

AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT TO AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

23rd FEBRUARY 2026

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

STOCKTON BOROUGH HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED & STOCKTON HOTELS COMPANY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents to Members the Directors Report, Independent Auditors Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 for both Stockton Borough Holding Company Limited (SBHC) and Stockton Hotels Limited (SHC) provided to the to the shareholder (Stockton on Tees Borough Council).

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee

- Note the information presented in the annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2025 for SBHC and SHC.
- Note the publication of the full set of the accounts on the Councils website.

DETAIL

1. Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
2. Company law requires that the directors of both companies file the Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 with Companies House by 31st December 2025. Both companies filed all required information on 22nd December 2025.
3. The accounts filed with Companies House have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small company exemption and does not include the Profit and Loss Account.
4. The directors of SBHC and SHC have provided a full set of financial statements to the shareholder which includes a profit and loss statement for both SBHC and SHC. Please refer to appendix A.
5. Following the independent audit of the financial statements of both companies the audit opinion is that the financial statements
 - give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March

- 2025 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Non directly with this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

None directly from this report.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

None directly from this report.

CONSULTATION

None directly from this report.

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