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## **BRIEFING NOTE**

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## **SUMMARY**

## **CPIH**

The Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) is the most comprehensive measure of inflation. It extends the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) to include a measure of the costs associated with owning, maintaining and living in one's own home, known as owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH), along with Council Tax. Both of these are significant expenses for many households and are not included in the CPI.

Aside from including owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH) and Council Tax, CPIH is otherwise identical to CPI. This means that, aside from these two components, the factors contributing to the CPI rate are the same as those contributing to the CPIH. For example, if food is reported as increasing the CPIH rate, it is also acting to increase the CPI rate. The size of the contributions for components other than OOH and Council Tax are exaggerated in the CPI compared with the CPIH because they account for a larger proportion of the overall index.

The <u>National Statistics</u> status of the CPIH was reinstated on 31 July 2017. <u>A letter from the Director General for Regulation to the National Statistician detailed the actions that were taken to meet the requirements as set out in the CPIH assessment report.</u>

The main movements for CPIH in November 2019 are:

- The all items CPIH is 108.5, up from 108.3 in October.
- The all items CPIH annual rate is 1.5%, unchanged from last month.
- The annual rate for CPIH excluding indirect taxes, CPIHY, is 1.4%, unchanged from last month.
- The OOH component of CPIH is 107.3, up from 107.2 in October.
- The OOH component annual rate is 1.2%, unchanged from last month.
- The CPIH all goods index is 106.1, up from 105.6 in October.
- The CPIH all goods index annual rate is 0.5%, up from 0.4% last month.
- The CPIH all services index is 110.3, unchanged from last month.
- The CPIH all services index annual rate is 2.2%, unchanged from last month.

## **Consumer Prices Index (CPI)**

The CPI continues to be a National Statistic and is a measure of consumer price inflation produced to international standards and in line with European regulations. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used in the Government's target for inflation.



The CPI is also used for purposes such as uprating pensions, wages and benefits and can aid in the understanding of inflation on family budgets. For more information see <u>Users and uses of consumer price inflation statistics</u>.

The main movements for CPI in November 2019 are:

- The all items CPI is 108.5, up from 108.3 in October.
- The all items CPI annual rate is 1.5%, unchanged from last month.
- The annual rate for CPI excluding indirect taxes, CPIY, is 1.5%, up from 1.4% last month.
- The annual rate for CPI at constant tax rates, CPI-CT, is 1.4%, unchanged from last month.
- The CPI all goods index is 106.2, up from 105.6 in October.
- The CPI all goods index annual rate is 0.6%, up from 0.5% last month.
- The CPI all services index is 111.2, down from 111.3 in October.
- The CPI all services index annual rate is 2.5%, down from 2.6% last month.

## **Retail Prices Index (RPI)**

In accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the Retail Prices Index and its derivatives have been assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics. The <u>full</u> <u>assessment report</u> can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.

The RPI is a legacy measure of UK inflation that continues to be published because of its use in long-term contracts and index-linked gilts. For further information see <u>Users and uses of consumer price inflation statistics</u>.

The main movements for RPI in November 2019 are:

- The all items RPI is 291.0, up from 290.4 in October.
- The all items RPI annual rate is 2.2%, up from 2.1% last month.
- The annual rate for RPIX, the all items RPI excluding mortgage interest payments (MIPs), is 2.3%, up from 2.1% last month.
- The all goods RPI is 219.6, up from 218.5 in October.
- The all goods RPI annual rate is 1.6%, unchanged from last month.
- The all services RPI is 399.4, down from 399.8 in October.
- The all services RPI annual rate is 3.1%, up from 2.8% last month.



## **CPIH SUMMARY**

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE IN THE CPIH ANNUAL RATE

|  | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| CPIH COICOP DIVISIONS                                | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|  | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 01: Food and non-alcoholic beverages                 | 83      | 82      | 0.1      | 0.8      | 0.06           |
| 02: Alcoholic beverages and tobacco                  | 34      | 32      | 1.3      | -0.2     | -0.05          |
| 03: Clothing and footwear                            | 57      | 54      | 1.5      | 1.0      | -0.03          |
| 04: Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 301     | 298     | -        | 0.1      | 0.02           |
| 05: Furniture, household equipment and maintenance   | 48      | 53      | 0.2      | 0.5      | 0.02           |
| 06: Health   | 21      | 22      | -        | 0.3      | 0.01           |
| 07: Transport  | 124     | 123     | -0.4     | -0.2     | 0.02           |
| 08: Communication                                    | 20      | 20      | -        | -        | -              |
| 09: Recreation and culture                           | 120     | 127     | 0.1      | 0.5      | 0.05           |
| 10: Education  | 18      | 18      | -        | -        | -              |
| 11: Restaurants and hotels                           | 97      | 97      | 0.5      | -0.2     | -0.07          |
| 12: Miscellaneous goods and services                 | 77      | 74      | 0.2      | 0.3      | -              |

## Large upward effects came from:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages, where prices overall rose by 0.8% between October and November 2019 compared with a smaller rise of 0.1% a year ago, especially for sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery (which rose by 1.8% this year, compared with a rise of 0.1% last year). Within this group, boxes and cartons of chocolates, and chocolate covered ice cream bars drove the upward movement; and
- **Recreation and culture**, where prices overall rose between October and November 2019 by more than between the same two months a year ago.



## Small upward effects came from:

- Transport, where prices overall fell between October and November 2019 but by less than
  a year ago. This was caused by various price movements across the division. Upward
  effects from second-hand cars and air fares were in part offset by a downward effect from
  rail fares;
- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, where prices overall rose between
   October and November 2019 but were little changed a year ago; and
- Furniture, household equipment and maintenance, with prices rising by 0.5% between October and November 2019 compared with a smaller rise of 0.2% between the same two months a year ago.

## Large downward effects came from:

- Restaurants and hotels, where prices overall fell by 0.2% between October and November 2019 but rose by 0.5% between the same two months a year ago, with the main downward contribution coming from overnight hotel accommodation; and
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, where prices overall fell by 0.2% between October
  and November 2019 but rose by 1.3% between the same two months a year ago. The 3.4%
  average price rise from October to November 2018 for tobacco products reflected an
  increase in duty on such products announced in the Budget last year. There have been no
  further duty increases and there is only a small 0.1% increase in price between October
  and November of this year.

## A small downward effect came from:

• Clothing and footwear, where overall prices rose between October and November 2019 but by less than a year ago, especially for women's garments (which rose by 1.3% this year, compared with 2.1% last year). Within this group, the largest individual contributions came from women's formal trousers and strappy tops.



