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Notice of annual general meeting













Registered and incorporated in England and Wales with company number 08397584



### Notice of annual general meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of Redcentric plc (the "Company") will be held at the offices of finnCap Ltd, 1 Bartholomew Close, London EC1A 7BL on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 12.30 p.m.

As it is permissible under current guidelines to hold the AGM without restrictions, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") are keen to welcome shareholders in person to the AGM this year, particularly given the constraints we faced in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Shareholders intending to attend the AGM are asked to register their intention as soon as practicable, and by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday 3 September 2021, by email to <a href="mailto:investorrelations@redcentricplc.com">investorrelations@redcentricplc.com</a>.

The Company will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19, including how new government guidance may change current restrictions or implement further measures relating to the holding of general meetings during the affected period. If it becomes necessary or appropriate to revise the current arrangements, further information will be made available on the Company's website and by RIS announcement.

Given the ongoing uncertainty, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, around whether shareholders will be able to attend the AGM, it is recommended that all shareholders appoint (in accordance with the instructions set out in the explanatory notes to this notice) the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote in accordance with their instructions. This will ensure that their vote will be counted even if attendance is restricted, or they are unable to attend in person.

In any event, as with the 2020 meeting, the Board shall accept any questions relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM which are submitted by shareholders in advance to the Company, and the Company shall publish the question and the response on the Company's website in advance of the AGM. Any such questions should be sent to the email address <u>investorrelations@redcentricplc.com</u> so as to be received by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday 3 September 2021.

The results of the AGM will be available on the Company's website shortly after the meeting has closed.

The purpose of the AGM will be as follows:

### **Ordinary business**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, each of which will be proposed as an ordinary resolution:

### Annual report and financial statements

 To receive the Company's audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 together with the directors' report and the auditors' report on those annual accounts

### Re-appointment of directors

- To re-appoint Helena Feltham as a director of the Company.
- 3. To re-appoint Peter Brotherton, who retires by rotation, as a director of the Company.

### Re-appointment of auditors

4. To re-appoint KPMG as auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of the AGM until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting in 2022 at which accounts are laid before the Company.

### Auditors' remuneration

5. To authorise the directors of the Company to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

### Dividend

 To declare a final dividend of 2.4p per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

### **Special business**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, of which resolution 7 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution and resolutions 8 to 10 will be proposed as special resolutions:

### Directors' authority to allot shares

7. THAT, in substitution for any equivalent authorities and powers granted to the directors prior to the passing of this resolution, the directors be and are generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to exercise all powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company, and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares of the Company ("Allotment Rights") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £52,064, provided that, unless previously revoked, varied or extended, this authority shall expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution and the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, except that the Company may, at any time before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted or Allotment Rights to be granted after such expiry and the directors may allot shares or grant Allotment Rights in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired.

### Directors' power to issue shares for cash

- 8. THAT, conditional on the passing of resolution 7, the directors be and they are empowered pursuant to section 570(1) of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) of the Company wholly for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 7, and/or by way of a sale of treasury shares (by virtue of section 573 of the Act), in each case as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment provided that the power conferred by this resolution shall be limited to:
  - a. the allotment of equity securities and the sale of treasury shares for cash in connection with an offer of, or invitation to apply for, equity securities:

- i. to the holders of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their existing holdings; and
- ii. to holders of any other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the directors otherwise consider necessary,

subject, in each case, to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements or legal, regulatory or practical problems arising under the laws or requirements of any overseas territory or by virtue of shares being represented by depositary receipts or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange or any other matter whatsoever; and

b. the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to subparagraph 8a above) of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £7,809.

Unless previously revoked, varied or extended, this power shall expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution and the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, except that the Company may, at any time before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted (and/or treasury shares to be sold) after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities (and/or sell treasury shares) in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if this power had not expired.

# Directors' power to issue shares for cash in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment

THAT, conditional on the passing of resolution
 and in addition to any authority granted under resolution
 the directors be and they are empowered pursuant to section
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Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) of the Company wholly for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 7, and/or by way of a sale of treasury shares (by virtue of section 573 of the Act), in each case as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment provided that the power conferred by this resolution shall be:

- a. limited to the allotment of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £7,809;
   and
- b. used only for the purposes of financing (or refinancing, if the power is to be used within six months after the original transaction) a transaction which the directors of the Company determine to be an acquisition or other capital investment of a kind contemplated by the Statement of Principles on Disapplying Pre-Emption Rights most recently published by the Pre-Emption Group prior to the date of this notice.

