

Business World User Guide Budget Managers for Schools Shropshire Council



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1. General Information

1.1. Introduction

This manual has been written to help you work with the Training Administration element of Business World. As several services will be using Business World, this user guide is specific to the area for which it is written.

You must also be familiar with Microsoft Windows and understand workflow (which is covered in the E-Learning introduction courses).

1.2. Conventions in this document:

This manual uses icons to illustrate comments with the following purposes



Warning



Useful tips



Best Practice

Navigate to:

Personnel → Work schedule → Day type master file

[***] Key from the PC keyboard e.g. Press [Tab]

This User Guide covers:

- Navigation in Business World Web
- Uploading budgets using Excelerator
- How to do virements
- How to do budget management and forecasting
- Budget reporting



2.Introduction

2.1. Aim of the Manual

The Budget Manager Manual covers the responsibilities and tasks that you will have to perform in your new role in Business World.

This covers all the Approval tasks and the Reports and Forecast Postback.

It is your responsibility to agree annual budgets and monitor them. Each month you will be asked to update your forecast.

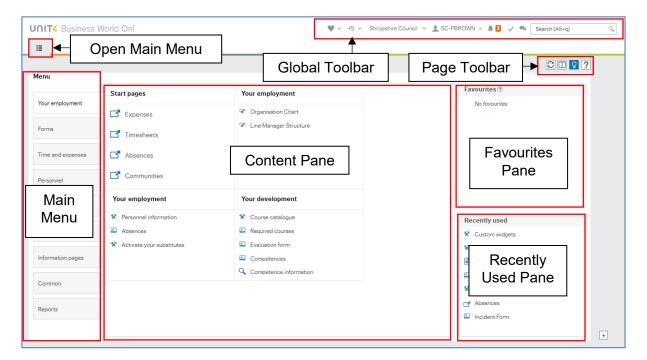
In addition, you will sometimes need to enter a General Ledger journal to make corrections between Cost Centres, Account Codes etc. or a Virement to move budget.



3. Navigation in Business World Web

3.1. The Employee Dashboard

When you log on Business World Web you will 'land' on the Employee Dashboard.

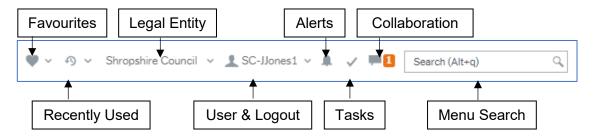


- Open Main Menu opens the main menu from any page you are working in
- Main Menu opens navigation options for the module selected
- Content Pane is where the contents specific pages are opened and worked in
- Favourites Pane contains shortcuts to any page you add to it
- Recently Used Pane contains shortcuts to recently opened and closed pages



a. Global Toolbar

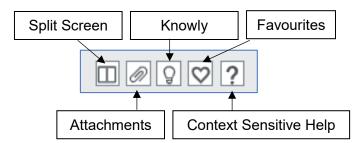
The Global Toolbar is visible from everywhere in Business World.



- Favourites opens the list of favourite shortcuts
- Recently Used opens the list of recently used pages
- Legal Entity displays the organisation you are logged in to
- User & Logout displays your user name and the drop down contains options, including Logout
- Alerts is where your alerts are accessed from. A white number on an orange background indicates how many alerts you have
- Tasks is where your tasks are accessed from. A white number on an orange background indicates how many alerts you have
- Collaboration is a messaging function for Business World users that allows you to add screenshots and Business World links
- **Menu Search** allows you to search for, then open screens

b. Page Toolbar

The Page Toolbar icons will change to reflect the open screen.

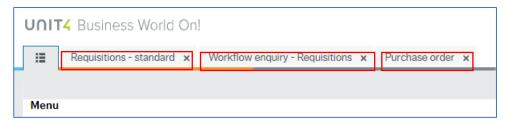


- **Split Screen** allows two screens to be open at the same time
- Attachments allows files to be added to records
- Knowly is a means of sharing knowledge with other users or recording notes for yourself
- Favourites opens the list of favourite shortcuts
- Context Sensitive Help opens help for the screen that is active



3.2. Screen Tabs

It is possible to have multiple screens opened in Business World and each will open in its own tab.



Click on a screen tab to make it the active screen or click on its cross to close it.



3.3. Searching / Value Lookup

In the Business World Web environment there will be many screens where you will need to enter system data to either complete transactions or run enquiries/ reports. This data is held in numeric format but will be associated with a text description. Most, but not all, screens allow you to use all options but there are some that won't. There are four main ways to use to look up the data. You must be in an active field before you do this.

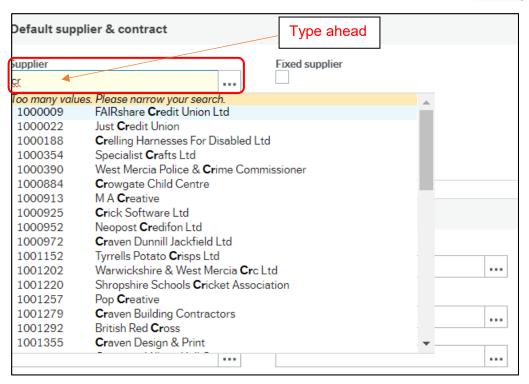
- If you know the code, you can enter it in the appropriate field and press [Tab]. Tabbing out
 of a field firstly validates your entry to see if it is correct and secondly it moves the cursor to
 the next field. Sometimes you will forget to tab out of a field and then click on [Save].
 Clicking on [Save] will only move the cursor to the next field, it will not perform a save.
- 2. Use type ahead. Entering any part of the name or number will reveal possible options that match what you have entered. This is the quickest and most effect way of entering data.
- 3. Press the **[Spacebar]**. This will display a short list of the first potential choices but be aware that this this will not always show all the data. It is effective where the list is short but not when the list is extensive.
- 4. Use what is called Value Lookup. This lets you search using multiple fields at the same time using what are known as Wildcards.