## **CPIH NOTABLE MOVEMENTS**

| All items CPIH   | Annual rate +1.5%, unchanged from last month Also +1.5% in November 2016 Last higher in September 2019 (+1.7%) Last lower in October 2016 (+1.3%)                    |
|--|--|
| All items CPIH excl. energy, food, alcohol and tobacco | Annual rate +1.7%, unchanged from last month Last higher in July 2019 (+1.9%) Last lower in September 2019 (+1.6%)   |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages                       | Annual rate +2.1%, up from +1.4% last month Highest since August 2018 (+2.4%)  |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco                        | Annual rate +1.9%, down from +3.5% last month<br>Lowest since November 2016 (+1.7%)  |
| Health   | Annual rate +2.9%, up from +2.6% last month Also +2.9% in January 2018 Last higher in December 2017 (+3.2%)  |
| Restaurants and hotels                                 | Annual rate +2.4%, down from +3.2% last month Also +2.4% in April 2019, October 2018 and February 2018 Last lower in August 2016 (+2.3%)                             |
| Miscellaneous goods and services                       | Annual rate +1.9%, up from +1.8% last month Highest since August 2017 (+2.0%)  |
| All goods  | Annual rate +0.5%, up from +0.4% last month Highest since September 2019 (+0.9%)   |
| All services   | Annual rate +2.2%, unchanged from last month Also +2.2% in September 2019, July 2019 and June 2019 Last higher in May 2019 (+2.3%) Last lower in August 2019 (+2.0%) |



## **CPIH DETAILED BRIEFING**

The <u>National Statistics</u> status of the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) was reinstated on 31 July 2017. <u>A letter</u> from the Director General for Regulation to the National Statistician detailed the actions that were taken to meet the requirements as set out in the <u>CPIH assessment report</u>.

Weights are specified as parts per 1000 in the CPIH.

| 01 FOOD AND NON-                  | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES               | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                                   | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 01 Food & non-alcoholic beverages | 83      | 82      | 0.1      | 0.8      | 0.06           |

- Largest upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to food.

| 04.4 Food  | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 01.1 Food  | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|  | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 01.1 Food  | 73      | 72      | 0.3      | 1.0      | 0.06           |
| 01.1.1 Bread and cereals                               | 12      | 12      | -0.6     | 0.3      | 0.01           |
| 01.1.2 Meat  | 16      | 15      | -        | 0.9      | 0.01           |
| 01.1.3 Fish  | 3       | 3       | -0.5     | 0.6      | -              |
| 01.1.4 Milk, cheese and eggs                           | 9       | 9       | 0.3      | 0.4      | -              |
| 01.1.5 Oils and fats                                   | 2       | 2       | 1.7      | 1.4      | -              |
| 01.1.6 Fruit   | 8       | 8       | 0.7      | 2.4      | 0.01           |
| 01.1.7 Vegetables including potatoes                   | 10      | 11      | 0.9      | 1.0      | -              |
| 01.1.8 Sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery | 11      | 10      | 0.1      | 1.8      | 0.02           |
| 01.1.9 Food products not elsewhere covered             | 2       | 2       | 3.3      | -        | -0.01          |

- Large upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery; meat; fruit; and bread and cereals.
- Partially offset by food products not elsewhere covered.

## **Bread and cereals**

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago, particularly for packs of individual cakes.



## Meat

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year but were little changed a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from cooked ham.

## Fruit

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.

## Sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contributions coming from cartons/boxes of chocolates and chocolate covered ice cream bars.

## Food products not elsewhere covered

- Small downward effect.
- Prices overall were little changed this year but rose a year ago.

| 01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages                  | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages                  | 10                        | 10                        | -0.7                      | -0.5                      | -                                       |
| 01.2.1 Coffee, tea and cocoa                  | 3                         | 3                         | -1.4                      | -1.8                      | -                                       |
| 01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices | 7                         | 7                         | -0.5                      | 0.1                       | -                                       |

| 02 ALCOHOLIC                       | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO              | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
| TOBAGGO                            | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 34      | 32      | 1.3      | -0.2     | -0.05          |

- Large downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **tobacco**.
- Partially offset by alcoholic beverages.



| 02.1 Alcoholic Beverages | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 02.1 Alcoholic beverages | 16                        | 15                        | -1.1                      | -0.5                      | 0.01                                    |
| 02.1.1 Spirits           | 5                         | 4                         | -1.7                      | -3.0                      | -                                       |
| 02.1.2 Wine              | 7                         | 7                         | -1.5                      | 0.3                       | 0.01                                    |
| 02.1.3 Beer              | 4                         | 4                         | 0.4                       | 0.7                       | -                                       |

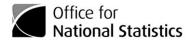
- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **wine**, where prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from white wine.

| 02.2 Tobacco | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 02.2 Tobacco | 18                        | 17                        | 3.4                       | 0.1                       | -0.06                                   |

- Large downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago, mainly due to price increases in 2018 for cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco, reflecting duty increases announced in the Autumn Budget last year.

| 03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 03 Clothing and footwear | 57                  | 54                        | 1.5                       | 1.0                       | -0.03                                   |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to clothing.



| 03.1 Clothing                                  | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 03.1 Clothing                                  | 47                        | 45                        | 1.7                       | 1.0                       | -0.03                                   |
| 03.1.2 Garments                                | 42                        | 41                        | 1.7                       | 1.0                       | -0.03                                   |
| 03.1.3 Other clothing and clothing accessories | 4                         | 3                         | 1.9                       | 0.9                       | -0.01                                   |
| 03.1.4 Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing   | 1                         | 1                         | 0.3                       | 0.1                       | -                                       |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to garments; and other clothing and clothing accessories.

## **Garments**

- Small downward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago, with the main downward contributions coming from women's formal trousers and vests/strappy tops.

## Other clothing and clothing accessories

- Small downward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago.

| 03.2 Footwear including repairs | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|                                 | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                                 | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 03.2 Footwear including repairs | 10      | 9       | 0.7      | 1.0      | -              |

| 04 HOUSING, WATER,<br>ELECTRICITY, GAS AND<br>OTHER FUELS | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels       | 301                       | 298                       | 1                         | 0.1                       | 0.02                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to owner occupiers' housing costs; and electricity, gas and other fuels.



| 04.1 Actual rentals for housing | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04.1 Actual rentals for housing | 69                  | 69                        | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | -                                       |

| 04.2 Owner occupiers' housing costs | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04.2 Owner occupiers' housing costs | 169                       | 165                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | 0.01                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Costs in Scotland rose this year but fell a year ago.

| 04.3 Regular maintenance and repair of the dwelling | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04.3 Regular maintenance and repair of the dwelling | 2                         | 3                         | 0.3                       | 0.4                       | -                                       |
| 04.3.1 Materials for maintenance and repair         | 1                         | 1                         | 0.6                       | 1.2                       | -                                       |
| 04.3.2 Services for maintenance and repair          | 1                         | 2                         | -                         | -                         | -                                       |

• Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.

