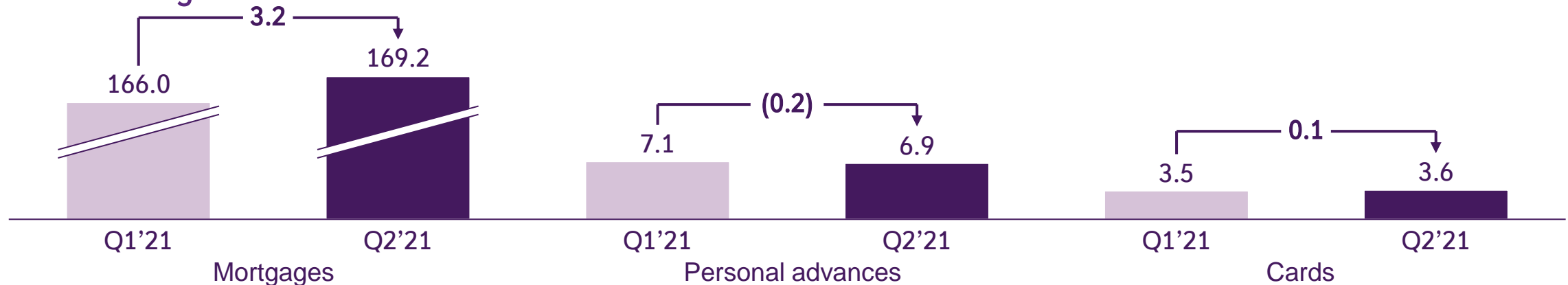
	Loans, £bn ¹		Deposits, £bn	
	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q1'21	Q2'21
Retail Banking	174.8	178.1	179.1	184.1
Private Banking, ex government schemes	17.2	17.7	33.5	34.7
Commercial Banking, ex government schemes	93.5	91.1	169.4	176.0
RBS International	14.7	15.1	33.3	33.9
UK & RBSI Retail and Commercial, Ex Government Schemes	300.1	302.0	415.3	428.7
Scheme Lending	13.5	13.0	0	0
UK & RBSI Retail and Commercial Net Lending / Customer Deposits	313.6	315.0	415.3	428.7
NatWest Markets	7.5	6.3	2.4	2.5
Ulster Bank Rol	16.9	16.7	18.4	18.5
Central	20.7	24.7	17.2	17.5
Net loans to customers / Customer deposits	358.7	362.7	453.3	467.2
Impairment provisions	5.6	4.7		
Gross Loans to Customers	364.3	367.4		

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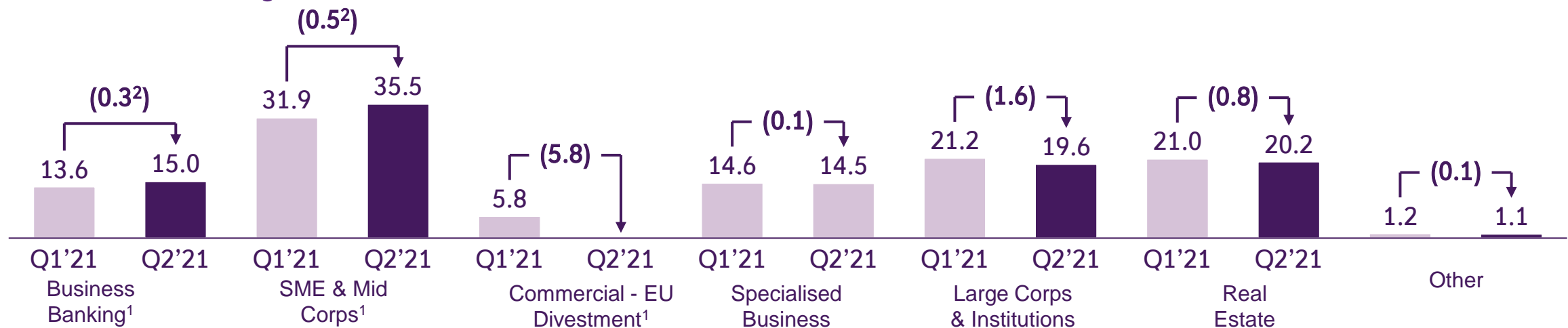
Q2'21 Customer loan growth by product and sector

Total loans to customers (amortised cost), £bn

Retail Banking



Commercial Banking



1. EU-Divestment balances from Q2 2021 integrated within Business Banking (Q4 2020 - £1.1 bn, Q1 2021 - £1.7 bn) and SME & mid corporates (Q4 2020 - £4.8 bn, Q1 2021 - £4.1 bn), as the Incentivised Switching Scheme (ISS) closed end of June 2021

2. The movement adjusts Q1'21 balances for the EU divestment transition to Business Banking (Q1 2021 - £1.7 bn) and SME & Mid Corporates (Q1 2021 - £4.1 bn)

