

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ninety fifth Annual General Meeting of Shires Income PLC (the "Company") will be held at Wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London E1 7HA on Thursday 6 July 2023 at 12 noon to transact the following business:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as Ordinary Resolutions:

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 together with the Auditor's Report thereon.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 March 2023.
3. To approve a final dividend of 4.60p per Ordinary share in respect of the year ended 31 March 2023.
4. To re-appoint Ms Helen Sinclair as a Director of the Company.
5. To re-appoint Ms Jane Pearce as a Director of the Company.
6. To re-appoint Mr Robin Archibald as a Director of the Company.
7. To re-appoint Mr Robert Talbut as a Director of the Company.
8. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as Auditor of the Company.
9. To authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of the Auditor for the year to 31 March 2024.
10. That, in substitution for any pre-existing power to allot or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of this resolution, the Directors be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company ("relevant securities") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,548,229 or, if less, the number representing 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution provided that such authorisation expires on 30 September 2024 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution, unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority, and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.
11. To increase the limit on the Directors' aggregate ordinary remuneration, in accordance with Article 80 of the Company's Articles of Association, to £175,000 per annum.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as Special Resolutions:

12. That, subject to the passing of Resolution 10 in the notice convening the meeting at which this resolution is to be proposed (the "Notice of Meeting") and in substitution for all existing powers, the Directors be and are hereby generally empowered pursuant to Section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 (1) of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority under Section 551 of the Act conferred by Resolution 10 in the Notice of Meeting as if Section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power:
 - i. expires on 30 September 2024 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution, but the Company may make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after expiry of this power and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of that offer or agreement as if that power had not expired; and

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- ii. shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities for cash up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,548,229 or, if less, the number representing 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution.

This power applies in relation to the sale of shares which is an allotment of equity securities that immediately before the allotment are held by the Company as treasury shares as if in the opening paragraph of this resolution the words "subject to the passing of Resolution 10 in the notice convening the meeting at which this resolution is to be proposed (the "Notice of Meeting") and" and "pursuant to the authority under Section 551 of the Act conferred by Resolution 10 in the Notice of Meeting" were omitted.

- 13. That, in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date hereof, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised, in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of fully paid Ordinary shares of 50p each in the capital of the Company ("shares"), and to cancel or hold in treasury such shares, provided that:

- i. the maximum aggregate nominal value of the Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be limited to £2,320,795 or, if less, the number representing 14.99% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- ii. the minimum price which may be paid for a share shall be 50p (exclusive of expenses);
- iii. the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for a share shall be an amount being not more than the higher of:
 - a) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase; or
 - b) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid relating to a share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out; and
- iv. unless previously varied, revoked or renewed, the authority hereby conferred shall expire on 30 September 2024 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may, at any time prior to such expiry, enter into a contract or contracts to purchase shares under such authority which would or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of shares pursuant to any such contract or contracts as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

- 14. That a general meeting of the Company other than an Annual General Meeting may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice provided that this authority shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution.

By order of the Board
abrdn Holdings Limited
Company Secretary
1 George Street
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24 May 2023

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Notes

- i. A member is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote on their behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. A member may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise rights attached to any one share. If a member wishes to appoint more than one proxy, they should contact the Company's Registrars, Equiniti Limited, on +44 (0)371 384 2508 (charges for calling this number are determined by the caller's service provider. Lines open 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays in England and Wales). If calling from outside the UK, please ensure the country code is used.
- ii. A form of proxy for use by members is enclosed with the Annual Report. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not prevent any member from attending the meeting and voting in person. To be valid, the form of proxy should be lodged, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, at the address stated thereon, so as to be received not less than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the meeting.
- iii. In accordance with Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, to have the right to attend and vote at the meeting a member must first have his or her name entered in the Company's register of members at 6.30 p.m. on 4 July 2023 (or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, at 6.30 p.m. on the day which is two business days before the time of the adjourned meeting). Changes to entries on that register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting.
- iv. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual and by logging on to the website: euroclear.com. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
- v. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instruction, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's Registrar (ID RA19) not less than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the meeting or any adjournment. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the Company's Registrar is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
- vi. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors, or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

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- vii. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
- viii. If you are an institutional investor you may be able to appoint a proxy electronically via the Proxymity platform, a process which has been agreed by the Company and approved by the Registrar. For further information regarding Proxymity, please go to www.proxymity.io. Your proxy must be lodged by 12 noon on 4 July 2023 in order to be considered valid. Before you can appoint a proxy via this process you will need to have agreed to Proxymity's associated terms and conditions. It is important that you read these carefully as you will be bound by them and they will govern the electronic appointment of your proxy.
- ix. The right to appoint a proxy does not apply to persons whose shares are held on their behalf by another person and who have been nominated to receive communications from the Company in accordance with Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 ("Nominated Persons"). Nominated Persons may have a right under an agreement with the member who holds the shares on their behalf to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy. Alternatively, if nominated persons do not have such a right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the person holding the shares as to the exercise of voting rights.

The statement of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in notes (i) and (ii) above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these notes can only be exercised by members of the Company.

- x. No Director has a service contract with the Company but copies of Directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the date of this notice and for at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting and during the meeting.
- xi. As at close of business on 24 May 2023 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document), the Company's issued share capital comprised 30,964,580 Ordinary shares of 50p each and 50,000 Cumulative Preference shares of £1 each. Accordingly, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 24 May 2023 is 31,014,580.
- xii. Any person holding 3% of the total voting rights in the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman as his proxy will need to ensure that both he and such third party complies with their respective disclosure obligations under the UK Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.
- xiii. Any corporation which is a shareholder can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a shareholder provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- xiv. The members of the Company may require the Company to publish, on its website, a statement setting out any matter relating to the audit of the Company's accounts, including the Auditor's Report and the conduct of the audit, which they intend to raise at the next meeting of the Company. The Company will be required to do so once it has received such requests from either (i) members representing at least 5% of the total voting rights of the Company or (ii) at least 100 members who have a relevant right to vote and hold shares in the Company on which there has been paid up an average sum per member of at least £100. Such requests must be made in writing and must state your full name and address, and be sent to: the Company Secretary, Shires Income PLC, 1 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LL.
- xv. Information regarding the meeting, including information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, is available from the Company's website: www.shiresincome.co.uk.

- xvi. Under Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must answer any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting put by a member attending the meeting unless:
 - (a) answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information;
 - (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
 - (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.
- xvii. Shareholders are advised that, unless otherwise stated, any telephone number, website or e-mail address which may be set out in this notice of Annual General Meeting or in any related documents (including the proxy form) is not to be used for the purposes of serving information or documents on, or otherwise communicating with, the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
- xviii. There are special arrangements for holders of shares through the abrdn Investment Plan for Children, abrdn Investment Trust Share Plan and abrdn Investment Trust ISA. These are explained in the 'Letter of Direction' which such holders will have received with this report.