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Company number 0 3 6 6 7 8 4 2

Company name in full The West Berkshire Brewery Plc

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2 Administrator's name

Full forename(s) Philip

Surname Stephenson

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Building name/number 30 Finsbury Square

Street

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Postcode

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Country

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Administrator's
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The West Berkshire Brewery Plc - in administration

Joint administrators' progress report for the
period 23 June 2023 to 22 December 2023

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Includes remuneration basis, work done, expenses of the joint administrators, sub-contracted out work, relationships requiring disclosure

Definitions

The following definitions are used either within the body of this report, the appendices to it, or both.

Act	The Insolvency Act 1986
Addleshaw Goddard	Addleshaw Goddard LLP
Company	The West Berkshire Brewery Plc
Firm / Grant Thornton	Grant Thornton UK LLP
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
HSBC	HSBC UK Bank Plc
Joint Administrators / we / us / our	Philip Stephenson Alistair Wardell
Kroll	Kroll Trustee Services Limited (formerly Lucid Security Trustees Limited)
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
Period	The reporting period from 23 June 2023 to 22 December 2023
Proposals	The Joint Administrators' proposals dated 21 January 2022
Purchaser / Yattendon	The Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd
Rules	the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
Secured Creditors	Kroll Trustee Services Limited (formerly Lucid Security Trustees Limited) and HSBC UK Bank Plc
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice
UK	United Kingdom
VAT	Value added tax

1 Executive summary

- This progress report for the Company's administration covers the Period
- Our Proposals were deemed approved on 7 February 2022 in accordance with rule 3.38(4) of the Rules
- The key work done in the Period has been:
 - Ongoing collection of the outstanding book debts
 - Obtaining fee approval from HSBC
 - Payment of the final distribution to Kroll as the first ranking secured creditor
 - Obtaining a 12 month extension to the administration to allow matters to be finalised
 - Requesting tax clearance from HMRC
- It is currently estimated that there will be no return to unsecured creditors in this matter, with no funds being available to distribute to creditors by way of the prescribed part. (Further details are included in Section 4 – Creditors and dividends)
- Following the 12 month extension, the administration is currently due to end on 22 December 2024 and at this stage we do not expect that another extension will be required
- As there will not be sufficient funds to make a distribution to unsecured creditors it is therefore intended in due course to exit the administration and move to dissolution



Philip Stephenson
Joint Administrator

18 January 2024

2 Progress

2.1 Strategy and progress in the Period

As advised in our Proposals, the Joint Administrators' strategy in respect of the Company was to realise assets for the benefit of the Secured Creditors and preferential creditors.

Details of how this objective continues to be pursued are provided below.

2.2 Realisation of assets

We attach as Appendix C an account of our receipts and payments for the Period and a cumulative account since appointment.

Comprehensive details of asset realisations in respect of the sale of business, investments, property and cash at bank have been provided in our previous reports.

Book debts

As per the previous progress report, book debts totalling £165,000 remained outstanding.

During the Period we have collected £15,507 and we continue in discussions with several debtors regarding ongoing payment plans in order to collect the outstanding sums. A further £24,734 has also been written off due to evidence provided that the sums are not due, or because the debtor has entered insolvency proceedings.

Regarding those debtors who have not engaged with the Joint Administrators to date, we are considering the next steps which includes passing these onto legal agents for collection.

A further update will be provided to creditors in the next report.

Bank interest

The cash at bank held in the administration account was interest bearing, with interest of £2,303 earned in the Period.

2.3 Assets remaining to be realised

Except for the book debts noted above, there are no further assets to be realised in the administration.

3 Investigations into the affairs of the Company

3.1 Statutory investigations

We undertook an investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries, or conduct matters that required further investigation, taking into account the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation and the costs involved.

Based on the outcome of our investigations into the affairs of the Company to date, there are no matters identified that need to be reported to the creditors or are currently being pursued by the Joint Administrators. However, we would be pleased to receive from any creditor any useful information concerning the Company, its dealing or conduct which may assist us.

4 Creditors and dividends

4.1 Secured creditors

Kroll

Details of the security held by Kroll and the amounts due were provided in our progress report dated 14 July 2022.

Our progress report dated 12 July 2023 also provided details regarding the allocation of proceeds regarding the Company's plant and machinery assets.

