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Council Members
Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Church Road
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Dear Council Members

Stockton on Tees Borough Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

Financial statements

On 24 September I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Audit Committee outlining the findings of my audit of the Council's 2011/12 financial statements. I will not replicate those findings in this letter.

Following the Audit Committee on 24 September 2012 I:

- issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Council's Statement of Accounts;
- concluded that you have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Closing remarks

I have discussed this letter with the Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Resources. While this has been another challenging year for the Council I wish to thank the finance staff for the positive and constructive approach they have taken to my audit. I also wish to thank senior management and the Audit Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

Mark Kirkham
District Auditor