Structural Hedge¹

	H1 2021					H1 2020				
	Incremental Income (£m)	Total Income (£m)	Period end notional (£m)	Average Notional (£m)	Total Yield %	Incremental Income (£m)	Total Income (£m)	Period end notional (£m)	Average Notional (£m)	Total Yield %
Equity structural hedging	235	244	23	23	2.13	209	294	24	25	2.39
Product structural hedging	360	412	146	135	0.61	146	503	114	112	0.90
Other Structural hedges	74	62	21	22	0.56	42	78	20	20	0.78
Total	669	718	190	180	0.80	397	875	158	157	1.12

Interest rate sensitivity

H1 2021	+25 basis points parallel upward shift			-25 basis points parallel upward shift		
	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)
Structural Hedge	39	127	215	(39)	(127)	(215)
Managed Margin	414	365	287	(374)	(420)	(395)
Other	(3)	-	-	7		
Total	450	492	502	(406)	(547)	(610)

2020	+25 basis points parallel upward shift			-25 basis points parallel upward shift		
	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)
Structural Hedge	37	118	199	(37)	(118)	(199)
Managed Margin	319	380	387	(258)	(285)	(292)
Other	15	-	-	(20)	-	-
Total	371	498	586	(315)	(403)	(491)

Economic Assumptions¹

	H1'21				FY'20			
Scenario	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside
Weighting	35%	40%	20%	5%	20%	40%	30%	10%
UK GDP – Annual Growth (%)								
2021	10.1	7.3	2.7	0.1	9.0	4.5	2.6	(4.6)
2022	5.4	5.8	4.3	-	2.6	4.2	4.6	6.1
5 year Average	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.1	2.8	1.3
UK Unemployment rate – annual average								
2021	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.6	6.3	8.5	12.3
2022	4.3	4.8	7.0	11.8	4.5	6.3	7.7	12.0
5 year Average	4.1	4.6	5.8	8.1	4.4	5.7	7.1	9.7
UK House Price Inflation – four quarter growth								
2021	8.0	2.0	(2.4)	(5.4)	2.2	(3.0)	(7.4)	(26.9)
2022	1.7	0.5	(3.0)	(27.0)	1.7	3.6	6.5	5.1
5 year Average	4.3	2.6	0.9	1.1	2.4	1.7	1.9	(1.6)
UK Commercial Real Estate Price – four quarter growth								
2021	7.0	(1.4)	(8.4)	(13.4)	2.6	(2.6)	(15.9)	(26.6)
2022	2.1	2.0	(1.3)	(18.2)	0.3	5.7	10.8	3.2
5 year Average	2.7	1.0	0.1	(1.1)	1.1	0.9	0.2	(3.2)

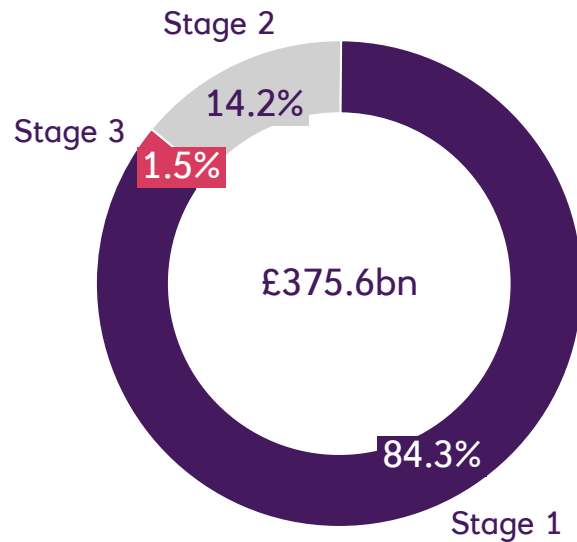
1. Full details of the economic assumptions can be found on page 20 to 23 of the NWG Q2'21 IMS

Impairment charge/(release) by segment

	Retail Banking	Private Banking	Commercial Banking	RBSI	Ulster Bank Rol	Natwest Markets	NatWest Group
Q2'21 (£m)	(91)	(27)	(451)	(27)	1	(10)	(605)
Q2'21 (bps)	(20)	(60)	(170)	(71)	2	n.m	(66)
Q1'21 (£m)	34	-	(117)	(2)	(12)	(6)	(102)
Q1'21 (bps)	8	-	(43)	(5)	(27)	n.m	(11)