Unless previously revoked, varied or extended, this power shall expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution and the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, except that the Company may, at any time before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted (and/or treasury shares to be sold) after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities (and/or sell treasury shares) in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if this power had not expired.

### Authority to make market purchases of own shares

10. THAT, the Company be and is generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693 of the Act) of ordinary shares of £0.1p each, provided that:

- a. the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares that may be purchased under this authority is 7,809,725;
- b. the minimum price (excluding expenses)
  which may be paid for each ordinary share is its nominal value;
- c. the maximum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for each ordinary share is the higher of:
  - i. 105 per cent of the average market value of an ordinary share in the Company for the five business days prior to the day the purchase is made; and
  - ii. the value of an ordinary share calculated on the basis of the higher of the price quoted for:
    - the last independent trade of; and
    - the highest current independent bid for,

- any number of the Company's ordinary shares on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out.
- d. The authority conferred by this resolution shall expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution and the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company save that the Company may, before the expiry of the authority granted by this resolution, enter in to a contract to purchase ordinary shares which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority and the Company may purchase shares pursuant to any such contract as if the authority had not expired.

By order of the Board

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Company Secretary 9 August 2021

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### **Explanatory notes**

- 1. To be entitled to vote at the AGM (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the number of votes they may cast), shareholders must be registered in the register of members of the Company ("Register of Members") at close of trading on Tuesday 7 September 2021. Changes to the Register of Members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to vote at the AGM.
- 2. Shareholders intending to attend the AGM are asked to register their intention as soon as practicable, and by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday 3 September 2021, by email to <u>investorrelations@redcentricplc.com</u>. Rules around capacity at the venue and changes in health and safety requirements may mean shareholders cannot ultimately attend the AGM.
- 3. Shareholders, or their proxies, intending to attend the AGM in person are requested, if possible, to arrive at the AGM venue at least 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the AGM at 12.30 p.m. (UK time) on Thursday 9 September 2021 so that their shareholding may be checked against the Company's Register of Members and attendances recorded.
- 4. Shareholders are entitled to appoint another person as a proxy to exercise all or part of their rights to attend and to speak and vote on their behalf at the AGM. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the AGM provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different ordinary share or ordinary shares held by that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company but must attend the AGM to represent the shareholder. Given the ongoing uncertainty, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, around whether shareholders will be able to attend the AGM, it is recommended that shareholders

- appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote in accordance with their instructions.
- 5. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's Register of Members in respect of the joint holding (the first named being the most senior).
- 6. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the AGM.
- Any member wishing to vote at the AGM should appoint a proxy. You can appoint a proxy by:
  - logging on to <u>www.signalshares.com</u> and following the instructions; or
  - requesting a hard copy form of proxy directly from the registrars, Link Group ("Registrars"), on Tel: +44 (0)371 664 0300. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open between 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. A hard copy proxy form should be completed in accordance with the instructions that accompany it and then delivered (together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed, or a copy of such item certified in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Act 1971) to Link Group, PXS 1, 10th Floor, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, LEEDS LS1 4DL; or

 in the case of CREST members, utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service in accordance with the procedures set out below.

Proxy appointments, whether submitted electronically or by post, must be received by Link Group by no later than 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 September 2021.

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to submit a proxy vote in advance of the AGM and, given the ongoing uncertainty around whether shareholders will be able to attend the AGM, to appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy rather than a named person who may not be permitted to attend the AGM.

- 8. If you return more than one proxy appointment, either by paper or electronic communication, the appointment received last by the Registrars before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence. You are advised to read the terms and conditions of use carefully. Electronic communication facilities are open to all shareholders and those who use them will not be disadvantaged.
- 9. The return of a completed form of proxy, electronic filing or any CREST Proxy Instruction (as described in note 11 below) will not prevent a shareholder from attending the AGM and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so, should this be permitted under applicable COVID-19 restrictions.
- 10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the AGM (and of any adjournment the AGM) the procedures described using in **CREST** Manual (available www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI).CREST Personal Members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a 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.