During the Period a second and final distribution of £71,437 was made to Kroll under its security, resulting in a total of £571,437 being distributed. There will be no further distributions therefore Kroll has suffered a shortfall under its security.

HSBC

Details of the security held by HSBC, the amounts due and the recoveries made by HSBC were provided in our progress report dated 14 July 2022.

As there has been a shortfall to Kroll, there will be no distribution to HSBC.

4.2 Preferential creditors

Ordinary preferential creditors

These include employee claims for wages and salary up to £800 per person and accrued holiday pay, and employee contributions to occupational pension schemes deducted in the four months before the insolvency.

There were 106 employees who were involved in the main trade of the Company all of whom transferred with the sale of the business. At the date of sale all wages and salary had been paid and, in addition, outstanding amounts due to the Company pension scheme were paid by the Purchaser in December 2021, therefore no claims for arrears of wages and payroll are expected.

Secondary preferential creditors

These include HMRC claims for arrears of VAT and for sums deducted in respect of PAYE, employees' national insurance contributions and student loan repayments, and construction industry scheme deductions, as applicable.

The Company's books and records show that as at the date of appointment the sums due to HMRC, which are classed as a secondary preferential claim, total c£1.4 million as follows:

- VAT: £476,437 (subject to final VAT submission)
- PAYE & NIC: £948,658

A final claim of £2.4 million has been received from HMRC of which £1.1 million is a secondary preferential claim.

We are currently in the process of arranging an interim dividend to be paid to HMRC as secondary preferential creditor in the coming months.

4.3 Unsecured creditors

The statement of affairs, prepared by the directors, details 395 unsecured creditors totaling £6.8 million.

Prescribed part

In accordance with section 176A of the Act, a prescribed part is to be set aside from the floating charge assets and made available to the unsecured creditors of the Company. The prescribed part calculation is applied to the net property available and is calculated at 50% of the first £10,000 of net realisations and 20% of all further amounts, up to a maximum prescribed part of £800,000.

There are insufficient floating charge assets to enable a distribution to the prescribed part and therefore there will be no distribution to unsecured creditors by way of the prescribed part.

Sanctioned creditors

Any distributions to be made to creditors, in any class, who are designated under the UK sanctions regime (and the United States (US), European Union (EU) and other applicable sanctions regimes) (Sanctioned Creditors) will be frozen to comply with our legal obligations and will not be made available to Sanctioned Creditors unless, in very limited circumstances, the payment of the distribution is permitted by licenses issued by all applicable sanctions authorities.

Dividend prospects

As noted above, unsecured creditors are not expected to receive a dividend in this matter.

4.4 Information for shareholders

The Company has issued 6,261,528 shares of 10p each to c865 shareholders. In an insolvency, shareholders rank behind creditors in the distribution of the proceeds of the insolvency. As there are insufficient funds to allow a return to unsecured creditors, there will be no return to shareholders in this matter.

As advised in our Proposals, the shareholding does not transfer as part of the sale of the business and assets.

5 Joint Administrators' remuneration and expenses

5.1 Overview

Our remuneration is being charged on a time costs basis as agreed by the Secured Creditors and preferential creditors.

We have charged remuneration and incurred expenses in the Period amounting to £74,086 and £10,449 bringing the cumulative totals at Period end to £389,059 and £159,758 of which £222,000 and £159,758 have been paid from the estate.

In addition to the above remuneration and expenses, we estimate an additional £33,600 in time costs and £4,407 in expenses to deal with the remaining matters as detailed in this report and to close the administration.

This brings our total estimated time costs to £422,659 in comparison to the time costs in our fees estimate totalling £367,108, which was supplied to creditors on 8 March 2023. At this time we do not seek to revise our fees estimate in order to be able to draw more remuneration.

We currently anticipate further payment of our remuneration from the estate of £145,108 which would result in total payment from the estate of £367,108; this is based on current information and is therefore subject to change.

Further details about remuneration and expenses are provided in Appendix D to this report.

6 Future strategy

6.1 Future conduct of the administration

We will continue to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the administration. This will include but not be limited to:

- collecting the outstanding book debts
- payment of administration expenses, including our remuneration
- finalisation of the Company's tax affairs, including VAT reclaims and awaiting tax clearance from HMRC
- complying with statutory and compliance obligations
- agreeing the claims of the preferential creditors and payment of a dividend

6.2 Extension of the administration

The duration of an administration is restricted to 12 months from the date of commencement unless it is extended with the permission of the creditors or the court.