Diversified credit risk profile

Gross Loans & Advances by stage^{1,2} £bn, Q2'21

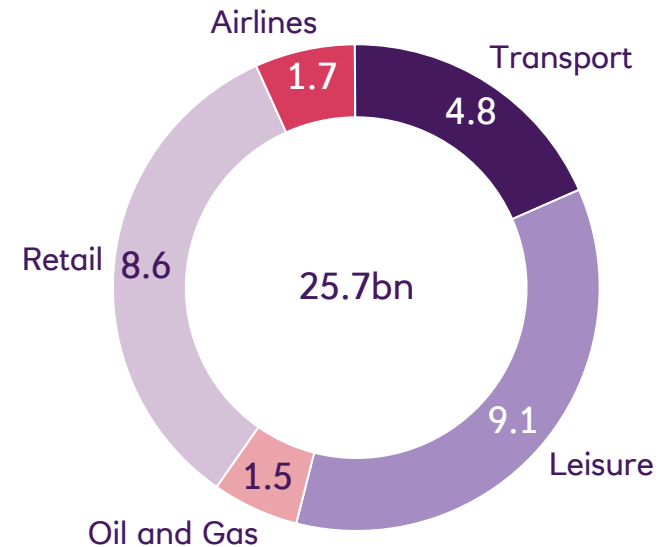


Staging of total loans and advances, Q2'21

Stage	Loans, £bn ¹	ECL, £bn	ECL cov, %
Stage 1	316.7	0.4	0.1
Stage 2	53.2	2.3	4.3
Stage 3	5.7	2.2	38.4
Total	375.6	4.9	1.3
Total Q1'21	371.0	5.8	1.6

Spotlight on sectors in focus for management

Total loans and advances^{1,3}, £bn, Q2'21



Staging of sectors in focus for management^{2,3}, Q2'21

Stage	Loans, £bn ¹	ECL, £bn	ECL cov, %
Stage 1	14.2	0.0	0.3
Stage 2	10.9	0.6	5.2
Stage 3	0.7	0.3	46.3
Total	25.7	0.9	3.5
Total Q1'21	26.8	1.0	3.9

1. Loans – amortised cost and FVOCI., see page 39 of the NWG Q2'21 IMS

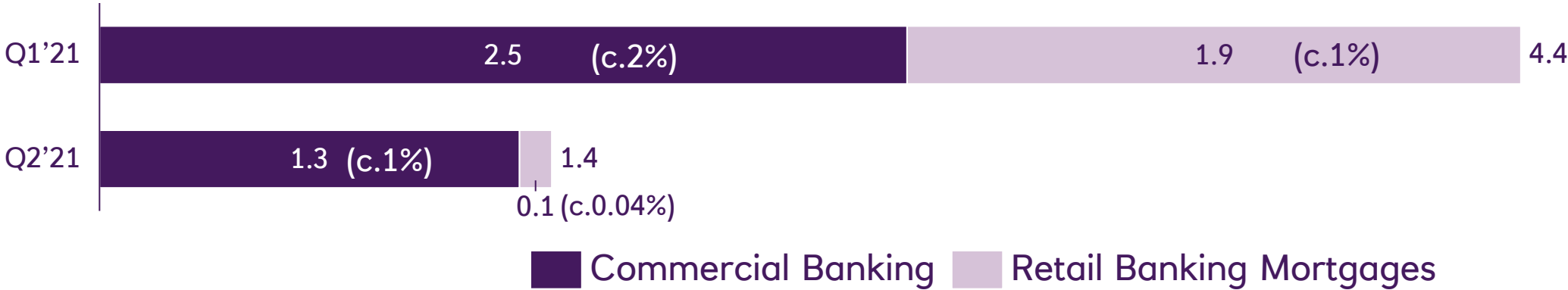
2. May not cast due to rounding.

3. Includes: Airlines and aerospace, Land transport and logistics, Leisure, Oil and Gas and Retail sectors. Subset of Corporate Loans, see page 39 of the NWG Q2'21 IMS

Supporting our customers through Covid-19

Payment Holidays

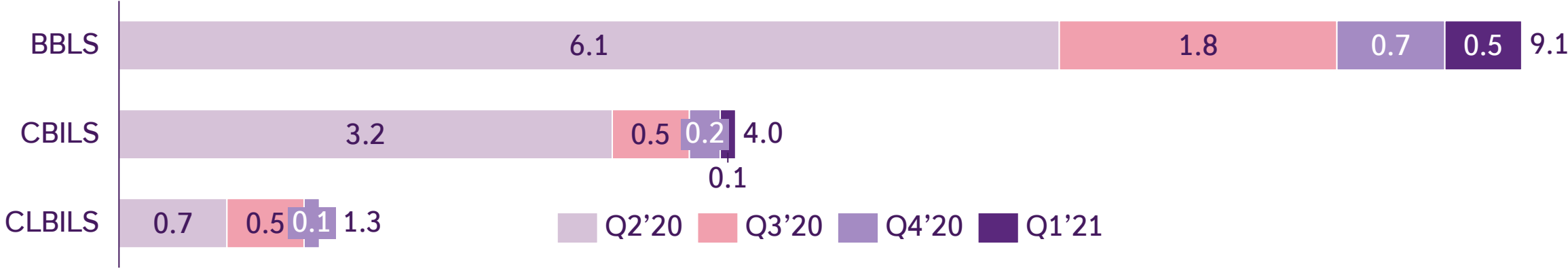
Total Loans, £bn, (% Share of Book)



Government Lending Scheme Approvals

Approved value of c.£14.4bn under government schemes in Commercial Banking as at end of Q1'21

Total Approved Loans in NatWest Group, £bn



The above Government Lending Schemes closed for new applications as at end of Q1'21

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