The wildcards you can use are * and ?. The * represents one or more characters and the ? represents a single character.

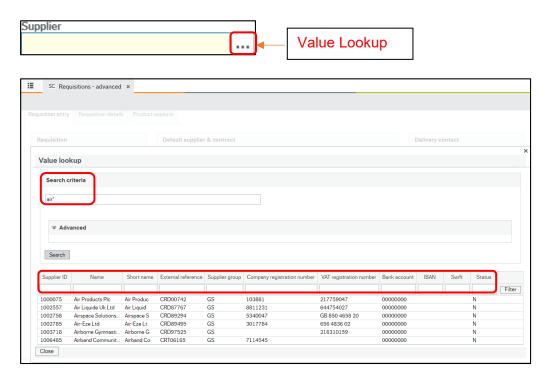
Examples:

- Station* will find all words that begin with the word station.
- *station will find all words that end with station.
- *station* will find all words that contain station anywhere in the name.
- *sm?th will find all names that end in smith, smyth.





In the example above, typing cr in the Supplier field has found many suppliers with cr somewhere in their name



By clicking on the Value Lookup button (...), you activate the Value Lookup screen. In the above example by entering air* in the **Search** Criteria field, all suppliers with the letters air at the beginning of their name will be listed when you click on **Search**. Click on the one you want, and it will be brought back to the original screen.



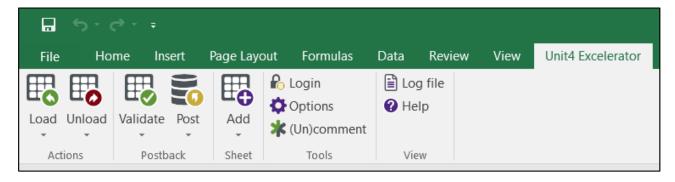
4. Uploading budgets using Excelerator

Information regarding uploading and setting original budgets are shown below for reference only – this is performed by the Finance teams.

4.1. Excelerator Overview

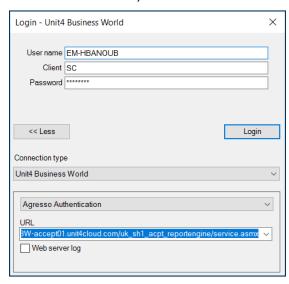
Excelerator is Unit4 add-on to Excel that allows us to use Excel to enter a large volume of transactions, such as budgets (other examples include journals etc). Excelerator is also used for reporting.

After installation, the Unit4 add-on will be shown at the top of Excel – labelled **Unit4 Excelerator** as below.



After entering transactions in the spreadsheet (next page), you use the tools above to:

- Load/Unload Transactions for reporting
- Validate Validate transactions before posting
- **Post** Transactions (budgets, journals etc next page).
- Add used when firstly creating Excelerator sheets
- Login Login to BW You will need to enter your username, SC (client), and password.
 - IMPORTANT: You must enter the URL path as shown below (Note you only have to do this once)

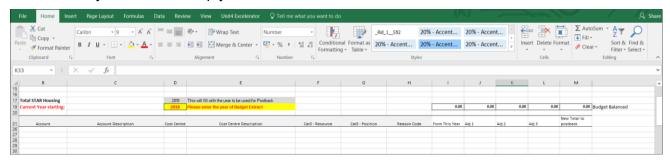




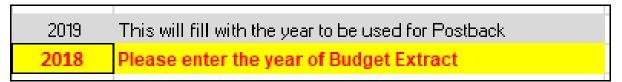
4.2. Budget Setting – Excelerator

Finance will receive an allocation budget from the council which they can amend. The information below and spreadsheet used is provided as an example only.

- 1. Open the spreadsheet template in Excel: TY extract to CORP0 Postback
 - **NOTE**: This will be the allocated budget from the council based on this year which we will now review and modify for next year's budget.
- 2. **Login**. A message is only displayed if there is an error with the login process.
- 3. Initially the sheet is empty as below:



4. Enter the relevant budget year in **Year of data extract** as below – this is the year we wish to extract from:

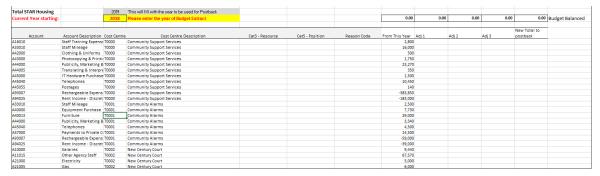


NOTE: The spreadsheet will automatically add the next year in **Year of data postback**.

5. Click Load > Current sheet.

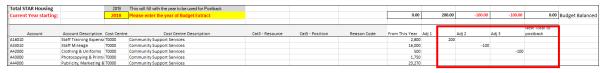


The spreadsheet loads with the current year's budget ready to amend for next year (partially shown below due to size)



The fields loaded are:

- Account code and description
- Cost Centre and description
- Cat3-Resource & Cat5-Position (if applicable for resource/payroll related accounts)
- From This Year this is budget allocated from this year which we start from
- Adj1 Adj3 Adjustments are made here (note you can amend the column name –
 for example inflation, and add new columns as required)
- New Total to Postback this will be updated to reflect the changes
- 6. As an example, amend the budget as shown below by adding adjustments in the columns and renaming each column as required:

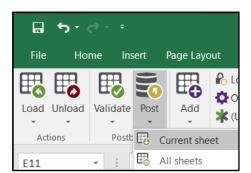


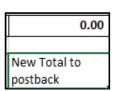
NOTE: The columns at the top will reflect the changes and a warning – on the right - that budgets need to balance if they do not:

BUDGET TRANSACTION IS OUT OF BALANCE - PLEASE CORRECT

NOTE: The **New Total to Postback** column at the top will show zero when balanced.