As confirmed to creditors on 22 November 2023, the administration has been extended, by order of the court, until 22 December 2024.

6.3 Exit from administration

As detailed in the report there are insufficient funds to make a distribution to unsecured creditors and we therefore, as noted in our Proposals, intend to exit the administration and move to dissolution.

6.4 Data protection

Any personal information held by the Company will continue to be processed for the purposes of the administration of the Company and in accordance with the requirements of data protection. Our privacy notice on our website (www.grantthornton.co.uk/en/privacy) contains further details as to how we may use, process and store personal data.

6.5 Contact from third parties

Please be aware that fraudsters have been known to masquerade as legitimate administrators. Fraudsters may contact creditors asking for an upfront fee or tax to release an investment or to enable payment of a dividend / the release of money payable to the creditor. An administrator would never ask for such a payment nor instruct a third party to make such a request.

6.6 Future reporting

Our next report to creditors will be issued no later than 22 July 2024, or earlier if the administration has been completed by that date.

A Notice about this report

This report has been prepared solely to comply with the Joint Administrators' statutory duty to report to creditors under the Rules on the progress of the administration, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purposes, or in any other context.

This report has not been prepared in contemplation of it being used, and is not suitable to be used, to inform any investment decision in relation to the debt of or any financial interest in the Company.

Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcomes for creditors.

Any persons choosing to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under the Rules do so at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Joint Administrators do not assume any liability in respect of this report to any such person.

Please note that we are both authorised by the Insolvency Practitioners Association to act as insolvency practitioners.

The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

The Joint Administrators act as agents for the Company and contract without personal liability. The appointment of the Joint Administrators is personal to them and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Grant Thornton does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this report or the conduct of the administration.

Please note you should read this progress report in conjunction with the Joint Administrators' previous progress reports and the Proposals issued to the Company's creditors, which can be found on the Grant Thornton portal (<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/portal/>). Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this progress report and appendices are stated net of VAT. For definitions of abbreviations please refer to the 'Definitions' table at the start of this progress report.

B Statutory information

Company information

Company name	The West Berkshire Brewery Plc
Date of incorporation	16 November 1998
Company registration number	03667842
Former trading address	The Old Dairy Yattendon Berkshire RG18 0XT
Former registered office	8th Floor South Reading Bridge House George Street Reading Berkshire RG1 8LS
Present registered office	11th Floor Landmark St Peter's Square 1 Oxford St Manchester M1 4PB

Administration information

Administration appointment	The administration appointment granted in the High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts in Manchester, Insolvency and Companies List (ChD), 000724 of 2021
Appointor	the directors
Date of appointment	23 December 2021
Joint Administrators' names	Philip Stephenson Alistair Wardell
Joint Administrators' addresses	30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG 6th Floor, 3 Callaghan Square, Cardiff, CF10 5BT
Purpose of the administration	Realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors
Estimated value of the net property and confirmation of the prescribed part cap	The Company's net property is estimated to be nil
Prescribed part distribution	As the net property is nil, there are insufficient funds to make a prescribed part distribution to unsecured creditors
Functions	In accordance with paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 to the Act, the functions of the administrators are to be exercised by either or both of them
Current administration expiry date	22 December 2024