| 04.4 Other services related to the dwelling | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04.4 Other services related to the dwelling | 9                   | 9                         | -                         | -                         | -                                       |
| 04.4.1 Water supply                         | 4                   | 4                         | -                         | -                         | -                                       |
| 04.4.3 Sewerage collection                  | 5                   | 5                         | -                         | -                         | -                                       |



| 04.5 Electricity, gas and other fuels | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 04.5 Electricity, gas and other fuels | 27                  | 26                        | -0.3                      | -                         | 0.01                                    |
| 04.5.1 Electricity                    | 13                  | 14                        | -                         | -                         | -                                       |
| 04.5.2 Gas                            | 12                  | 10                        | -                         | -                         | -                                       |
| 04.5.3 Liquid fuels                   | 1                   | 1                         | -5.6                      | -3.0                      | -                                       |
| 04.5.4 Solid fuels                    | 1                   | 1                         | -0.8                      | 2.4                       | -                                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Charges overall were little changed this year but fell a year ago.

|                            | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 04.9 Council Tax and rates | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                            | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 04.9 Council Tax and rates | 25      | 26      | -        | -        | -              |

| 05 FURNITURE,<br>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT<br>AND MAINTENANCE | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 05 Furniture, household equipment and maintenance       | 48                        | 53                        | 0.2                       | 0.5                       | 0.02                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to furniture, furnishings and carpets; household textiles; and glassware, tableware and household utensils.
- Partially offset by household appliances, fitting and repairs.

| 05.1 Furniture, furnishings and carpets  | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 05.1 Furniture, furnishings and carpets  | 18                  | 22                        | 0.8                       | 1.1                             | 0.01                                    |
| 05.1.1 Furniture and furnishings         | 14                  | 15                        | 0.8                       | 1.0                             | -                                       |
| 05.1.2 Carpets and other floor coverings | 4                   | 7                         | 0.8                       | 1.2                             | 0.01                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to carpets and other floor coverings, where prices overall rose this year by more than



a year ago.

| 05.2 Household textiles | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 05.2 Household textiles | 5                   | 5                         | 1.8                       | 3.1                       | 0.01                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.

| 05.3 Household appliances, fitting and repairs     | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 05.3 Household appliances, fitting and repairs     | 7                         | 8                         | -1.7                      | -2.4                      | -0.01                                   |
| 05.3.1/2 Major appliances and small electric goods | 6                         | 7                         | -2.0                      | -2.8                      | -0.01                                   |
| 05.3.3 Repair of household appliances              | 1                         | 1                         | 0.1                       | 0.2                       | -                                       |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **major appliances and small electric goods**, where prices overall fell this year by more than a year ago.

| 05.4 Glassware, tableware and household utensils | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|  | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|  | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 05.4 Glassware, tableware and household          |         |         |          |          |                |
| utensils   | 4       | 4       | -0.8     | 0.5      | 0.01           |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago.



| 05.5 Tools and equipment for house and garden | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|   | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|   | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 05.5 Tools and equipment for house and        |         |         |          |          |                |
| garden  | 4       | 5       | -        | 0.4      | -              |

| 05.6 Goods and services for routine maintenance | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 05.6 Goods and services for routine maintenance | 10                  | 9                         | 0.1                       | 0.1                             | -                                       |
| 05.6.1 Non-durable household goods              | 4                   | 3                         | 0.1                       | 0.2                             | -                                       |
| 05.6.2 Domestic services and household services | 6                   | 6                         | -                         | 0.1                             | -                                       |

| 06 HEALTH | Weight<br>2018 | Weight<br>2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to CPIH annual |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|           | Feb-Dec        | Feb-Dec        | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                 |
| 06 Health | 21             | 22             | -                | 0.3              | 0.01                        |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to medical products, appliances and equipment.

| 06.1 Medical products, appliances and equipment  | Weight 2018 | Weight 2019 Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 06.1 Medical products, appliances and equipment  | 9           | 9                   | -0.1                      | 0.5                       | 0.01                                    |
| 06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products                   | 5           | 5                   | -0.2                      | 1.1                       | 0.01                                    |
| 06.1.2/3 Other medical and therapeutic equipment | 4           | 4                   | -                         | -0.2                      | _                                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **pharmaceutical products**, where prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago.



| 06.2 Out-patient services        | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 06.2 Out-patient services        | 7                   | 8                         | 0.1                       | 0.2                       | -                                       |
| 06.2.1/3 Medical and paramedical |                     |                           |                           |                           |   |
| services                         | 4                   | 5                         | 0.1                       | 0.3                       | -                                       |
| 06.2.2 Dental services           | 3                   | 3                         | -                         | -                         | •                                       |

|                        | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 06.3 Hospital services | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                        | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 06.3 Hospital Services | 5       | 5       | 1        | •        | -              |

| 07 TRANSPORT | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 07 Transport | 124                       | 123                       | -0.4                            | -0.2                      | 0.02                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to operation of personal transport equipment and purchase of vehicles.
- Partially offset by transport services.

| 07.1 Purchase of vehicles         | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 07.1 Purchase of vehicles         | 38                  | 37                        | 0.4                       | 0.7                       | 0.01                                    |
| 07.1.1A New cars                  | 22                  | 21                        | 0.8                       | 0.3                       | -0.01                                   |
| 07.1.1B Second-hand cars          | 14                  | 14                        | -0.1                      | 1.6                       | 0.02                                    |
| 07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and bicycles | 2                   | 2                         | -0.7                      | -1.4                      | -                                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **second-hand cars**, where prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago.
- Partially offset by new cars, where prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago.



| 07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment | 58                  | 60                        | -0.5                      | -0.1                      | 0.02                                    |
| 07.2.1 Spare parts and accessories             | 4                   | 4                         | 0.3                       | 0.1                       | -                                       |
| 07.2.2 Fuels and lubricants                    | 25                  | 24                        | -1.1                      | -0.8                      | 0.01                                    |
| 07.2.3 Maintenance and repairs                 | 19                  | 20                        | 0.1                       | 0.6                       | 0.01                                    |
| 07.2.4 Other services                          | 10                  | 12                        | -0.3                      | -                         | -                                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to fuels and lubricants; and maintenance and repairs.

## **Fuels and lubricants**

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall fell this year by less than a year ago.
- The average price of petrol across the month, as recorded for the CPIH, fell by 1.0 pence per litre between October and November 2019, to stand at 125.5 pence per litre.
- Last year, the average price of petrol fell by 2.6 pence per litre between October and November 2018, to stand at 128.1 pence per litre.
- The average price of diesel fell by 1.1 pence per litre between October and November 2019 to stand at 130.3 pence per litre, compared with a rise of 0.4 pence per litre a year earlier, to stand at 136.5 pence per litre.

## **Maintenance and repairs**

- Small upward effect.
- Prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.

|                                       | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 07.3 Transport services               | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                                       | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 07.3 Transport services               | 28      | 26      | -1.2     | -1.8     | -0.01          |
| 07.3.1 Passenger transport by railway | 11      | 11      | 0.8      | -0.6     | -0.02          |
| 07.3.2 Passenger transport by road    | 10      | 9       | -0.1     | -0.1     | -              |
| 07.3.3 Passenger transport by air     | 4       | 4       | -12.1    | -8.2     | 0.02           |
| 07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea and |         |         |          |          |                |
| inland waterway                       | 3       | 2       | 4.4      | -1.5     | -0.02          |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to passenger transport by sea and inland waterway; and passenger transport by railway.



