

Accountable Body

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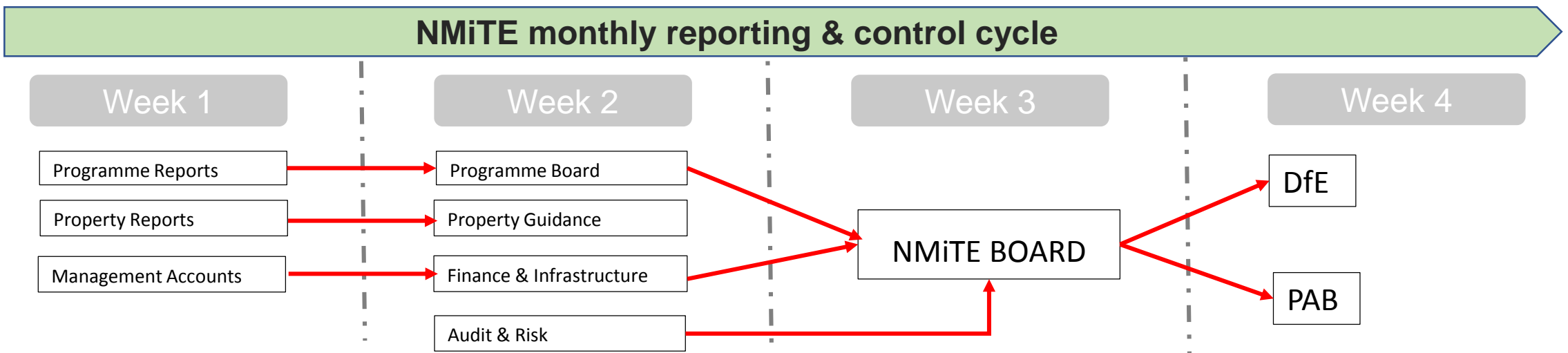
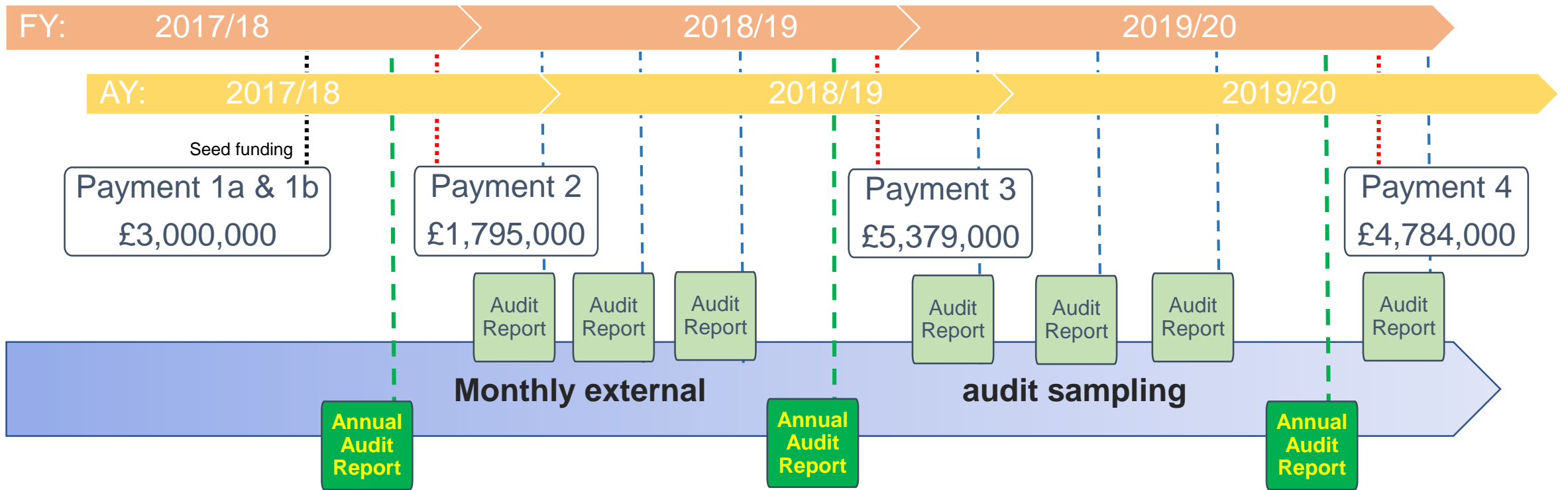
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**Council to ensure that money is spent in accordance with grant.
Council is not responsible for the NMiTE business plan.**

**Council to confirm to Government that milestones have been achieved.
Council's costs to be recovered from grant.**

Council is not being asked to cash flow NMITE

NMiTE – DfE Funding - Assurance Programme



The Quarterly Audit Reviews are to provide assurance to the Department for Education (DfE), Herefordshire Council (HC), the Department of Communities & Local Government (DCLG), the Marches LEP (MLEP) and the Board of NMiTE that:

1. funding granted to NMiTE has been expended in accordance with HMT's guidance on *Managing Public Money*;
2. the **DfE Funding Stream** on the NMiTE project is progressing in line with the milestones set in the signed MoU between NMiTE, DfE and HC and its associated annexes; and as reflected in the Grant Letters for both revenue and capital funding streams between the DfE and HC;
3. the **DCLG/MLEP Funding Stream** on the NMiTE capital programme is in line with the projected capital spending and milestones set in the Funding Agreement between Shropshire Council (acting as the Public Accountable Body on behalf of MLEP) and HC; and
4. the timing and correlation of funding between DfE and DCLG/LEP funding streams is effective to ensure that sums committed and the need for future funding is timely and within the requirements laid down by the MLEP.