UK Consumer Price Inflation

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UK Consumer Prices: CPI Inflation

CPI by main categories	October 2012 % Y/Y	October 2012 % M/M	% Change Since August 2007				
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	3.4	0.5	31.1				
Alcohol & Tobacco	6.5	0.4	34.0				
Clothing & Footwear	-0.1 1.2		-8.0				
Housing & household services (includes water & fuel)	1.7	1.7 0.1					
Furniture & Household Equipment	1.7	-0.6	18.1				
Health	2.5	0.2	16.1				
Transport	3.1	-0.1	24.6				
Communication	3.7	0.2	12.1				
Recreation & Culture	0.8	0.4	3.8				
Education	19.7	19.1	71.1				
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	0.0	18.1				
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	1.9	0.0	13.5				
Overall CPI	2.7	0.5	18.6				
Source: ONS							

UK CPI Inflation by Sub-Category

UK CPI has exceeded the MPC's 2% target in 55 out of 62 months since the credit crunch began (*August 2007*)



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RPI back above 3% rising from 2.6% in September to 3.2% in October



UK RPI vs RPIX

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All key indices saw inflation accelerate in October with rise in university tuition fees adding 0.3pp to headline CPI rate



UK inflation still rising at a faster rate than earnings and prolonging the income squeeze



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The annual rate of energy & food inflation has eased markedly since peaks in 2008 & 2009 but it's the cumulative impact



UK CPI Inflation Year-on-Year

Since Aug-07 CPI has risen by almost 19% which compares with a rise in average earnings of less than 11%

Cumulative % Change in UK Consumer Prices since Credit Crunch began (Aug 07 to Oct 12)



International Consumer Price Inflation Comparisons



Inflation has been more pronounced in the UK than in the Eurozone...



...and even more pronounced relative to the Republic of Ireland



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The Rol has gone from having the highest annual rates of inflation to the lowest



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Ireland has become the poster child of low inflation with the UK experiencing the highest rises outside of Eastern Europe

Cumulative % Rise in Consumer Prices (HICP)

since August 2007 to September / October 2012*



The UK has experienced a cumulative rise in consumer prices 6 X greater than the Rol since August 2007

CPI by main categories	UK October 2012 %Y/Y	Rol October 2012 % Y/Y	UK % Change Since August 2007	Rol % Change Since August 2007	
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	3.4	1.0	31.1	0.4	
Alcohol & Tobacco	6.5	3.4	34.0	12.4	
Clothing & Footwear	-0.1	1.0	-8.0	-21.1	
Housing & household services (includes water & fuel)	1.7	4.7	27.0	5.8	
Furniture & Household Equipment	1.7	-2.7	18.1	-13.1	
Health	2.5	0.4	16.1	13.7	
Transport	3.1	5.4	24.6	9.1	
Communication	3.7	-3.4	12.1	1.0	
Recreation & Culture	0.8	-1.1	3.8	-2.8	
Education	19.7	6.7	71.1	36.8	
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	1.0	18.1	-1.2	
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	1.9	3.3	13.5	15.5	
Overall CPI	2.7	2.1	18.6	3.0	
Source: ONS & CSO using HICP measure					

UK & Rol CPI Inflation by Sub-Category



With the divergence particularly stark when it comes to Food & Drink



UK Oil, Petrol & Diesel Prices

The rise in petrol prices is squeezing disposable incomes



Filling up an average family car now costs over £80 with a further 3p per litre rise in duty due in January 2013



It cost just £28 for a tank of fuel 20 years ago



Remember it is the price of oil in sterling that matters



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It was £12.50 for a barrel of Brent crude 20 years ago. Now it is £69pb



Forecourt petrol prices will broadly follow oil price (in £)



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UK Inflation Forecasts



Bank of England expects UK inflation to remain above its 2% target until the end of the forecast period

CPI inflation projection based on constant nominal interest rates at 0.5% and £375 billion asset purchases (November 2012)



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The probability of an inflation overshoot has risen since the BoE's last Quarterly Inflation Report (Aug 2012)

Probability of an inflation overshoot based on market interest rate expectations has <u>risen</u> particularly in the near term



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UK inflation rates to ease but all will average 2% or higher for 2013 as a whole...



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...with FBTE inflation averaging over 3% in 2013



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