Partially offset by passenger transport by air.

## Passenger transport by railway

- Small downward effect.
- Average charges for international rail journeys fell this year but rose a year ago.

## Passenger transport by air

- Small upward effect.
- Average air fares fell this year by less than a year ago, particularly for European flights.
- Partially offset by a small downward contribution coming from long-haul flights, where average fares fell this year by more than a year ago.

## Passenger transport by sea and inland waterway

- Small downward effect.
- Average sea fares fell this year but rose a year ago, particularly for international routes.

| 08 COMMUNICATION | Weight 2018 | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 08 Communication | 20          | 20                        | 1                         | -                               | -                                       |

Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.

| 08.1 Postal services | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 08.1 Postal services | 1                   | 1                         | 1                         | -                         | -                                       |

Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.

| 08.2/3 Telephone equipment and services | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|   | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|   | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 08.2/3 Telephone equipment and services | 19      | 19      | -        | -        | -              |



| 09 RECREATION AND CULTURE | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09 Recreation and culture | 120                       | 127                       | 0.1                       | 0.5                       | 0.05                                    |

- Large upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to recreational and cultural services; other recreational items, gardens and pets;
   books, newspapers and stationery; and package holidays.

| 09.1 Audio-visual equipment and related products                          | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09.1 Audio-visual equipment and related products                          | 14                  | 17                        | 0.9                       | 1.0                       | -                                       |
| 09.1.1 Equipment for the reception and reproduction of sound and pictures | 4                   | 4                         | -2.4                      | -1.9                      | •                                       |
| 09.1.2 Photographic, cinematographic and optical equipment                | 1                   | 2                         | 0.6                       | -3.2                      | -0.01                                   |
| 09.1.3 Data processing equipment  | 5                   | 7                         | 3.7                       | 2.4                       | -                                       |
| 09.1.4 Recording media  | 3                   | 3                         | 0.8                       | 4.6                       | 0.01                                    |
| 09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual equipment and related products              | 1                   | 1                         | ı                         | -                         | -                                       |

- Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- There is a small upward contribution coming from recording media, where prices overall
  rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from
  DVDs.
- Offset by a small downward contribution coming from photographic, cinematographic and optical equipment, where prices overall fell this year but rose a year ago, particularly for action cameras.

| 09.2 Other major durables for recreation and culture | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09.2.1/2 Major durables for in/outdoor recreation    | 14                  | 14                        | -                         | -                         | -                                       |



| 09.3 Other recreational items, gardens and pets    | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09.3 Other recreational items, gardens and pets    | 29                  | 30                        | -                         | 0.4                       | 0.01                                    |
| 09.3.1 Games, toys and hobbies                     | 17                  | 18                        | -                         | 0.1                       | -                                       |
| 09.3.2 Equipment for sport and open-air recreation | 2                   | 2                         | -0.5                      | -                         | -                                       |
| 09.3.3 Gardens, plants and flowers                 | 3                   | 3                         | 1.2                       | 2.1                       | -                                       |
| 09.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services       | 7                   | 7                         | -0.3                      | 0.3                       | -                                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Prices overall rose this year but were little changed a year ago, with the main upward contributions coming from computer game consoles and computer game download.
- Partially offset by small downward contributions coming from children's preschool activity toys and craft kits.

| 09.4 Recreational and cultural services   | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09.4 Recreational and cultural services   | 23                  | 22                        | -0.9                      | -0.2                      | 0.02                                    |
| 09.4.1 Recreational and sporting services | 7                   | 6                         | -                         | 0.1                       | -                                       |
| 09.4.2 Cultural services                  | 16                  | 16                        | -1.3                      | -0.3                      | 0.02                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to cultural services, where prices overall fell this year by less than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from live music events.

| 09.5 Books, newspapers and stationery                        | Weight 2018 | Weight 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to CPIH annual |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Feb-Dec     | Feb-Dec     | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                 |
| 09.5 Books, newspapers and stationery                        | 9           | 10          | 0.6              | 1.8              | 0.01                        |
| 09.5.1 Books   | 3           | 3           | 1.3              | 4.2              | 0.01                        |
| 09.5.2 Newspapers and periodicals                            | 3           | 3           | -0.7             | 0.4              | -                           |
| 09.5.3/4 Misc. printed matter, stationery, drawing materials | 3           | 4           | 1.4              | 1.0              | -                           |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **books**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from non-fiction hardbacks.



| 09.6 Package holidays | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 09.6 Package holidays | 31                        | 34                        | 0.3                       | 0.5                       | 0.01                                    |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, particularly for foreign holidays.

| 10 EDUCATION | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 10 Education | 18                  | 18                        | -                               | -                         | -                                       |

| 11 RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month<br>% change<br>Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 11 Restaurants and hotels | 97                        | 97                        | 0.5                       | -0.2                            | -0.07                                   |

- Largest downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to accommodation services.
- Partially offset by catering services.

| 11.1 Catering services       | Weight 2018 | Weight 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to CPIH annual |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                              | Feb-Dec     | Feb-Dec     | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                 |
| 11.1 Catering services       | 75          | 76          | 0.3              | 0.4              | 0.01                        |
| 11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes | 69          | 70          | 0.3              | 0.4              | 0.01                        |
| 11.1.2 Canteens              | 6           | 6           | 1                | -0.1             | -                           |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **restaurants and cafes**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from take-away sandwiches.



| 11.2 Accommodation services | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to CPIH annual |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                             | reb-Dec                   | reb-bec                   | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                 |
| 11.2 Accommodation services | 22                        | 21                        | 1.5              | -2.0             | -0.08                       |

- Large downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Average charges for overnight hotel accommodation fell this year but rose a year ago.

| 12 MISCELLANEOUS            | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| GOODS AND SERVICES          | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                             | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 12 Misc. goods and services | 77      | 74      | 0.2      | 0.3      | -              |

- Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- There is a small upward contribution coming from **insurance**.
- Offset by a small downward contribution coming from personal care.

| 12.1 Personal care                                       | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight 2019 Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 12.1 Personal care                                       | 25                        | 24                  | 0.4                       | 0.1                       | -0.01                                   |
| 12.1.1 Hairdressing and personal grooming establishments | 6                         | 6                   | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | -                                       |
| 12.1.2/3 Appliances and products for personal care       | 19                        | 18                  | 0.5                       | 0.1                       | -0.01                                   |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to appliances and products for personal care, where prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago, with the main downward contribution coming from moisturiser/day cream. Partially offset by a small upward contribution coming from lip gloss, where prices rose this year but fell a year ago.



