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**Smiths News PLC**

**Result of 2025 Annual General Meeting**

Smiths News, (LSE: SNWS), the UK's largest news wholesaler and a leading provider of early morning end-to-end supply chain solutions, announces that at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at 11.30am today all resolutions put to the meeting were duly passed by shareholders by way of a poll. The voting results are shown below.

Resolution		For		Against		Withheld
		No. of votes	%	No. of votes	%	No. of votes
1	To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the 53-week period ended 31 August 2024	135,338,059	100.00%	3,031	0.00%	132,021
2	To approve the directors' remuneration report for the 53-week period ended 31 August 2024	132,074,855	97.72%	3,082,124	2.28%	316,132
3	To declare a final ordinary dividend	135,464,571	100.00%	3,003	0.00%	5,537
4	To declare a special dividend	135,457,339	100.00%	3,204	0.00%	12,568
5	To re-elect David Blackwood	129,172,982	95.38%	6,255,497	4.62%	44,632
6	To re-elect Jonathan Bunting	134,704,407	99.46%	731,786	0.54%	36,918
7	To re-elect Michael Holt	132,494,662	97.83%	2,940,856	2.17%	37,593
8	To re-elect Mark Whiteling	112,820,027	83.30%	22,618,491	16.70%	34,593
9	To re-elect Paul Baker	134,705,369	99.46%	730,233	0.54%	37,509
10	To re-elect Deborah Rabey	133,260,194	98.39%	2,178,324	1.61%	34,593
11	To re-appoint the auditor	135,050,838	99.92%	106,509	0.08%	315,764
12	To authorise the Audit Committee to determine the auditor's remuneration	135,330,940	99.91%	122,833	0.09%	19,338
13	Authority to make political donations	102,351,270	81.82%	22,749,314	18.18%	10,372,527

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14	Authority to allot shares	124,658,413	92.11%	10,680,583	7.89%	134,115
15	Authority to partially disapply pre-emption rights*	134,370,917	99.30%	953,974	0.70%	148,220
16	Authority to make market purchases of ordinary shares*	135,223,433	99.83%	236,565	0.17%	13,113
17	Authority to call general meetings (other than the AGM) on 14 clear days' notice*	134,671,257	99.43%	773,755	0.57%	28,099
18	Authority to amend the Articles of Association*	124,492,629	99.78%	270,206	0.22%	10,710,276

\* Special resolution requiring 75% majority of those votes cast at the meeting.

Notes:

1. Percentages are rounded to two decimal places.
2. Where shareholders appointed the Chairman as their proxy with discretion as to voting, their votes were cast in favour of the resolutions and have been included in the "For" total.
3. A "vote withheld" is not a vote in law and is not counted in the calculation of the percentages of the votes cast for and against a resolution.
4. The number of votes validly cast were in respect of 135,467,574 shares, representing 54.70% of the 247,659,200 issued share capital of the Company, being the total number of shares in issue at 6.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
5. The full text of all of the resolutions is set out in the Notice of AGM dated 12 December 2024 which is available on the Company's website. Resolutions 15, 16, 17 and 18 were special resolutions, requiring 75% majority of those votes cast at the meeting.
6. In accordance with Listing Rule 9.6.2, a copy of the special business passed at the AGM, being resolutions 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism at <https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism>
7. The results of the AGM voting will also be made available on the Company's website at <https://www.smithsnews.co.uk/investor-zone>

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