



February 2025

# HUG2 Roundtable

Maximising Delivery: Conversion

Financial processes and timings for Spring 2025

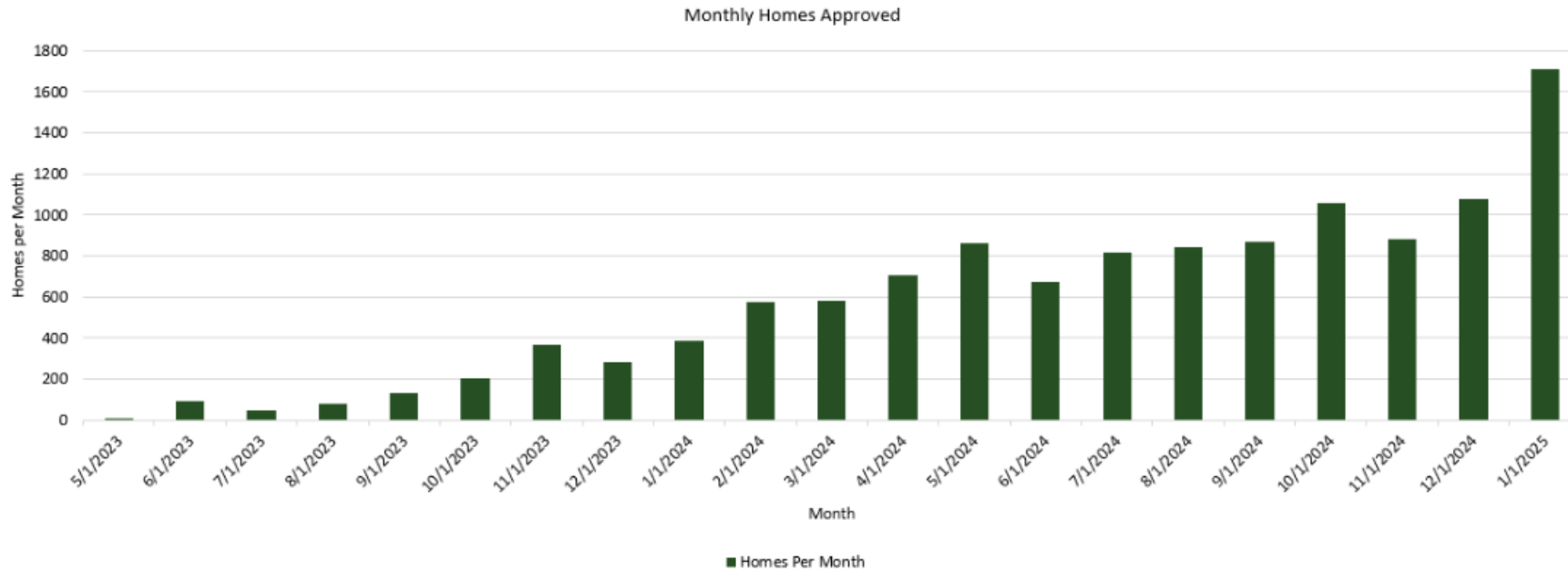
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# Introduction

## Monthly Homes Approved



In January, 22 GRs submitted PCR to increase scope (433 homes in total)

**THANK YOU!!!**



# Delivery: Conversion

**There is still work to be done.**

**Not including today (Wednesday 5 February), there are 38 working days left until the scheme closes on 31 March.**

the number of properties currently approved through the batch system is 4925.

Blockers previously highlighted by GRs:

- Extenuating circumstances
  - This will run from 1-25 April and will provide the opportunity to complete work that was scheduled for commencement and completion by 31 March but where there was an interruption to that plan.
  - This could include illness of homeowner, bad weather, jury service, bereavement, tenant/landlord issues, contractor issues or illness, property issues (e.g. power cut).
  - The window to apply for extenuating circumstances will open on 17 February and close on 4 April.
  - More detailed guidance will be issued shortly via email and made available on HUG Hive.
- Extension to batch amendments
  - Moved from 7 March to 23 May at GR request.
- Review of change request process to increase profile
  - A revised and speedier approach was implemented (48hr process). Change processes to support post-ABS closure are under review and will be communicated next week.

**For discussion - how do we maximise conversion of that number into actual delivery by scheme end?**

# Financial processes and timings

Thank you for working with DA/DP colleagues to provide data and commentary to enhance our understanding of your financial position ahead of making the final batch payment this week.