| 12.3 Personal effects not elsewhere covered | Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 12.3 Personal effects not elsewhere covered | 12                  | 15                        | 1.1                       | 1.1                       | -                                       |
| 12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks and watches        | 8                   | 10                        | 0.5                       | 1.0                       | 0.01                                    |
| 12.3.2 Other personal effects               | 4                   | 5                         | 2.2                       | 1.3                       | -                                       |

- Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- There is a small upward contribution coming from **jewellery**, **clocks and watches**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.

| 12.4 Social protection | Weight<br>2018<br>Feb-Dec | Weight<br>2019<br>Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 12.4 Social protection | 14                        | 13                        | 0.3                       | 0.2                       | -                                       |

| 12.5 Insurance                  | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|                                 | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|                                 | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 12.5 Insurance                  | 7       | 5       | -1.4     | 0.1      | 0.01           |
| 12.5.2 House contents insurance | 2       | 1       | 0.5      | 0.3      | -              |
| 12.5.3 Health insurance         | 2       | 2       | -        | -        | -              |
| 12.5.4 Transport insurance      | 3       | 2       | -3.6     | 0.1      | 0.01           |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **transport insurance**, where average premiums for car insurance rose this year but fell a year ago.

| Weight 2018 Feb-Dec | Weight 2019 Feb-Dec | 1 month % change Nov 2018    | 1 month % change Nov 2019                      | Contribution to CPIH annual rate change                          |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| 0                   | 0                   | 0.0                          | 0.1  |  |
|                     | 2018                | 2018 2019<br>Feb-Dec Feb-Dec | 2018 2019 % change<br>Feb-Dec Feb-Dec Nov 2018 | 2018 2019 % change % change<br>Feb-Dec Feb-Dec Nov 2018 Nov 2019 |



| 12.7 Other services not elsewhere covered | Weight  | Weight  | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution   |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
|   | 2018    | 2019    | % change | % change | to CPIH annual |
|   | Feb-Dec | Feb-Dec | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change    |
| 12.7 Other services not elsewhere         |         |         |          |          |                |
| covered                                   | 10      | 9       | 0.1      | 0.1      | -              |



## **RPI SUMMARY**

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE IN THE RPI ANNUAL RATE

| GROUPS                       | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                              |                | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| FOOD                         | 102            | 101             | 0.2              | 0.8              | 0.05                       |
| CATERING                     | 50             | 49              | 0.3              | 0.4              | 0.01                       |
| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS             | 56             | 59              | -0.2             | -                | 0.01                       |
| TOBACCO                      | 23             | 23              | 3.5              | 0.1              | -0.08                      |
| HOUSING                      | 257            | 258             | -0.1             | 0.1              | 0.06                       |
| FUEL AND LIGHT               | 37             | 35              | -0.2             | -0.1             | -                          |
| HOUSEHOLD GOODS              | 68             | 68              | 0.2              | 0.4              | 0.01                       |
| HOUSEHOLD SERVICES           | 58             | 62              | -                | -                | -                          |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR        | 43             | 39              | 1.3              | 1.1              | -0.01                      |
| PERSONAL GOODS AND SERVICES  | 42             | 43              | 0.6              | 0.6              | -                          |
| MOTORING EXPENDITURE         | 124            | 125             | -0.4             | 0.2              | 0.08                       |
| FARES AND OTHER TRAVEL COSTS | 25             | 28              | -5.2             | -3.9             | 0.02                       |
| LEISURE GOODS                | 30             | 24              | 0.5              | 1.3              | 0.01                       |
| LEISURE SERVICES             | 85             | 86              | 0.2              | 0.1              | -                          |



## **RPI NOTABLE MOVEMENTS**

| All items RPI                   | Annual rate +2.2%, up from +2.1% last month Highest since September 2019 (+2.4%)                                      |
|---------------------------------|---|
| All items RPI excl. MIPS (RPIX) | Annual rate +2.3%, up from +2.1% last month Highest since September 2019 (+2.4%)                                      |
| Food                            | Annual rate +2.1%, up from +1.5% last month Highest since August 2018 (+2.4%)   |
| Non-seasonal food               | Annual rate +2.6%, up from +2.1% last month Highest since April 2018 (+2.7%)  |
| Alcoholic drinks                | Annual rate +2.3%, up from +2.2% last month Highest since April 2018 (+2.4%)  |
| Tobacco                         | Annual rate +1.8%, down from +5.3% last month<br>Lowest since April 2002 (+1.6%)                                      |
| All goods                       | Annual rate +1.6%, unchanged from last month Last higher in September 2019 (+1.8%) Last lower in October 2016 (+0.9%) |
| All services                    | Annual rate +3.1%, up from +2.8% last month Highest since September 2019 (+3.2%)                                      |
| Petrol and oil                  | Annual rate -3.4%, down from -2.8% last month Lowest since August 2016 (-4.5%)  |



## **RPI DETAILED BRIEFING**

In accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the Retail Prices Index and its derivatives have been assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics. A consultation was carried out in March 2013 on whether to maintain this detailed RPI briefing and, based on views received, it was decided to continue with its publication.

Weights are specified as parts per 1000 in the RPI.

| FOOD | Weight | Weight   | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution  |
|------|--------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|      | 2018   | Jul 2019 | % change | % change | to RPI annual |
|      |        | onwards  | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change   |
| FOOD | 102    | 101      | 0.2      | 0.8      | 0.05          |

- Large upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to non-seasonal food and, to a lesser extent, seasonal food.

| Seasonal Food          | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                        |             | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| SEASONAL FOOD          | 18          | 18              | 0.9              | 1.4              | 0.01                       |
| Home killed lamb       | 1           | 1               | -3.6             | -2.6             | -                          |
| Fresh fish             | 2           | 2               | -0.3             | 0.8              | -                          |
| Eggs                   | 1           | 1               | 0.4              | 0.3              | -                          |
| Unprocessed potatoes   | 1           | 1               | 0.5              | -0.2             | -                          |
| Other fresh vegetables | 6           | 6               | 1.2              | 0.1              | -0.01                      |
| Fresh fruit            | 7           | 7               | 1.8              | 3.8              | 0.01                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to fresh fruit, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.
- Partially offset by other fresh vegetables, where prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago.