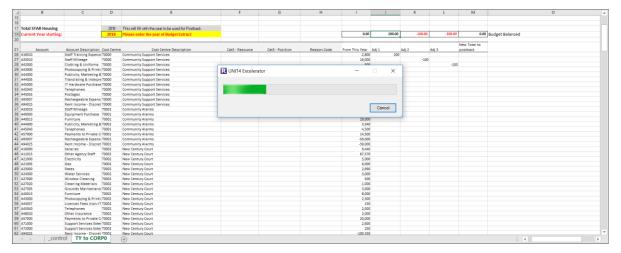
- 7. Repeat these steps as necessary and ensure all lines balance.
- 8. When ready to post the budget, click **Post > Current sheet**:



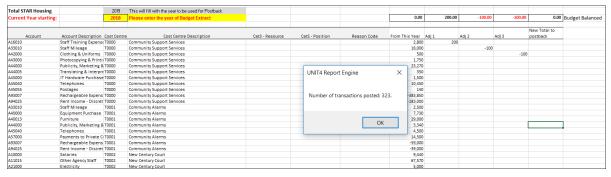




UNIT4 Excelerator loads as shown below:



After the Unit4 Excelerator load has completed (time dependent on transactions), a pop-up appears displaying the number of transactions posted.



IMPORTANT: The transactions posted here are entered in the **CORP0** version.



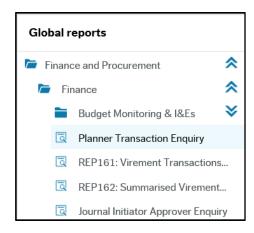
4.3. Budget enquiry

There will be a number of enquiries available for Budget reporting. One of them can be used to confirm correct posting as performed using Excelerator for **CORP0**.

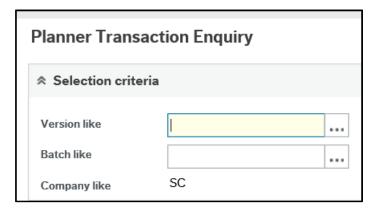
NOTE: This follows from our example earlier from budget uploading/setting.

In BW Web:

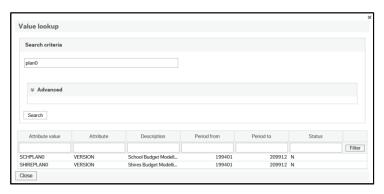
1. Navigate to Global Reports > Finance > Planner Transaction Enquiry



2. Next to Version like, you can enter **CORP0** or use value lookup to search



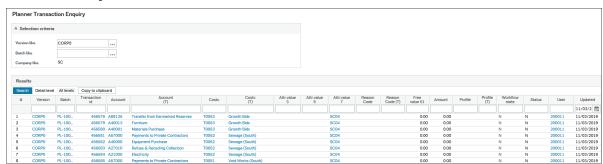
NOTE: If you use value lookup to search, you can enter a part of what you are looking for – such as the example **plan0** below and click **search** (or you can enter the version exactly as it is if you know it).





- 3. When you run the enquiry, you should see the transactions entered earlier to confirm posting. The key columns (Left side) are:
 - Version
 - **Batch** Make a note of this for any online adjustments (next section)
 - **Transaction ID** Every line has a transaction number
 - Account code and description
 - CostC and description

Note: To see the entire fields you can drag to resize the truncated columns or hover your mouse over the value.



- Attr.value 7 The legal entity
- Amount
- Workflow State and Status
- **User** Name of user who uploaded this. Make a note of this for adjustments later online if required
- Updated When updated



5. Entering Virements using Planner

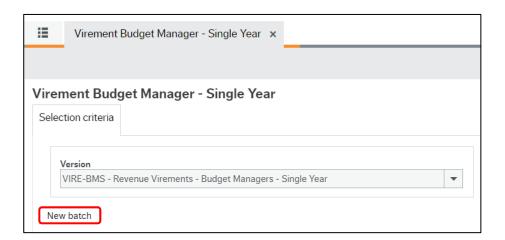
There are two ways to enter a virement in Business World.

One is to enter the virement in the Business World Planner module (mainly used for transaction with a few lines).

The other is to use Business World Excelerator (used for multiple lines).

Using Planner:

- Navigate to Planner → Your budgets.
- 2. Click on Virement Budget Manager Single Year or Virement Budget Manager Multi Year depending on the type of virement you are carrying out.
- 3. Click New Batch.



4. Enter a **Description** to indicate what this virement is for and click **OK**.





Click on the first blank row and enter in the transaction lines for the virement.



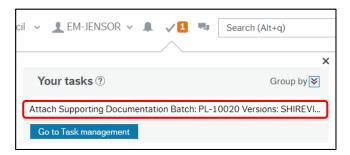
- 5. **Account**: enter the account or use type ahead to enter the correct Account Code and press **[Tab]**.
- 6. **Cost Centre**: enter the cost centre or use type ahead to enter the correct cost centre.
- 7. **Resource**: enter the name of the person responsible or use type ahead to find them (Resource may not be required depending on the Account Code used).
- 8. Position: only used when Resource is required.
- 9. Legal Entity: defaults based on the cost centre entered.
- 10. **Budget**: enter the amount of budget to vire (plus or minus depending on where the budget is coming from and going to).
- 11. **Profile**: enter the profile required (entering no profile will default to E12 (equal twelfths).
- 12. **Reason Code**: enter the code required.
- 13. Comments: enter comments as required
- 14. Click on the next blank row
- 15. Repeat the steps above to complete the remainder of the entries.
- 16. Click Save.