The West Berkshire Brewery Plc
(In Administration)
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 23/06/2023 To 22/12/2023 £	From 23/12/2021 To 22/12/2023 £
SECURED ASSETS		
Plant & Machinery	NIL	1,875,125.27
Intellectual Property	NIL	199,999.00
Bank Interest	14,788.70	14,788.70
	14,788.70	2,089,912.97
COSTS OF REALISATION		
Administrators Fees	40,000.00	40,000.00
Pre- Appointment Legal Fees	NIL	55,204.04
Legal Fees	2,950.00	7,950.00
Agents/Valuers Fees	2,150.00	2,150.00
Pre-Appointment Administrators Fees	48,897.80	48,897.80
Insurance	NIL	559.32
	(93,997.80)	(154,761.16)
SECURED CREDITORS		
Chargeholder 1 (Kroll)	71,436.85	571,436.85
	(71,436.85)	(571,436.85)
HIRE PURCHASE		
HP creditors	NIL	1,363,714.96
	NIL	(1,363,714.96)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
Bank/ISA InterestGross	(12,485.29)	14,652.98
Book Debts	15,506.87	450,993.49
104,000.00 Cash at Bank - Santander	NIL	104,433.25
61,000.00 December Wages Apportionment	NIL	51,219.89
Goodwill	NIL	1.00
254,000.00 Intercompany debtors - Beacon & Buc	NIL	NIL
50,000.00 Intercompany debtors - Renegade	NIL	NIL
Misc Refunds	NIL	106.44
Motor Vehicles	NIL	25,000.00
2,725,000.00 Plant & Machinery	NIL	849,874.73
Sale of Grapes Furniture	NIL	1,500.00
Stock	NIL	181,631.52
	3,021.58	1,679,413.30
COST OF REALISATIONS		
Administrator disbursements	904.91	904.91
Administrators Fees	182,000.00	182,000.00
Debtor Collection Commission	NIL	45,979.98
Legal Fees	5,349.00	6,949.00
Pre-Appointment Administrators Fees	26,102.20	26,102.20
Pre-appointment Legal Fees	NIL	37,992.72
SoA Fees	NIL	1,200.00
Statutory Advertising	NIL	173.75
VAT irrecoverable	NIL	693.55
	(214,356.11)	(301,996.11)
UNSECURED CREDITORS		
(1,982,000.00) HP/Lease company	NIL	618,084.83
	NIL	(618,084.83)
1,212,000.00	(361,980.48)	759,332.36
REPRESENTED BY		
Fixed Charge VAT on Purchases		19,799.56
Fixed Current Account NIB		0.40

The West Berkshire Brewery Plc
(In Administration)
Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £	From 23/06/2023 To 22/12/2023 £	From 23/12/2021 To 22/12/2023 £
REPRESENTED BY CONTINUED		
Floating Current Account NIB 02/07/23		712,680.98
HMRC - Fxd VAT received/paid		(10,779.56)
HMRC - VAT received/paid		(33,220.54)
VAT on Purchases		71,051.52
VAT on Sales		(200.00)
		759,332.36

D Payments to the Joint Administrators and their associates

SIP9 disclosure

This appendix has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Rules and SIP9. In summary, it covers:

- pre-appointment costs
- remuneration basis
- work done by the Joint Administrators and their team during the Period
- statement of expenses incurred in the Period
- payments to associates
- relationships requiring disclosure
- sub-contracted work
- information for creditors (rights, remuneration, committees).

Pre-appointment costs

Pre-administration costs are fees charged and expenses incurred by the Joint Administrators, or other qualified insolvency practitioners, before the Company entered administration but with a view to it doing so. To the extent they remain unpaid when the Company entered administration and payment is sought, approval is required from the appropriate body of creditors as to whether they should be paid from the estate.

On 28 March 2023 the preferential creditors approved payment of £75,000 of the pre-administration fees of Grant Thornton (as disclosed in our Proposals) from the estate. Approval was also received from Kroll on 11 April 2023 and HSBC on 5 June 2023. The pre-administration fees of £75,000 have been paid during the Period.

On 28 March 2023 the preferential creditors approved payment of £93,197 of the pre-administration fees of Addleshaw Goddard (as disclosed in our Proposals) from the estate. Approval was also received from Kroll on 11 April 2023 and HSCB on 5 June 2023. As noted in previous reports Addleshaw Goddard's pre-administration fees have been paid.

Post-appointment costs

Remuneration basis of the Joint Administrators

On 28 March 2023 the preferential creditors resolved that remuneration be fixed according to the time properly spent by the Joint Administrators and their staff on the administration with a fees estimate of £367,108. Approval in respect of this resolution was also received from Kroll on 11 April 2023 and from HSBC on 4 October 2023.

During the Period remuneration has been charged, based on time costs incurred, totalling £74,086 represented by 158 hrs at an average of 468 £/hr (as shown in the 'Work done' section below). This brings cumulative remuneration charged as at Period end to £389,059. A description of the work done in the Period is provided in the respective section below.