- 11. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made by means of CREST 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 instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by no later than 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 September 2021. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to mean the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST application host) from which the issuer's agent 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.
- 12. 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. 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 (as amended).

- 13. In order to terminate the authority of a proxy, you will need to inform the Company by sending a signed hard copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke such appointment to the Registrars. To be effective, the notice of termination must be received by the Registrars by the method outlined in note 7 above no later than 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 September 2021.
- 14. 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 no more than one corporate representative exercises powers in relation to the same shares.
- 15. As at 3 August 2021 (being the latest practicable business day prior to the publication of this notice), the Company's ordinary issued share capital consists of 156,215,710 ordinary shares, 21,208 of which are held in treasury and the remainder of which carry one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 3 August 2021 are 156,194,502.
- 16. Under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, shareholders meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's financial statements (including the Auditor's Report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual financial statements and reports were laid in accordance with Section 437 of the Companies Act 2006 (in each case) that the shareholders propose to raise at the relevant meeting. The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website

- publication to pay its expenses in complying with Sections 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM for the relevant financial year includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.
- 17. Any shareholder attending the AGM has the right to ask questions. The Company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM but no such answer need be given if: (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the AGM 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 the Company or the good order of the AGM that the question be answered.
  - In addition, the Board shall accept any questions relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM which are submitted by shareholders in advance to the Company and the Company shall publish the question and the response on the Company's website in advance of the AGM. Any such questions should be sent to the email address <a href="mailto:investorrelations@redcentricplc.com">investorrelations@redcentricplc.com</a> so as to be received by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday 3 September 2021.
- 18. The following documents are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Company on any business day from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the AGM:
  - copies of the service contracts of the executive director of the Company; and

- copies of letters of appointment of the nonexecutive directors of the Company.
- 19. You may not use any electronic address (within the meaning of Section 333(4) of the Companies Act 2006) provided in either this notice or any related documents (including the form of proxy) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

A copy of this notice, and other information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, can be found on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.redcentricplc.com/about-us/investors">www.redcentricplc.com/about-us/investors</a>.

# Explanatory notes on certain business of the AGM

### 1.Resolutions 2 to 3 – Re-appointment of directors

The Company's articles of association ("Articles") require any director who has been appointed by the Board after the last annual general meeting to retire at the next annual general meeting following his or her appointment. Helena Feltham was appointed by the Board since the last annual general meeting of the Company and accordingly she will retire from office at the AGM and stand for re-appointment by the shareholders. Resolution 2 proposes her reappointment. The Articles also require that, at any annual general meeting of the Company, any director who has not been appointed or re-appointed at either of the two previous annual general meetings, shall retire. Accordingly, Peter Brotherton is retiring and offering himself for re-election. Resolution 3 proposes his re-appointment. Brief biographical details of these directors are set out on pages 50 and 51 respectively of the Annual Report.

### 2. Resolution 6 - Dividend

The directors of the Company are recommending a final dividend of 2.4 p per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2021. If the final dividend is approved by shareholders, it will be paid

on 17 September 2021 to the holders of ordinary shares on the register of members at the close of business on 6 August 2021.

### 3. Resolution 7 - Directors' authority to allot shares

This resolution grants the directors authority to allot shares in the capital of the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the capital of the Company, up to an aggregate nominal value of £52,064 (which represents approximately one third of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) as at 3 August 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice).

Unless revoked, varied or extended, this authority will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date falling 15 months from the passing of the resolution, whichever is the earlier.

# 4. Resolution 8 – Directors' power to issue shares for cash

This resolution authorises the directors in certain circumstances to allot equity securities for cash other than in accordance with the statutory pre-emption rights (which require a company to offer all allotments for cash first to existing shareholders in proportion to their holdings). The relevant circumstances are either where the allotment takes place in connection with a rights issue or the allotment is limited to a maximum nominal amount of £7,809, representing approximately five per cent of the nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) as at 3 August 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice.