| Non-Seasonal Food           | Weight | Weight   | 1 month  | 1 month  | Contribution  |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 11011 Ocasonai i ooa        | 2018   | Jul 2019 | % change | % change | to RPI annual |
|                             |        | onwards  | Nov 2018 | Nov 2019 | rate change   |
| NON-SEASONAL FOOD           | 84     | 83       | 0.1      | 0.6      | 0.05          |
| Bread                       | 4      | 3        | 0.1      | -        | -             |
| Cereals                     | 3      | 3        | -0.5     | -0.1     | -             |
| Biscuits and cakes          | 6      | 6        | -0.8     | 0.2      | 0.01          |
| Beef                        | 3      | 3        | 0.9      | 1.4      | -             |
| Imported lamb               | 1      | 1        | 3.6      | 1.2      | -             |
| Pork                        | 1      | 1        | -0.4     | 3.4      | -             |
| Bacon                       | 1      | 1        | -0.2     | 0.6      | -             |
| Poultry                     | 4      | 4        | 0.2      | -0.3     | -             |
| Other meat                  | 6      | 6        | -0.5     | 1.3      | 0.01          |
| Processed fish              | 2      | 2        | -1.5     | 0.9      | -             |
| Butter                      | 1      | 1        | -3.0     | -1.0     | -             |
| Oils and fats               | 1      | 1        | 4.2      | 2.8      | -             |
| Cheese                      | 3      | 3        | -        | -0.1     | -             |
| Milk, fresh                 | 3      | 3        | 0.2      | 0.2      | -             |
| Milk products               | 4      | 4        | 0.5      | 1.1      | -             |
| Tea                         | 1      | 1        | -1.3     | -3.3     | -             |
| Soft drinks                 | 8      | 9        | -0.7     | 0.1      | 0.01          |
| Sugar and preserves         | 1      | 1        | -0.7     | -0.5     | -             |
| Sweets and chocolates       | 11     | 11       | -0.3     | 1.0      | 0.01          |
| Potato products             | 3      | 3        | -        | 1.3      | -             |
| Processed vegetables        | 2      | 2        | 0.8      | 0.6      | -             |
| Processed fruit             | 2      | 1        | -0.4     | -0.7     | -             |
| Other foods                 | 11     | 11       | 2.2      | 1.6      | -             |
| Coffee and other hot drinks | 2      | 2        | -1.2     | -1.3     | -             |

- Large upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to sweets and chocolates, other meat, soft drinks and biscuits and cakes, where
  prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago, with the main upward contributions coming
  from cooked ham, cartons/boxes of chocolates, packs of individual cakes, large bars of
  chocolate, fruit squash and chocolate biscuits. Partially offset by a small downward
  contribution coming from sponge cakes, where prices overall fell this year but rose a year
  ago.



| CATERING                   | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 onwards | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to RPI annual rate change |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| CATERING                   | 50             | 49                      | 0.3                       | 0.4                       | 0.01                                   |
| Restaurant meals           | 30             | 29                      | 0.4                       | 0.3                       | -                                      |
| Canteen meals              | 3              | 3                       | -0.1                      | -                         | -                                      |
| Take-away meals and snacks | 17             | 17                      | 0.3                       | 0.7                       | 0.01                                   |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **take-away meals and snacks**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from take-away sandwiches.

| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS            | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                             |             | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS            | 56          | 59              | -0.2             | -                | 0.01                       |
| Beer on sales               | 18          | 19              | 0.3              | 0.2              | -                          |
| Beer off sales              | 5           | 6               | 0.7              | 0.3              | -                          |
| Wines and spirits on sales  | 19          | 19              | 0.2              | 0.2              | -                          |
| Wines and spirits off sales | 14          | 15              | -1.8             | -0.8             | 0.01                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to wines and spirits off sales, where prices overall fell this year by less than a year ago, with the main upward contributions coming from white wine and sparkling wine. Partially offset by a small downward contribution coming from whisky, where prices overall fell this year but rose a year ago.

| ТОВАССО                | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                        |             | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| TOBACCO                | 23          | 23              | 3.5              | 0.1              | -0.08                      |
| Cigarettes             | 19          | 18              | 3.4              | -                | -0.06                      |
| Other tobacco products | 4           | 5               | 4.0              | 0.2              | -0.02                      |

- Largest downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to:
  - Cigarettes, where prices overall were little changed this year but rose a year ago; and to a lesser extent
  - Other tobacco products, where prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago.
- In both cases, the increase in prices last year reflected duty increases announced in the

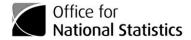


## 2018 Autumn Budget.

| HOUSING                            | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 onwards | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to RPI annual rate change |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| HOUSING                            | 257            | 258                     | -0.1                      | 0.1                       | 0.06                                   |
| Rent                               | 76             | 75                      | 0.1                       | 0.2                       | -                                      |
| Mortgage interest payments         | 24             | 25                      | -0.3                      | 0.1                       | 0.01                                   |
| Council Tax and rates              | 38             | 39                      | -                         | -                         | -                                      |
| Water and other charges            | 12             | 12                      | -                         | -                         | -                                      |
| Repairs and maintenance charges    | 9              | 10                      | -                         | -                         | -                                      |
| DIY materials                      | 8              | 7                       | 0.3                       | 0.9                       | -                                      |
| Dwelling insurance and ground rent | 7              | 6                       | 0.2                       | 0.8                       | -                                      |
| House depreciation                 | 83             | 84                      | -0.4                      | 0.1                       | 0.04                                   |

- Large upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to:
  - **House depreciation**, where the smoothed house price index used to calculate this component rose this year but fell a year ago; and to a lesser extent
  - Mortgage interest payments, where average charges rose this year but fell a year ago.

| FUEL AND LIGHT       | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month<br>% change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                      |             | onwards         | Nov 2018            | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| FUEL AND LIGHT       | 37          | 35              | -0.2                | -0.1             | 1                          |
| Coal and solid fuels | 1           | 1               | -0.9                | 2.3              | -                          |
| Electricity          | 20          | 17              | -                   | -                | -                          |
| Gas                  | 15          | 14              | -                   | -                | -                          |
| Oil and other fuels  | 1           | 3               | -4.7                | -2.3             | -                          |



| HOUSEHOLD GOODS           | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                           |             | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| HOUSEHOLD GOODS           | 68          | 68              | 0.2              | 0.4              | 0.01                       |
| Furniture                 | 28          | 27              | 1.0              | 1.1              | -                          |
| Furnishings               | 9           | 9               | 1.1              | 1.8              | 0.01                       |
| Electrical appliances     | 7           | 7               | -2.6             | -3.9             | -0.01                      |
| Other household equipment | 4           | 5               | -0.6             | 0.7              | 0.01                       |
| Household consumables     | 11          | 11              | 0.6              | -                | -0.01                      |
| Pet care                  | 9           | 9               | -0.7             | 0.2              | 0.01                       |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to:
  - Pet care and other household equipment, where prices overall rose this year but fell
    a year ago; and
  - **Furnishings**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago.
- Partially offset by:
  - **Electrical appliances**, where prices overall fell this year by more than a year ago, with the main downward contribution coming from smartphone handsets; and
  - Household consumables, where prices overall were little changed this year but rose a year ago.