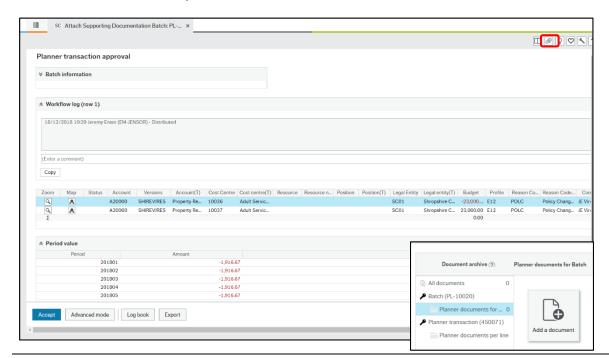


You will immediately receive a task asking you to attach a document (you will receive this even if you have added a document before saving).

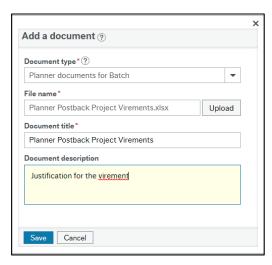
- 1. Click on your **Tasks** ✓
- 2. Click on the Attach Supporting Documentation Batch PL...task



The full Virement screen opens:

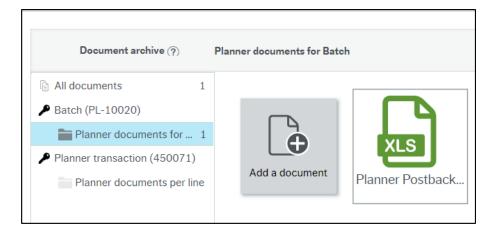


- 3. Click on the paper clip
- 4. Click on the Planner documents for... folder
- 5. Click on Add a document
- 6. Navigate to the file on your system
- 7. Click on Open
- 8. Add a Document description
- 9. Click on Save
- 10. Close the window
- 11. Click on Accept





After attaching documents, they will appear as an icon.



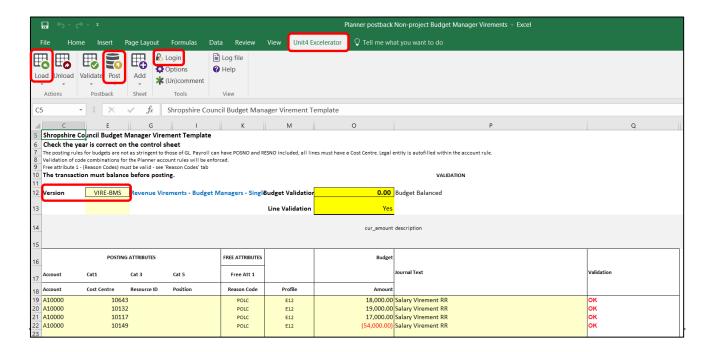
When you close the pop-up attachment window, the paperclip icon will turn blue indicating you have attached a document.



NOTE: If you have already added a document on first entry then click on **Accept** in this workflow task.

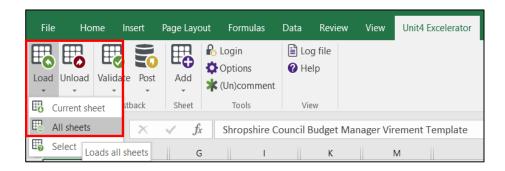


5.1. Entering Virements using Excelerator



To upload a virement

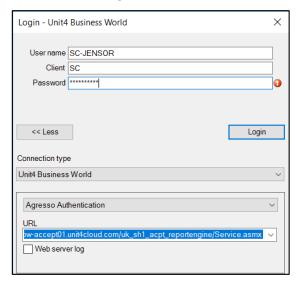
- 1. Open the Planner Postback Non-project Budget Manager Virements template.
- 2. Click the Unit 4 Excelerator tab.
- 3. Select the Version:
 - a. VIRE-BMS (Virement Budget Manager Single Year)
 - b. VIRE-BMM (Virement Budget Manager Multi Year)
- 4. Click Load → All Sheets.



The template is loaded with the most current validated data from Business World.



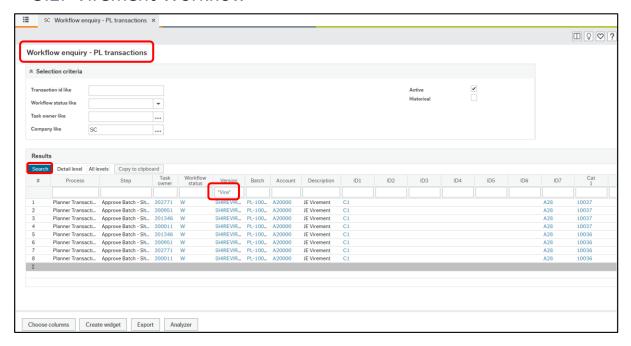
- 5. Enter the transaction lines or use Copy → Paste Special → Values if you have the information in another spreadsheet.
- 6. Click Login the Unit4 Business World login screen is displayed.



- 7. User name: enter your details.
- 8. Client: SC.
- 9. Password: enter your Business World password.
- 10. Click More>> and enter the URL for Unit 4 Authentication (you will only have to do this once)
- 11. Click **Login**; if no message is displayed, then you have logged in successfully.
- 12. Complete the transaction lines for the virement and ensure that they balance; validation has been built-in to the template which displays a message if:
 - a. The incorrect account code and cost centre combinations are used.
 - b. The transaction lines do not balance.
 - c. Data such as Reason Code is not entered and is required for the transaction.
- 13. Click Post → Current Sheet.
- 14. A message is displayed informing you of the number of lines that have been posted.



