

Unit4 FP&A Public Sector Model

Public Sector organizations globally face a host of challenges when delivering their services including:

- Balancing the competing demands of fiscal sustainability, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship, such as optimizing the use of resources, delivering value for money, and reducing the carbon footprint.
- Adapting to the changing needs and expectations of citizens in a fast -changing macro-economic environment, such as providing more digital and personalized services, enhancing transparency and accountability, and fostering social inclusion and cohesion.
- Managing the workforce transition and transformation, such as reskilling and upskilling employees, promoting diversity and inclusion, and fostering a culture of collaboration and learning.

This is set against a back- drop of increasing governmental mandatory reporting and auditing, which becomes increasingly complex when relying on disparate sources of data.

"Finance professionals must focus on continuity, ensuring they go on providing vital services to their citizens and communities. Forward-looking, strategic financial planning can help organisations lock in resilience for the long term." CIPFA 2024



Fig 1 - FP&A Main Screen

The Unit4 FP&A solution has been specifically designed with the financial planning and analysis and reporting needs of Public Sector organizations in mind. At its core is a powerful pre-configured integration to Unit4's ERP to better connect Public Sector operational processes and data with the strategic planning capabilities of FP&A. This helps support tasks such as importing financial data, master data, and structures more efficiently, while exporting planning data and drilling down to ERP transactional activity becomes simpler.

Giving you the tools to plan strategically, report on performance, identify issues, scenario plan and adapt to change – all based on one accurate and timely source of truth.

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Reporting has become more of a challenge for finance decision makers, putting regulation compliance at risk – 92% said it could have been easier.

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Fig 2 - FP&A Revenue Accounting Report



Fig 3 - FP&A ESG Reporting - Dresner Advisory Services ranked Unit4 FP&A in the top 3 solutions in 2024

Key capabilities include:

- Organizational wide medium term financial strategy (MTFS) planning, budget setting, review and approval, and forecasting
- Capital planning by program and project
- People planning by department and cost centre
- Income and expenditure drilldown to track programs and services
- Timely financial and people insights
- Annotation to provide crucial context and narrative for all stakeholders on costs/income and any proposed changes (which is accessible for reporting)
- Reporting out of the box to meet your mandatory requirements to support your Statutory Returns, from the budgetary to regulatory such as sustainability
- Allocation of funding to named projects from specific income sources
- Project expenditure monitoring for personnel, procurement, travel, and administration costs

During times of increased scrutiny, regulation and changes to funding, every Public Sector organization needs to be prepared for change and proactively tracking potential budgetary challenges. The Unit4 FP&A solution therefore enables you to gain transparency, dive deeper and adhere to regulations with:

- Surplus & deficit analysis
- Balance sheet reports
- Cash flow monitoring
- KPI tracking
- Scenario planning, to enable financial agility
- A dedicated lease management application to enable the easy introduction of IFRS 16

Public Sector organizations become more empowered to plan strategically, through an intuitive, flexible cloud based financial planning and analysis platform. This helps you free your teams to do more of what matters – delivering greater value to the communities you serve.

"Using the Unit4 IFRS 16 software solution, we can import all of the lease contracts quickly and easily. We can then identify the effects of accounting for each contract, and aggregate those to different cost centers."

Robert Abery, Management Accountant, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust





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Fig 4 - FP&A Scenario Planning - P&L Report



Fig 5 - FP&A IFRS 16 Reporting

"We are pleased to have a solution that uncovers real-time financial and people insights so we can focus our energy on our real purpose and business objectives."

David Adames, CEO of the Niagara Parks Commission, Canada



"The value of Unit4 FP&A is straightforward: It's about speed and immediacy. People see the financial insights faster. We can draft the budgets collaboratively and quickly. We are all on the same page." Tyson Ganske, Finance Planning Manager, City of Port Moody



"FP&A provides one complete platform to simplify financial processes, respond quickly to fast changing uncertain healthcare conditions and collaborate more easily." Ricky Shah - Deputy Director of Finance, Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



Why the Unit4 FP&A Public Sector model?

- **Specialist knowledge** and 40 years experience of working with the public sector, enabling us to deliver a tailored solution with the functionality to plan effectively in the ever-changing public sector operating environment.
- **Fast time to value** a faster and reduced-risk implementation process means benefits are realized quicker
- Reduced total cost of ownership a modern cloud FP&A platform saves on IT support costs and ensures security/disaster recovery
- **Improved data integration** the flexibility to integrate with changing technology stacks to unify data and simplify regulatory reporting
- Better manage public sector operations, processes and spend





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