In 2015, the Pre-Emption Group (which represents the Investment Association and the Pension and Lifetime Savings Association) published a revised statement of principles for the disapplication of pre-emption rights

(the "Principles"). The Principles relate to issues of equity securities for cash other than on a pre-emptive basis by all companies (wherever incorporated) with shares admitted to the Premium Listing segment of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange. Certain other companies, including those with shares admitted to trading on AIM, are encouraged to adopt the Principles. The Principles provide that a general authority for the disapplication of pre-emption rights over approximately five per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital should be treated as routine.

Unless revoked, varied or extended, this authority will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or 15 months after the passing of the resolution, whichever is the earlier.

### Treasury shares regulations

The Companies (Acquisition of Own Shares) (Treasury Shares) Regulations 2003 (as amended) ("Treasury Shares Regulations") give flexibility concerning what the Company can do with any of its ordinary shares that it may buy back. The Company may now hold such shares 'in treasury' and then sell them at a later date for cash rather than simply cancelling them. The Treasury Shares Regulations require such sales to be on a pre-emptive, pro-rata basis to existing shareholders unless shareholders agree by special resolution to dis-apply such pre-emption rights. Accordingly, in addition to giving the directors power to allot unissued ordinary shares on a non-pre-emptive basis, resolution 8 will also give directors power to sell ordinary shares held in treasury on a non-pre-emptive basis, subject always to the limitations noted above.

The directors consider that the power proposed to be granted by resolution 8 is necessary to retain flexibility, although they do not have any intention at the present time of exercising such power.

### Resolution 9 – Directors' power to issue shares for cash in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment

The Principles further provide that the Company may seek to disapply pre-emption rights over the equivalent of approximately an additional five per cent of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares), so long as certain criteria are met. Subject to the passing of resolution 7, resolution 9 seeks to grant a new authority (in addition to the authority referred to above in relation to resolution 8) to authorise the directors to allot ordinary shares, or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, ordinary shares or sell treasury shares for cash (other than pursuant to an employee equity incentive share scheme) up to an aggregate nominal value of approximately five per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) without application of pre-emption rights pursuant to section 561 of the Companies Act 2006, provided that the authority will only be used for the purpose of:

- a. an acquisition; or
- b. a specified capital investment in respect of which sufficient information regarding the effect of the investment on the Company, the assets that are the subject of the investment and (where appropriate) the profits attributable to those assets is made available to shareholders to enable them to reach an assessment of the potential return on the investment which is announced contemporaneously with the issue or which has taken place in the preceding six month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the issue.

Unless revoked, varied or extended, this authority will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or 15 months after the passing of the resolution, whichever is the earlier.

# 6. Resolution 10 – Authority to make market purchases of own shares

This resolution seeks authority for the Company to make market purchases of its own ordinary shares and is proposed as a special resolution. If passed, the resolution gives authority for the Company to purchase up to 7,809,725 of its ordinary shares, representing approximately five per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 3 August 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice.

The resolution specifies the minimum and maximum prices which may be paid for any ordinary shares purchased under this authority. The authority will expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the passing of the resolution and the Company's next annual general meeting.

The directors will only exercise the authority to purchase ordinary shares where they consider that such purchases will be in the best interests of shareholders generally and will result in an increase in earnings per ordinary share.

The Company may either cancel any shares it purchases under this authority or transfer them into treasury (and subsequently sell or transfer them out of treasury or cancel them).

On 17 September 2019, the Company announced that it had approved a share buyback programme of the Company's ordinary shares for an aggregate purchase price of up to £2 million (the "Buyback Programme"). The Buyback Programme formed part of the Group's broader strategy to deliver shareholder value. On 3 April 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company announced its decision to temporarily halt the Buyback Programme until such time as the outlook becomes more certain.

On 12 November 2020, in the announcement of its unaudited results for the six months to 30 September 2020, the Company announced that it would reinstate the Buyback Programme, with a view to selectively purchasing shares on market when it believed the shares were trading at a discount to the Company's fair valuation.

On 3 August 2021, the total number of options to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company amounted to 3,654,538 and the Company had a total of 350,000 outstanding share warrants in issue. This represented 2.56 per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) on that date.

If this authority to purchase shares was exercised in full the options and warrants would represent 2.70 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 3 August 2021.







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