5.2. Virement Workflow

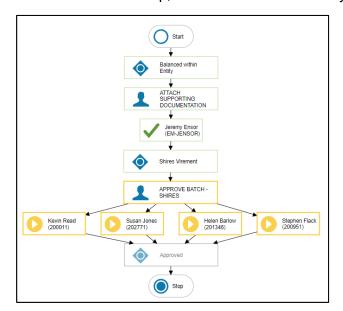


To view the workflow map in web:

- 1. Navigate to Planner → Transactions → Workflow enquiry PL transaction
- 2. Click on Planner transaction
- 3. Enter the version in Version field
- 4. Click on Search

Your list of transactions will appear

5. To view the map, click on the W workflow symbol





7. Budget Management and Forecasting

7.1. Overview

On the first day of the new calendar month, you will receive an e-mail asking you to download your Budget Manager report. You will then have ten working days to review it, amend it (if required) and upload it back to Business World.

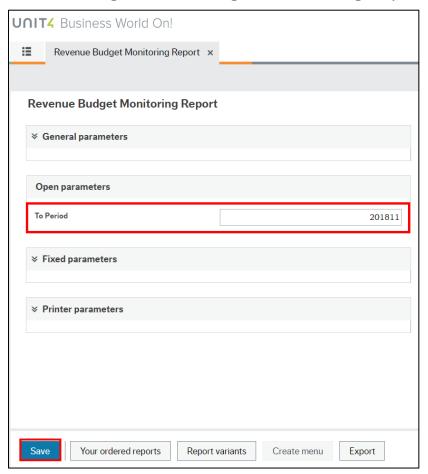
It is now your responsibility to review each Cost Centre and its Actuals against the budget plus last month's Forecast. If anything has changed from the last month, you should update any line that has changed and upload it back into Business World for review and ultimate consolidation.

You will be using a tool called Excelerator which is a Microsoft Excel Add-In with specially designed add in templates that let you communicate with Business World without actually logging into it. Some items in the report will be hidden and / or protected to prevent you amending actual data.

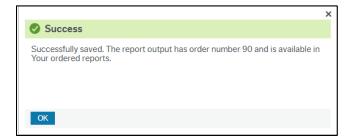
There will be two tabs for each Cost Centre you have responsibility for; one for the financial information such as Income, Expenditure, Budget YTD, Variance and Commitments. The other will contain Payroll information.



7.2. Budget Monitoring & Forecasting Report



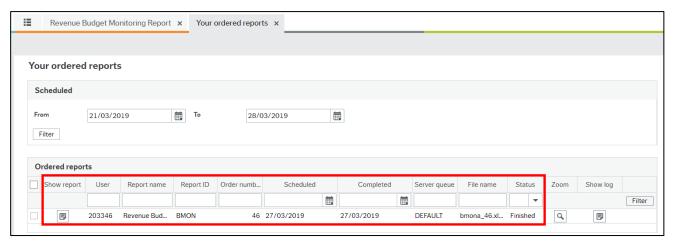
- 1. Navigate to **Accounting** → **General Ledger** → **Revenue Budget Monitoring Report**.
- 2. Enter the period in the **Period** field and press **[TAB]**.
- 3. Click **Save**; a **Success** message is displayed; click **OK**.



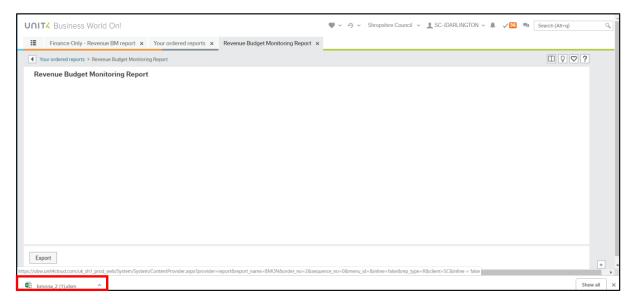


4. Click Your ordered reports at the bottom of the screen.





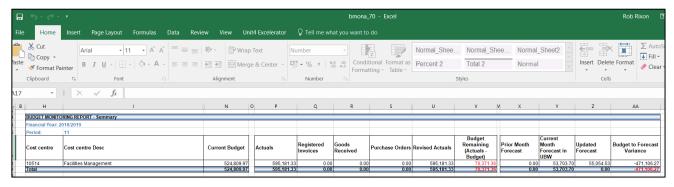
- 5. Click the Refresh button until the Status field displays Finished.
- 6. Click the icon underneath Show Report.
- 7. The Excel icon is displayed at the bottom of the screen.



8. Click the icon to open the file.



7.3. BMR Summary Tab



This tab displays a summary of all the cost centres the Budget Manager has responsibility for.

The column headings are:

Cost centre: cost centre code

Cost centre Desc: cost centre name

Current Budget: current budget

Actuals: orders paid for

Registered Invoices: all registered but unpaid invoices

Goods received: the amount authorised for payment

Purchase Orders: all Purchase Orders raised

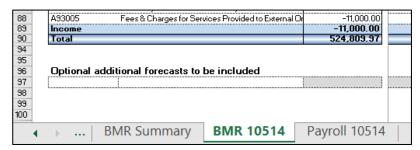
• Revised Actuals: any updates from Actuals

Budget Remaining (Actuals – Budget): budget remaining

Prior Month Forecast: forecast for previous month

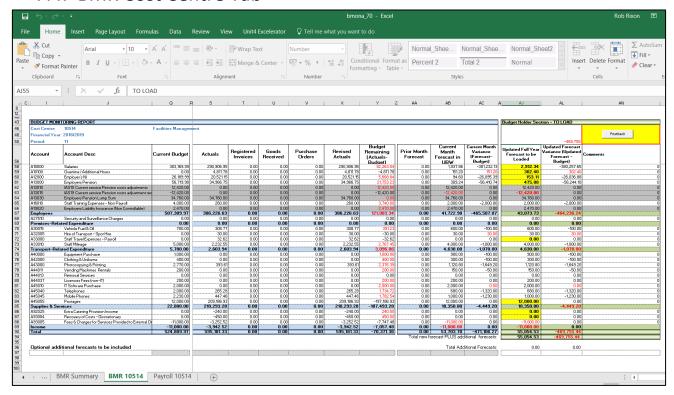
Current Month Forecast in UBW: current month forecast

At the bottom are the tabs with your individual cost centres which you can review and amend – next page.