| HOUSEHOLD SERVICES     | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 onwards | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to RPI annual rate change |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| HOUSEHOLD SERVICES     | 58             | 62                      | -                         | -                         | -                                      |
| Domestic services      | 13             | 14                      | 0.2                       | 0.3                       | -                                      |
| Fees and subscriptions | 19             | 23                      | -                         | 0.2                       | -                                      |
| Postage                | 1              | 1                       | -                         | -                         | -                                      |
| Telephone charges      | 25             | 24                      | -0.2                      | -0.2                      | -                                      |



| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                       |                | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 43             | 39              | 1.3              | 1.1              | -0.01                      |
| Men's outerwear       | 9              | 8               | 1.0              | 0.9              | -                          |
| Women's outerwear     | 16             | 14              | 2.0              | 1.3              | -0.01                      |
| Children's outerwear  | 5              | 4               | 1.7              | 1.4              | -                          |
| Other clothing        | 5              | 5               | 1.1              | 0.7              | -                          |
| Footwear              | 8              | 8               | -0.1             | 1.1              | 0.01                       |

- Small downward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to women's outerwear, where prices overall rose this year by less than a year ago, with the main downward contributions coming from women's formal trousers and vests/strappy tops.
- Partially offset by footwear, where prices overall rose this year but fell a year ago, particularly for men's training shoes.

| PERSONAL GOODS AND SERVICES | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 onwards | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to RPI annual rate change |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| PERSONAL GOODS AND SERVICES | 42             | 43                      | 0.6                       | 0.6                       | -                                      |
| Personal articles           | 11             | 11                      | 1.2                       | 1.1                       | -                                      |
| Chemists' goods             | 15             | 16                      | 0.5                       | 0.8                       | -                                      |
| Personal services           | 16             | 16                      | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | -                                      |

| MOTORING<br>EXPENDITURE       | Weight<br>2018 | Weight<br>Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                               |                | onwards            | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| MOTORING EXPENDITURE          | 124            | 125                | -0.4             | 0.2              | 0.08                       |
| Purchase of motor vehicles    | 50             | 51                 | 0.3              | 0.8              | 0.03                       |
| Maintenance of motor vehicles | 16             | 17                 | 0.2              | 0.5              | 0.01                       |
| Petrol and oil                | 34             | 35                 | -0.3             | -1.0             | -0.03                      |
| Vehicle tax and insurance     | 24             | 22                 | -2.5             | 0.4              | 0.07                       |

- Largest upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to:
  - **Vehicle tax and insurance**, where average premiums for car insurance rose this year but fell a year ago; and to a lesser extent
  - Purchase of motor vehicles and maintenance of motor vehicles, where prices



overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from the purchase of second-hand cars. Partially offset by a small downward contribution coming from the purchase of new cars, where average prices rose this year by less than a year ago.

• Partially offset by **petrol and oil**, where prices overall fell this year by more than a year ago. The price of petrol, as recorded for the RPI, fell by 1.3 pence per litre between October and November 2019, to stand at 125.6 pence per litre, compared with a fall of 1.8 pence per litre last year, to stand at 128.9 pence per litre. Diesel prices fell by 1.4 pence per litre, to stand at 130.4 pence per litre in November 2019, compared with a rise of 1.7 pence per litre last year, to stand at 137.1 pence per litre.

| FARES AND OTHER TRAVEL COSTS | Weight<br>2018 | Weight Jul 2019 onwards | 1 month % change Nov 2018 | 1 month % change Nov 2019 | Contribution to RPI annual rate change |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| FARES AND OTHER TRAVEL COSTS | 25             | 28                      | -5.2                      | -3.9                      | 0.02                                   |
| Rail fares                   | 6              | 7                       | 0.8                       | -0.5                      | -0.01                                  |
| Bus and coach fares          | 3              | 3                       | -0.3                      | -0.5                      | -                                      |
| Other travel costs           | 16             | 18                      | -8.0                      | -5.6                      | 0.03                                   |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **other travel costs**, where average air fares fell this year by less than a year ago.
- Partially offset by **rail fares**, where average charges for international rail journeys fell this year but rose a year ago.

| LEISURE GOODS                       | Weight 2018 | Weight<br>Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                                     |             | onwards            | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| LEISURE GOODS                       | 30          | 24                 | 0.5              | 1.3              | 0.01                       |
| Audio-visual equipment              | 6           | 4                  | -                | -                | -0.01                      |
| CDs and tapes                       | 2           | 1                  | 1.2              | 4.5              | -                          |
| Toys, photographic and sports goods | 10          | 9                  | 0.1              | -0.2             | -                          |
| Books and newspapers                | 6           | 5                  | 8.0              | 3.8              | 0.01                       |
| Gardening products                  | 6           | 5                  | 1.0              | 2.0              | -                          |

- Small upward effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- Due to **books and newspapers**, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from non-fiction books.
- Partially offset by audio-visual equipment, where average prices for PC peripherals rose this year by less than a year ago.



| LEISURE SERVICES                   | Weight 2018 | Weight Jul 2019 | 1 month % change | 1 month % change | Contribution to RPI annual |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                                    |             | onwards         | Nov 2018         | Nov 2019         | rate change                |
| LEISURE SERVICES                   | 85          | 86              | 0.2              | 0.1              | -                          |
| TV licence and rentals             | 11          | 10              | -                | -                | -                          |
| Entertainment and other recreation | 16          | 16              | -0.8             | -0.2             | 0.01                       |
| Foreign holidays                   | 47          | 47              | 0.4              | 0.6              | 0.01                       |
| UK holidays                        | 11          | 13              | 1.0              | -1.0             | -0.02                      |

- Negligible overall effect on the all items 12-month rate change.
- There is a small downward contribution coming from **UK holidays**, where average charges for overnight hotel accommodation fell this year but rose a year ago.
- Offset by small upward contributions coming from:
  - Foreign holidays, where prices overall rose this year by more than a year ago; and
  - Entertainment and other recreation, where prices overall fell this year by less than a year ago, with the main upward contribution coming from live music events.



## RECONCILIATION OF CPIH AND RPI

## (Table 5a of the Consumer Price Inflation Dataset)

This table identifies the main factors contributing to the differences between the unrounded inflation rates for the CPIH and the RPI. These differences are broken down into: mortgage interest payments, other housing components excluded from the CPIH, imputed rents (included in CPIH and excluded from RPI), other differences in the coverage of goods and services, and the formula effect. The final component titled 'other differences including weights' is derived as a residual.

The corresponding figures for the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) can be found in Table 5b of the Consumer price inflation dataset.

The difference between the CPIH and RPI unrounded annual rates in November 2019 was -0.75 percentage points, widening from -0.61 percentage points in October 2019.

The main factors contributing to the widening were:

- Other differences including weights, which increased the RPI 12-month rate relative to
  the CPIH 12-month rate by 0.07 percentage points between October and November 2019.
   The effect came mainly from insurance and second-hand cars. This was partially offset by a
  narrowing effect from fuels and lubricants.
- Other housing components, which increased the RPI 12-month rate relative to the CPIH
  12-month rate by 0.05 percentage points between October and November 2019. The effect
  came mainly from house depreciation.
- The formula effect, which overall increased the RPI 12-month rate relative to the CPIH 12-month rate by 0.03 percentage points between October and November 2019.