Remuneration charged (time costs incurred) exceed that anticipated in the fees estimate and we anticipate that expenses will be in line with the expense estimate, both of which were provided to the creditors prior to the determination of our remuneration basis. The reasons for the excess are as follows:

- Time taken to collect outstanding debtors has been higher than anticipated in the fees estimate
- Treasury costs associated with recognising the collected book debts

As at Period end, payment from the estate totalling £222,000 has been made towards our remuneration. Based on the report to which this document is appended, we currently anticipate further payment from the estate of £145,108 resulting in total payment from the estate of £367,108; this is based on current information and is therefore subject to change. Please note that the total anticipated payment does not limit the amount of remuneration that the Joint Administrators can draw from the estate, only the fees estimate has such effect.

At present we do not expect to seek approval to draw remuneration in excess of our fees estimate, however we reserve our right to do so in the future.

Work done by the Joint Administrators and their team during the Period

We are required to detail costs of actual work done in the Period, including any expenses incurred in connection with it, against any fees estimate provided. Our revised fees estimate was included within our letter to creditors dated 8 March 2023. We are also required to provide narrative explanation of the work done and why it was necessary. The following tables (narrative followed by numerical) set out this information for the Joint Administrators' remuneration charged together with a numerical fees estimate variance analysis. Reasons for any excess of the fees estimate are included in the 'Remuneration basis' section above. Note, however, that the level of remuneration charged that is eventually paid may be less depending on the value of asset recoveries or successful claims, for example. Details of expenses incurred in connection with work done are provided in the 'Statement of expenses incurred in the Period' section below.

Unless otherwise stated the work done in the Period has been either to comply with legislation and/or best practice requirements and, where applicable, to secure, manage and realise assets/recover claims to help generate financial value for the benefit of the estate and for distributions to creditors to be made (should sufficient funds become available). The work added value to the insolvency process, if not financial value to the estate, and helped facilitate efficient case management.

Work done and why it was necessary		Remuneration (time costs) charged		
Realisation of assets		70 hrs	£34,542	£/hr496
Debtors				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with the Purchaser regarding information required regarding the collection of debts Correspondence with debtors regarding the sums due and agreement of any payment plans Updating schedules 				
Other assets				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with solicitors regarding a previously surrendered lease agreement 				
Investigations		Less than an hour	£297	£/hr595
Books & records				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with Company director regarding Company online records 				
Creditors		15 hrs	£7,238	£/hr484
Secured				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to correspondence received and providing ad hoc case updates Receiving approval of the Joint Administrators' fee Correspondence and payment regarding final distribution 				
Employees & pensions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence relating to ongoing employment tribunal 				

Unsecured

- Recording creditors' claims and maintaining the online creditors' portal
- Updating details and dealing with ad hoc queries and correspondence received

Dividends

- Correspondence with HMRC regarding preferential claim in order to pay dividend
- Secured creditor dividend

Administration

73 hrs

£32,009

£/hr437

Case management

- Calculating and maintaining an estimated outcome statement, monitoring progress and using the statement to help inform decisions and strategy
- Preparing and assessing case file reviews (including anti-money laundering, ethics and data protection matters) to ensure efficient and effective case progress
- Ongoing strategy development

Reports to creditors, notices & decisions

- Drafting, circulating and filing of reports to creditors regarding case progress and any significant matters
- Preparing and issuing notice of deemed consent or decision procedures (as appropriate) and related documentation, regarding fixing the basis of the office holders' remuneration, forming a committee and any other necessary decisions
- Monitoring deemed consent / decision procedures, reviewing submissions, establishing the decision outcomes, assessing validity and reporting as appropriate

Shareholders/ debtor/ director communications

- Dealing with ad hoc correspondence and queries received

Committee

- Time incorrectly allocated to the Committee; actual time spent dealing with Secured Creditors

Treasury, billing & funding

- Preparing and assessing bank reconciliations, at least quarterly
- Assessing and processing invoices and remittances, preparing journals and cashbook entries as necessary
- Preparing, assessing and processing billing requests

Tax

- Liaising with HMRC regarding tax status, preparing and submitting required tax forms
- Considering whether it is appropriate to deregister for VAT and deregistering
- Submission of request for tax clearance

Total remuneration charged in the Period

158 hrs

£74,086

£/hr468

Detailed SIP9 time cost analysis for the Period and fees estimate variance analysis as at Period end