7.4. BMR Cost Centre Tab

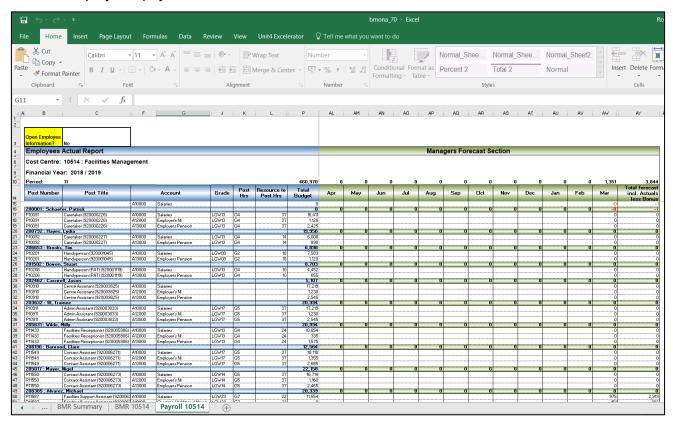


This tab displays a more detailed breakdown by Account Code for individual cost centres with the same headings as in the **BMR Summary** tab.

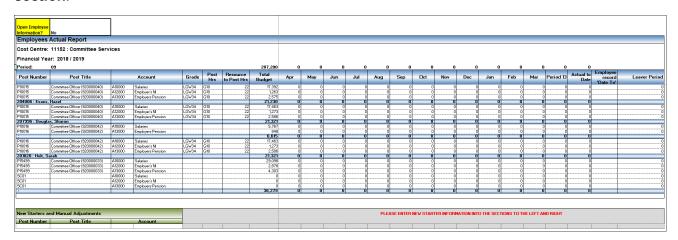


7.5. Payroll Sheet

This tab displays all payroll information to date for the individual Cost Centre.



Scroll down for new starters information, where you can enter the information on the **left bottom section**:



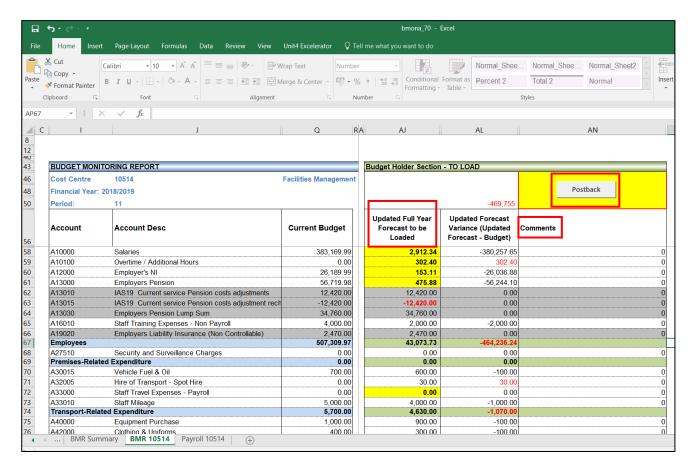


To make changes for the forecast, scroll to the right and amend details at the top - in **Green areas** - as well as new starter and manual adjustments **at the bottom**:

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7.6. Completing the Forecast



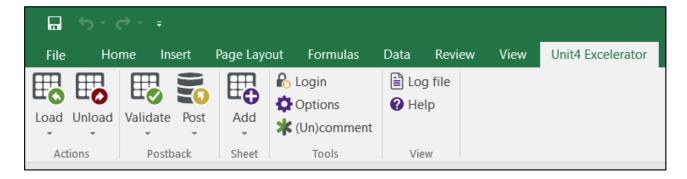
The **Budget Holder Section – To Load** is the area where you complete your forecasting information. You are not able to change the data in any of the cells in left hand pane area as they have been locked. You will need to carry out forecasting for each of your Cost Centres.

- <u>In Updated Full Year Forecast to be Loaded</u> The yellow highlighted cells are when the actuals are greater than the current forecast (highlighting for Budget Managers to look at and take action).
 - IMPORTANT: If the change is greater than £1000, a warning appears on the right, and you MUST enter reason(s) under the <u>Comments</u> column.
- Rows in Grey are non-controllable therefore are not required to be updated by Budget Managers
- Salary cells (A1 account codes) are updated from the Managers Forecast Section in the Payroll tab.
- Other cells can be amended as required.
- Add comments to the end of each line.

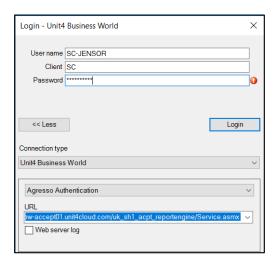
When you have completed the forecasting for every cost centre, you must first **Login** and then click **Postback button at the top right.**