There were no significant offsetting factors.



## **RPI MISCELLANEOUS DATA**

## **Selected Average Prices**

| Description        |                       | September 2019 | October<br>2019 | November 2019 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Fuel per litre     | Diesel                | £1.32          | £1.32           | £1.30         |
| Fuel per litre     | Petrol                | £1.28          | £1.27           | £1.26         |
| Alcohol pub prices | Draught bitter (pint) | £3.11          | £3.11           | £3.12         |
|                    | Draught lager (pint)  | £3.72          | £3.72           | £3.73         |
|                    | Whisky (per nip)      | £2.98          | £2.98           | £3.00         |
| Cigarettes         | Per 20 king size      | £10.78         | £10.79          | £10.79        |

Average prices are as recorded for the RPI.

## **Changes in Mortgage Interest Rates**

This table gives an estimate of the contribution that changes in the average mortgage interest rate (MI) make to the 1-month percentage change in the RPI.

| Month          | 1-month %<br>change in<br>the RPI | Approx. change in average MI rate | Approx. contribution to the 1-month % change in the RPI |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| November 2018  | 0.0                               | Down -0.02% points                | -0.02% points   |
| December 2018  | +0.4                              | Down -0.01% points                | -0.01% points   |
| January 2019   | -0.9                              | Negligible                        | -   |
| February 2019  | +0.7                              | Negligible                        | -   |
| March 2019     | 0.0                               | Down -0.01% points                | -0.01% points   |
| April 2019     | +1.1                              | Down -0.01% points                | -0.01% points   |
| May 2019       | +0.3                              | Negligible                        | -   |
| June 2019      | +0.1                              | Down -0.02% points                | -0.02% points   |
| July 2019      | 0.0                               | Negligible                        | -   |
| August 2019    | +0.8                              | Negligible                        | -   |
| September 2019 | -0.2                              | Negligible                        | -   |
| October 2019   | -0.2                              | Down -0.02% points                | -0.02% points   |
| November 2019  | +0.2                              | Down -0.01% points                | -0.01% points   |

**NB:** A one percentage point change in the average mortgage interest rate contributes approx. 1.0 percentage points to the 1-month percentage change in the RPI.



## **OUTLOOK**

The outlook is a summary of seasonal trends, selected news cuttings and other sources of information. It gives some indication of expected changes to the annual rate of the CPIH and RPI in the next few months.

## **FOOD**

## **Seasonal Food**

 Seasonal food prices have shown a mixed pattern of rises and falls in December of previous years, but are typically dependent on weather conditions both in the UK and around the world.

| Monthly % change for CPIH seasonal food index |         |          |          |  |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Year  | October | November | December |  |
| 2013  | -       | -0.2     | 0.9      |  |
| 2014  | 1.3     | 0.6      | 0.6      |  |
| 2015  | 0.2     | 0.8      | -0.6     |  |
| 2016  | -0.2    | 1.2      | 0.5      |  |
| 2017  | 2.1     | 1.0      | -0.4     |  |
| 2018  | 1.9     | 0.6      | -0.2     |  |
| 2019  | -1.5    | 1.4      |          |  |

Seasonal food prices in the RPI tend to show a similar movement.

## **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**

Prices for clothing and footwear tend to fall in December.

| Monthly % change for CPIH clothing and footwear index |         |          |          |  |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Year  | October | November | December |  |
| 2013  | 1.0     | 0.7      | -0.9     |  |
| 2014  | 0.6     | 0.7      | -1.1     |  |
| 2015  | 2.0     | -0.1     | -1.3     |  |
| 2016  | 0.3     | 1.4      | -1.0     |  |
| 2017  | 0.2     | 1.2      | -0.9     |  |
| 2018  | -0.5    | 1.5      | -1.0     |  |
| 2019  | 1.0     | 1.0      |          |  |

• The clothing and footwear group in the RPI exhibits a similar seasonal pattern.



## FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Prices tend to rise in December.

| Monthly % change for CPIH furniture, household equipment and maintenance index |                                |      |     |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|------|-----|--|--|
| Year   | Year October November December |      |     |  |  |
| 2013   | -0.4                           | -0.1 | 1.7 |  |  |
| 2014   | -1.1                           | 0.1  | 1.6 |  |  |
| 2015   | -1.0                           | -0.2 | 1.1 |  |  |
| 2016   | 0.5                            | 0.5  | 0.9 |  |  |
| 2017   | -0.4                           | 0.3  | 1.4 |  |  |
| 2018   | -0.1                           | 0.2  | 1.0 |  |  |
| 2019   | -1.1                           | 0.5  |     |  |  |

The household goods group in the RPI exhibits a similar seasonal pattern.

## **TRANSPORT**

#### **Fuels and Lubricants**

- Oil prices have risen slightly due to hopes that energy demand will benefit from the
  announced trade deal between the United States and China, but prices remained below the
  previous session's three-month highs. Brent crude oil futures were up 23 cents, or 0.4%, at
  \$65.45 a barrel, a session after hitting their highest since September 17 at \$65.79. West
  Texas Intermediate crude CLc1 was up 8 cents, or 0.2%, at \$60.15 a barrel. (uk.reuters.com
  16 December 2019)
- When considering the price of petrol between November and December 2019, it may be
  useful to note that the average price of petrol fell by 6.4 pence per litre between November
  and December 2018, to stand at 121.7 pence per litre as measured in the CPIH.
- A 1 pence change on average in the cost of a litre of motor fuel contributes approximately
   0.02 percentage points to the 1-month change in the CPIH.

## Passenger Transport by Air

• Air fares tend to rise in December.

| Monthly % change for CPIH air fares index |         |          |          |  |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Year                                      | October | November | December |  |
| 2013                                      | -11.2   | -8.1     | 19.8     |  |
| 2014                                      | -6.0    | -12.3    | 19.3     |  |
| 2015                                      | -12.7   | -13.0    | 46.0     |  |
| 2016                                      | -7.4    | -13.4    | 48.9     |  |
| 2017                                      | -4.8    | -10.4    | 52.8     |  |
| 2018                                      | -5.0    | -12.1    | 39.6     |  |
| 2019                                      | -1.1    | -8.2     |          |  |

• The air fares index used in the RPI is the same as that used in the CPIH, and is included in



the other travel costs section.

## **HOUSING (RPI)**

## Mortgage interest payments (MIPs)

- The Bank of England Bank Rate was unchanged at 0.75% on Thursday 7 November 2019.
   The next announcement and minutes from the Bank of England's Monetary Policy
   Committee are scheduled to be published on 19 December 2019.
- The change in average mortgage interest rates recorded in the RPI was -0.01 percentage points between November and December 2018. The Bank of England Bank Rate remained unchanged at 0.75% in November 2018.
- A one percentage point change in the average mortgage interest rate contributes approximately 1.0 percentage points to the 1-month percentage change in the RPI.



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