Period from 23/06/2023 to 22/12/2023

Area of work	Partner		Manager		Executive		Administrator		Period total			Cumulative total as at Period end			Fees estimate			Variance	
	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£	£/hr	Hrs	£
Realisation of Assets:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.70	34,542.00	495.58	171.35	79,254.50	462.53	112.97	45,328.62	401.24	(58.38)	(33,925.88)
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90	358.50	398.33	0.90	358.50	398.33	-	-
Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.55	1,158.50	454.31	1.25	415.00	332.00	(1.30)	(743.50)
Debtors	-	-	46.10	23,999.50	23.10	10,265.00	-	-	69.20	34,264.50	495.15	108.60	50,928.00	468.95	52.00	17,472.15	336.00	(56.60)	(33,455.85)
Shareholdings / investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.25	2,561.50	487.90	5.25	2,561.50	487.90	-	-
Plant & machinery, fixtures & fittings, equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	920.00	920.00	1.00	920.00	920.00	-	-
Cash at bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.05	4,760.25	364.77	15.05	5,906.78	392.48	2.00	1,146.53
Sale of business	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.82	5,349.65	417.29	12.82	5,349.65	417.29	-	-
Other assets	-	-	0.50	277.50	-	-	-	-	0.50	277.50	555.00	27.18	13,218.10	486.32	24.70	12,345.04	499.80	(2.48)	(873.06)
Investigations:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50	297.50	595.00	168.25	51,360.75	305.26	159.90	45,716.81	285.91	(8.35)	(5,643.94)
Debtor / director / senior employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48.55	20,490.50	422.05	54.20	23,176.56	427.61	5.65	2,686.06
Books & records	-	-	0.50	297.50	-	-	-	-	0.50	297.50	595.00	22.50	13,338.00	592.80	8.50	5,008.00	589.18	(14.00)	(8,330.00)
Bank statements & analysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97.20	17,532.25	180.37	97.20	17,532.25	258.89	-	-
Creditors:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.95	7,237.50	484.11	226.05	104,604.06	462.75	276.64	118,147.78	427.08	50.59	13,543.72
Secured	-	-	8.70	4,826.50	-	-	-	-	8.70	4,826.50	554.77	74.60	44,379.90	594.90	77.88	44,690.85	573.81	3.28	310.95
Employees & pensions	-	-	0.40	198.00	-	-	-	-	0.40	198.00	495.00	8.30	4,120.00	496.39	24.14	11,133.14	461.19	15.84	7,013.14
Unsecured	-	-	2.45	1,364.00	0.30	90.00	2.40	432.00	5.15	1,896.00	366.21	136.35	52,653.66	386.17	169.32	59,627.79	352.16	32.97	6,974.13
Retention of title	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	2,678.00	515.00	5.20	2,678.00	515.00	5.30	2,696.00	508.68	0.10	18.00
Dividends	-	-	0.60	297.00	0.10	30.00	-	-	0.70	327.00	467.14	1.60	772.50	482.81	-	-	-	(1.60)	(772.50)
Administration:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73.30	32,008.75	436.68	374.01	153,839.59	411.32	431.76	157,914.54	365.75	57.75	4,074.95
Take-on	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	18.00	180.00	0.10	18.00	180.00	-	-
Appointment formalities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.85	3,516.00	356.95	20.60	5,451.00	264.61	10.75	1,935.00
Case set-up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	477.50	434.09	1.10	477.50	434.09	-	-
Case management	1.00	930.00	4.10	1,983.00	0.60	194.50	0.30	54.00	6.00	3,161.50	526.92	59.51	27,936.92	469.45	72.02	27,485.41	381.62	12.51	(451.51)
Reports to creditors, notices & decisions	-	-	17.30	9,672.00	8.20	2,460.00	2.65	477.00	28.15	12,609.00	447.92	139.30	55,408.42	397.76	168.40	59,090.91	350.90	29.10	3,682.49
Shareholders / debtor / director communications	-	-	-	-	0.20	60.00	-	-	0.20	60.00	300.00	24.85	7,915.50	318.53	43.44	12,839.87	295.58	18.59	4,924.37
Committee / commissioners	-	-	0.80	476.00	-	-	-	-	0.80	476.00	595.00	0.80	476.00	595.00	-	-	-	(0.80)	(476.00)
Statement of affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.90	2,220.50	376.36	8.70	2,724.50	313.16	2.80	504.00
Treasury, billing & funding	-	-	10.10	5,039.00	11.90	3,769.75	3.30	594.00	25.30	9,402.75	371.65	56.95	17,690.75	310.64	38.30	9,611.34	250.95	(18.65)	(8,079.41)
Tax	0.70	626.50	7.65	4,300.50	0.70	210.00	3.80	1,162.50	12.85	6,299.50	490.23	66.10	32,725.50	495.09	55.08	28,586.33	519.04	(11.02)	(4,139.17)
Pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.55	5,454.50	571.15	11.57	6,783.74	586.34	2.02	1,329.24
Closure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.45	4,845.94	389.23	12.45	4,845.94
Total	1.70	1,556.50	99.20	52,730.50	45.10	17,079.25	12.45	2,719.50	158.45	74,085.75	467.57	939.66	389,058.90	414.04	981.27	367,107.75	374.11	41.61	(21,951.15)