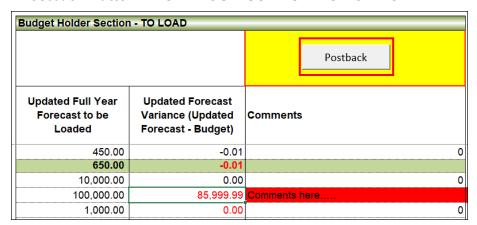
Click the **Unit 4 Excelerator** tab



1. Click **Login** – the **Unit4 Business World** login screen is displayed.

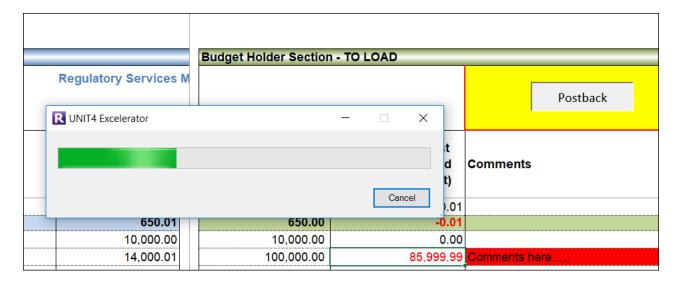


- 2. User name: enter your details.
- 3. Client: SC.
- 4. Password: enter your Business World password.
- 5. Click **More>>** and enter the URL for Unit 4 Authentication (you will only have to do this once)
- 6. Click Login; if no message is displayed, then you have logged in successfully.
- 7. Click on Postback Button NOTE YOU MUST DO THIS AGAINST EVERY TAB

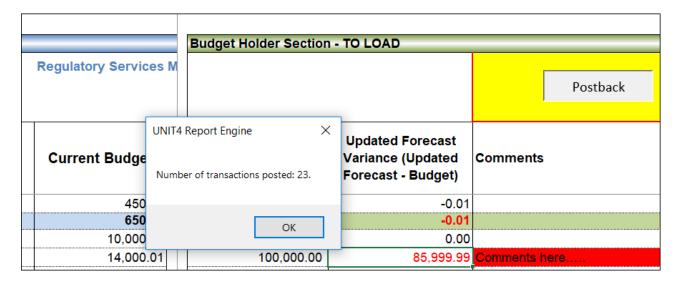




The Unit4 Excelerator report engine begins and displays its progress:



When finished, the total number of transactions posted will be displayed:



Remember: You MUST DO THIS for every worksheet.

If you don't login and click the **Postback** button, the spreadsheet will be locked, and you will need to contact the Triage Centre for them to unlock the worksheet.

Once posted, a dialogue box is displayed indicating the number of rows you have posted; you will then receive a task to attach supporting documents to the transaction.

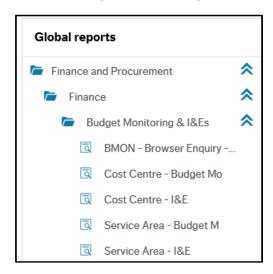


8. Budget Reporting

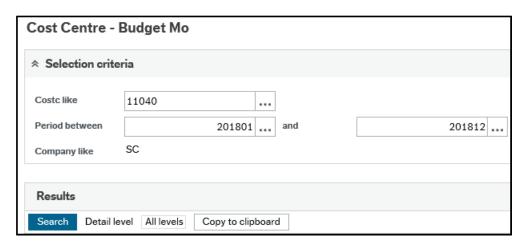
8.1. Cost Centre Budget Monitoring

To monitor budgets for individual Cost Centres:

Navigate to Reports → Global reports → Finance → Budget Monitoring & I&Es → Cost
 Centre – Budget Monitoring

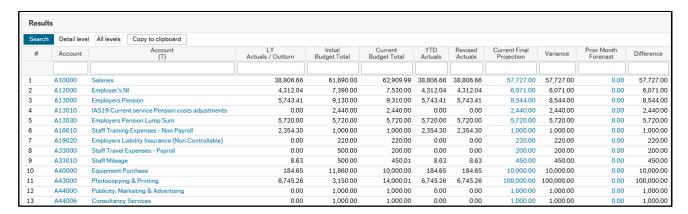


- 2. **CostC like**: enter the Cost Centre you want to report on for our example below we will continue with the **Costc 11040** that we entered forecasts against previously:
- 3. Enter the Periods between for example 201801 201812 shown below:
- 4. Click on Search



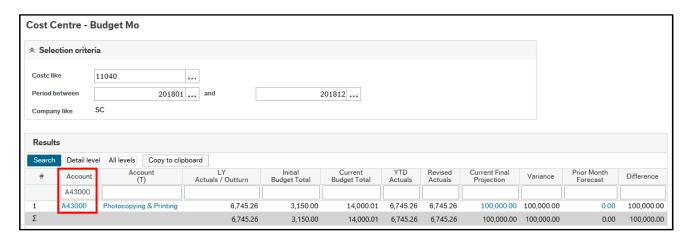


In the grid below, you will see the results of your report – partially shown below:



Account	The Account Code
Account (T)	The account name
LY Actuals/Outturn	Last year's actuals and outturn
Initial Budget Total	This year's initial budget
Current Budget Total	This year's current budget if different from initial
YTD Actuals	Year to Date actuals
Revised Actuals	Revised actuals if different from YTD actuals
Current Final Projection	Projection from the forecast
Variance	Difference between Budget and Actual
Prior Month's Forecast	Last month's forecast
Difference	Difference between current final projection and prior month's forecasts

• At the top you can filter on a specific **Account** code and click **Search** to see the results:



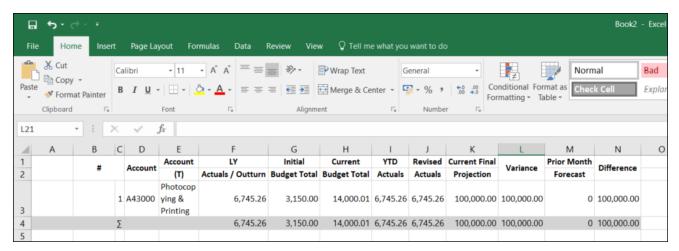
You will note that we can see the forecast changes we previously made reflected here in the report.





• You can export the report results to Excel.