## Approach to this week's batch payment

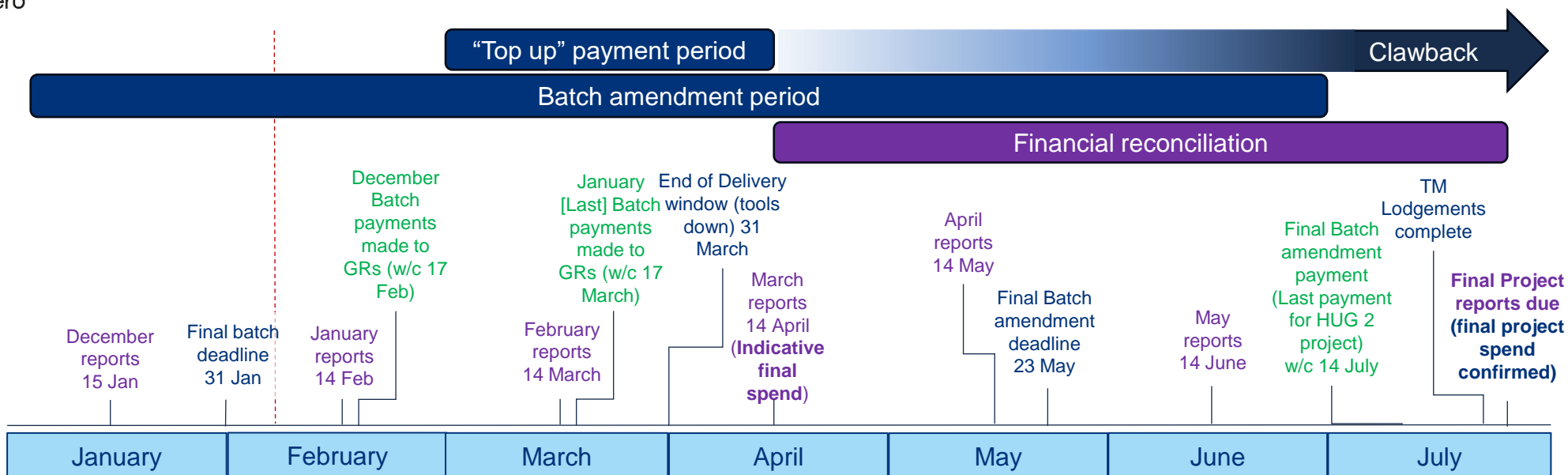
- To support the maximising delivery focus over the next couple of months alongside mitigating the risk of clawback, we will provide funding in more than one instalment. The first will be w/c 17 March and will form the bulk of funding provided.
- There will be two top-up funding opportunities in March and April. The data upload that contain details of actual delivery will help inform whether a top-up payment is required alongside intelligence you provide to the SPOCs.
- To support decision making, GRs are encouraged to submit timely and complete data returns going forward (to include measures information).

## Approach to capitalisation of A&A

Following feedback from GRs regarding how they can capitalise more A&A, we scoped the best process and approach to do this:

- Capitalisation of costs will be done via the data uploads system rather than by reopening batches so adjustments will be made in the March, April and May data upload opportunities.
- Guidance on the process will be published by 1 March on the HUG Hive site.

# Financial processes and timings



## Approach to clawback

- Discussions with GRs will begin in mid-April and run to early June. Any subsequent transfer returns of funding to DESNZ will run into early autumn.
- Projects will enter closure at different times and will therefore meet most of the milestones in the timeline above earlier than shown.
- The dates of the milestones above represent the final dates milestones can be met.

# Closure process and timeline

## Approach to data reconciliation

- Reconciliation starts now.
- Salix have been providing GRs with reports on what our current understanding is to help align that understanding. Please continue to flag if you don't agree with what's been supplied.
- Grant recipients are encouraged to submit as much information as possible in data uploads going forward and to do lodgements with Trustmark at the earliest opportunity.

## Approach to decisions and process on policy breaches

- The final position for each GR and the overall scheme is needed to inform decisions on policy breaches (i.e. clawback). Discussions with most GRs will begin in earnest in April (sooner for GRs closing early).

## Approach to communication and engagement with GRs on closure

- Closure guidance will be made available on the new HUG Hive site - <https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/hughive>.
- We will continue to issue information by email and there will be roundtables in early March, April and May.
- SPOCs will be main source of contact for closure support and questions.



# Transition to Warm Homes: Local Grant

- Homes that have been submitted in batches for HUG2 are expected to be completed under HUG2.
- Where something unexpected arises that means planned work can't be completed by scheme end, the extenuating circumstances period should be used rather than seeking to transfer to WH:LG.
- We are scoping the practical considerations for transition and will bring the latest thinking to the next roundtable.

## Considerations:

- IMD3 postcodes – the eligibility used for these properties in HUG2 does not make them eligible for WH:LG. Every effort should be made to identify these properties from existing batches and complete under HUG2.



If you have any questions or require support on suspended installers or what to do, please reach out to our dedicated team at: [assurance.support@salixfinance.co.uk](mailto:assurance.support@salixfinance.co.uk)

A webinar for HUG 2 Grant Recipients will take place on Friday 7th February to answer any questions GRs have.





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# Thank you