## **Customer service**

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#### What's different in AMP8?

- Increasing customer expectations with bills funding investment
- Helping customers with affordability and water efficiency
- Bigger opportunities on measures of experience (MeX)



County billing

Right sourcing functions

SIMPLER

SMARTER

**Smart metering** 

Automation and Al

BETTER

More efficient cost to serve

Increasing affordability support

### Customer measure of experience (C-MeX)

- 3rd highest AMP7 reward in the sector: forecast £11m
- Consistently earning a reward in every year of AMP7
- External accreditations affirming our approach







### Developer measure of experience (D-MeX)

- Upper quartile performance: £3.4m reward
- Consistently earning a reward in every year of AMP7
- Much larger reward available in AMP8
- New digital propositions and tailored offerings

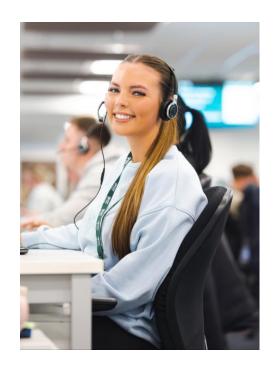


# Business customer and retailer measure of experience (BR-MeX)

Upper quartile performance in AMP7 pilot

Building on our strong track record in the NHH market

New measure for AMP8 worth up to £65m



### County billings and outcome delivery

- Breaking down our investment plan into counties
  Resonates with our customers and communities
- County-based messages included within all bills
  Helping customers to understand what they get for their money
- Monthly updates against county investment plans Keeping customers updated on progress within their area
- Regional media campaigns
  Showing our action plans for each county



#### **Smart metering**

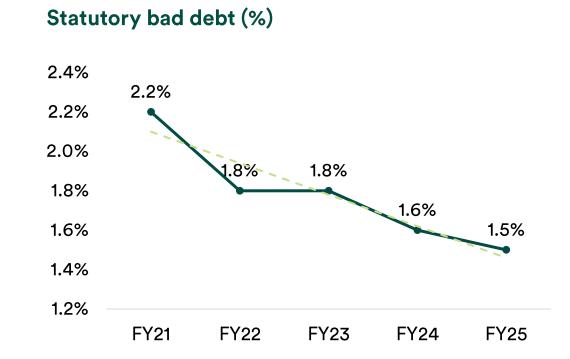
- Big opportunity for metering in North West
- Installing >1 million smart meters in the next five years
- Helping achieve reductions in leakage and PCC
- Customers supported by Lowest Bill Guarantee





#### Cash performance

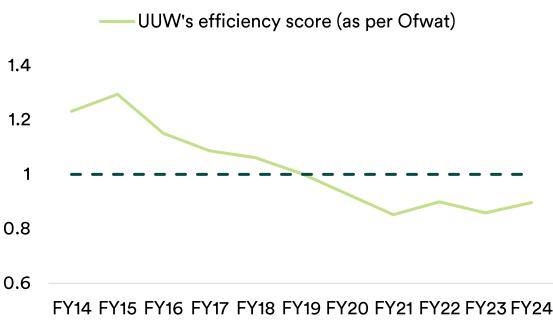
- Statutory bad debt charge reduced Ending AMP7 at 1.5%
- Supported by higher cash collection Increased by >£200m in the last 3 years
- Cash collection remains strong
  Helped by strong track record and industryleading affordability support schemes



## Reducing costs while improving performance

- Industry-leading improvement against Ofwat's ranking of efficiency
- Average cost to serve reduced significantly over the last decade
- Beating Ofwat's efficient benchmark





#### **Efficient operations**

- Open banking
- Improved solutions for affordability assessment; key support partnerships in place
- Meters read by passive technology >600k meters across 29 council districts
- Robotic agent technology and rapidly rolling out Al 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest user of M365 licences within 2 months
- Supported by industry-leading affordability support Strong track record; doubling support in AMP8; new social tariffs





#### What does better look like?

Strong performance against MeXs

Beating the Cost to Serve

Single Social Tariff