Notes:

- Partner includes partners and directors
- Manager includes associate directors and managers
- Executive includes assistant manager and executives
- Adverse variances are presented in brackets
- Total time costs paid to date: £222,000

- Please note that the actual time incurred in the Period may slightly differ to that reported in the table above. This is due to lags between time being recorded on our internal system by staff and then being posted to the case. We do not expect any differences to be material and any such discrepancies will be noted in our next report.

Statement of expenses incurred in the Period

This table provides details of expenses incurred in the Period in connection with the work done by the Joint Administrators, description of which is provided in the 'Work done' section above.

Total anticipated expenses disclosed at the time of proposing the Joint Administrators' remuneration basis were £164,165. We do not currently expect the initial anticipated level of expenses to be exceeded.

Category	Incurred in the Period (£)	Cumulatively incurred as at Period end (£)	Of which paid by the estate as at Period end (£)
Category 1 expenses			
Pre-appointment Legal Fees			
Addleshaw Goddard	-	93,197	93,197
Postage Fees			
Postworks	-	100	100
Statutory Advertising			
Gazette Direct	-	174	174
Debtor Collection Commission			
Yattendon	-	45,980	45,980
Courier costs	-	55	55
Insolvency Bond			
Howden Insurance Brokers Limited	-	750	750
Insurance			
Howden Insurance Brokers Limited	-	559	559
Legal Fees			
Addleshaw Goddard	8,299	14,899	14,899
Statement of Affairs fees			
E L Sellon	-	1,200	1,200
Agents Fees			
Hilco Appraisal Limited	2,150	2,150	2,150
VAT irrecoverable	-	694	694
Total expenses	10,449	159,758	159,758

Expenses are any payments from the estate which are neither the Joint Administrators' remuneration nor a distribution to a creditor or member, but they may include disbursements which are payments first met by and then reimbursed to the Joint Administrators from the estate. Expenses fall into two categories:

Category 1 expenses

These are also known as 'out of pocket expenses' and are payments to third parties not associated with the Joint Administrators where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the insolvent estate; they can be drawn without prior approval from creditors.

Category 2 expenses

These are expenses directly referable to the insolvent estate but payments that are either to an associate, or that include shared or allocated costs that may be incurred by the Joint Administrators or their firm and that can be allocated to the appointment on a proper and reasonable basis. Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as the Joint Administrators' remuneration.

There are no shared or allocated costs at this stage. For associates, please see the next section – Payments to associates.

Payments to associates

Where we have enlisted the services of others we have sought to obtain the best value and service.

To the extent that services have been enlisted from Grant Thornton's specialist teams, for example tax, pensions, digital forensics, or any others, the narrative for and cost of their work is included in the work done narrative and SIP9 time costs analysis details in the Work done by the Joint Administrators and their team during the Period section above.

We confirm that in the Period, we have not enlisted any other services from within our firm or from a party with whom (to the best of our knowledge) our firm, or an individual within our firm, has an association.

Relationships requiring disclosure

We confirm that we are not aware of any business or personal relationships with any parties responsible for approving the Joint Administrators' fee basis.

Sub-contracted work

We confirm that, in the Period, we have not sub-contracted any work that could otherwise have been carried out by us or our team.

Information for creditors and members

Information to help creditors and members to understand their rights in insolvency and regarding officeholders' (ie administrators or liquidators) remuneration, and the roles and functions of committees is available via Grant Thornton's website.

<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/portal>

Alternatively, we will supply this information by post, free of charge, on request.