Click **Copy to clipboard** and past the results in Excel (note you can also use the export button at the bottom – shown in the next section):

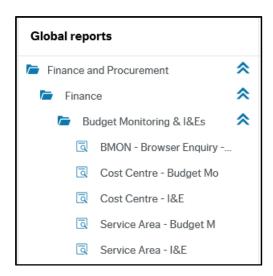




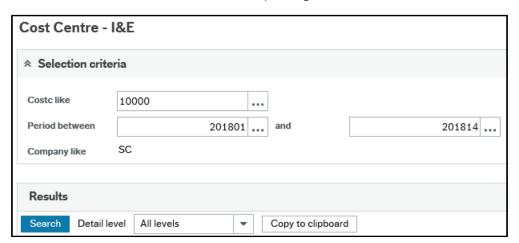
8.2. Cost Centre Income and Expenditure Reports

You can also run reports on Income and Expenditure for a Cost Centre.

Navigate to Reports → Global reports → Finance → Budget Monitoring & l&Es → Cost
 Centre – l&E

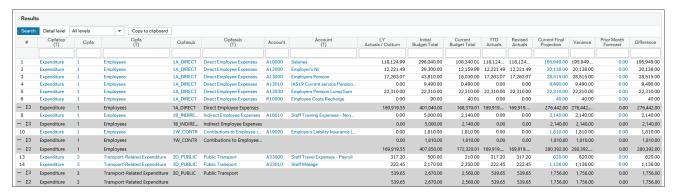


2. Enter the **CostC** and **Periods** to run a report against and click **Search**:



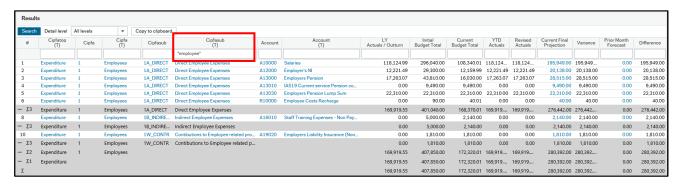


In the grid below, you will see the results of your report in a CIPFA format:

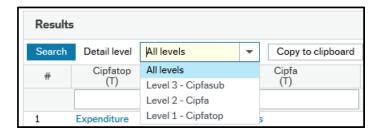


CIPFATOP	Cipfa top level name (text)
CIPFA	Cipfa code and name
CIPFASUB	Cipfa sub level code and name
Account	Account code and description
LY Actuals/Outturn	Last year's actuals and outturn
Initial Budget Total	This year's initial budget
Current Budget Total	This year's current budget if different from initial
YTD Actuals	Year to Date actuals
Revised Actuals	Revised actuals if different from YTD actuals
Current Final Projection	Projection from the forecast
Variance	Difference between Budget and Actual
Prior Month's Forecast	Last month's forecast
Difference	Difference between current final projection and prior month's forecasts

3. You can also filter at top – for example *employee* below – to narrow down against all employee related CIPFASUB level groupings:

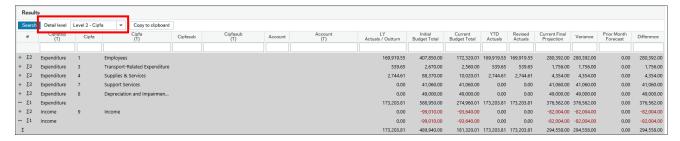


4. You can also show the summary per level grouping at the top - CIPFA Levels 1 \rightarrow 3





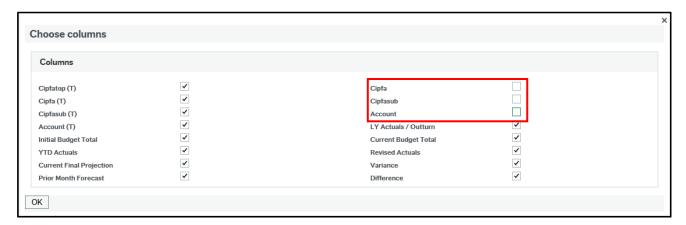
When you filter on CIPFA Level 2 as below, they are summarised:



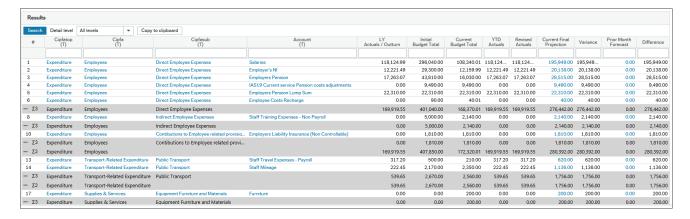
 At the bottom, you can also use choose columns to choose what you wish to see in the report:



For example, we will remove codes and just leave (T) – Text description/names:



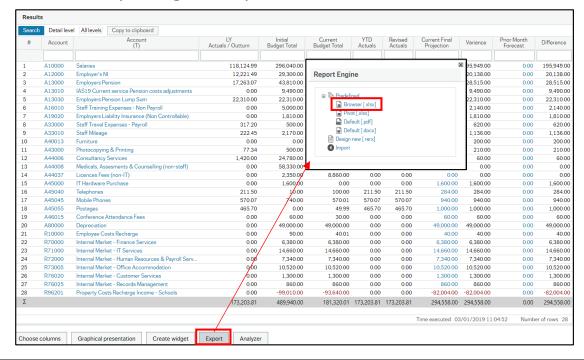
Note the results returned in the report accordingly:



You can then export the report results out to Excel as/if required.



8.3. Exporting BW Reports to Excel



You can also export the results of your BW Web reports to Excel using the BW Web Export tool:

- 1. At the bottom of the enquiry, click **Export**
- From the Report Engine window, click Browser (xlsx)
- At the bottom left of the screen open your download when finished →



The output will appear in an Excel spreadsheet

