



**BURBERRY**  
**ESTABLISHED 1856**

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***This document is important and requires your immediate attention***

*If you are in any doubt as to what action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice from a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.*

*If you have sold or otherwise transferred all of your shares in Burberry Group plc, please forward this document, together with the accompanying documents, as soon as possible to the person who arranged the sale or transfer so they can pass these documents to the person who now holds the shares.*

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of Burberry Group plc (the 'Company') will be held at the offices of Slaughter and May, One Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YY on Friday, 12 July 2013 at 9.30am to transact the following business:

Shareholders are asked to consider and, if thought fit, pass resolutions 1 to 15 as Ordinary Resolutions and resolutions 16 to 18 as Special Resolutions.

**Resolution 1**

Report and Accounts

To receive the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports.

**Resolution 2**

Directors' Remuneration Report

To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 31 March 2013, set out on pages 93 to 104 of the Company's Annual Report and Accounts.

**Resolution 3**

Final Dividend

To declare a final dividend of 21.0p per Ordinary Share for the year ended 31 March 2013.

**Resolution 4**

To re-elect Sir John Peace as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 5**

To re-elect Angela Ahrendts as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 6**

To re-elect Philip Bowman as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 7**

To re-elect Ian Carter as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 8**

To re-elect Stephanie George as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 9**

To re-elect John Smith as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 10**

To re-elect David Tyler as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 11**

To elect Carol Fairweather as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 12**

Reappointment of auditors

To reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors of the Company, to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next AGM at which accounts are laid before the Company.

**Resolution 13**

Auditors' remuneration

To authorise the Audit Committee of the Company to determine the Auditors' remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2014.

**Resolution 14**

Political donations

That in accordance with sections 366 and 367 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') the Company is, and all companies that are, at any time during the period for which this resolution has effect, subsidiaries of the Company as defined in the Act are, authorised in aggregate to:

- i) make political donations to political parties and/or independent electoral candidates not exceeding £10,000 in total;
- ii) make political donations to political organisations other than political parties not exceeding £10,000 in total; and
- iii) incur political expenditure not exceeding £10,000 in total,

(as such terms are defined in sections 363 to 365 of the Act) in each case during the period beginning with the date of passing this resolution until the conclusion of the Company's AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014). In any event, the aggregate amount of political donations and political expenditure made or incurred under this authority shall not exceed £25,000.

**Resolution 15**

Directors' authority to allot shares

That the directors be hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £73,000 provided that this authority shall apply until the conclusion of the Company's AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014), but in each case, so that the Company may make offers or enter into any agreements during the relevant period which would, or might, require relevant securities to be allotted after the authority expires and the directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

**Resolution 16**

Directors' authority to disapply pre-emption rights

That subject to the passing of Resolution 15, the directors be hereby empowered to allot equity securities (within the meaning of the Act) for cash under the authority given by that resolution and/or to sell ordinary shares of 0.05p each in the capital of the Company ('Ordinary Shares') held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, provided that the power shall be limited to:

- i) the allotment of equity securities and sale of treasury shares for cash in connection with an offer of, or invitation to apply for, equity securities to:
  - (a) holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their existing holdings; and
  - (b) holders of other equity securities, as required by the rights of those securities, or as the directors otherwise consider necessary,

and so that the directors may impose any limits or restrictions and make any arrangements which they consider necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal, regulatory or practical problems in, or under the laws of, any territory, or any matter whatsoever; and

- ii) the allotment (otherwise than under paragraph i) above) of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £11,050.

Such power shall apply until the conclusion of the AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014) but during this period the Company may make offers and enter into agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold) after the power ends and the directors may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) under any such offer or agreement as if the power had not ended.

**Resolution 17**

Authority to purchase own shares

That the Company be hereby generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 701 of the Act to make market purchases (as defined in section 693(4) of the Act), of Ordinary Shares provided that:

- i) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares which may be purchased is 44,200,000 being just under 10 per cent of the Company's issued share capital as at 20 May 2013;
- ii) the minimum price (excluding stamp duty and expenses) which may be paid for each such share is 0.05p;

- iii) the maximum price (excluding stamp duty and expenses) which may be paid for each such share is the higher of:

- (a) an amount equal to 5 per cent above the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the relevant share is purchased; and
- (b) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid as stipulated by the Buy-back and Stabilisation Regulations (EC 2273/2003); and

- iv) the authority hereby conferred shall apply until the conclusion of the Company's AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014) (except in relation to the purchase of shares the contracts for which are concluded before such expiry and which are executed wholly or partly after such expiry) unless such authority is renewed prior to such time.

**Resolution 18**

Notice of general meetings

That the directors be hereby authorised to call general meetings (other than an AGM) on not less than 14 clear days' notice.

By order of the Board

**Catherine Sukmonowski**

Company Secretary  
6 June 2013

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# EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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The notes on the following pages give an explanation of the proposed resolutions. The directors consider that all of the proposed resolutions are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of each of the resolutions, as the directors intend to do in respect of their own shareholdings.

## **Resolution 1**

### Report and Accounts

The directors of the Company are required to present the Accounts, the Directors' Report and the Auditors' Report to the meeting.

## **Resolution 2**

### Directors' Remuneration Report

Shareholders are invited to vote on the Directors' Remuneration Report, which may be found on pages 93 to 104 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The vote is advisory only. The directors' entitlements are not conditional on this resolution being passed.

## **Resolution 3**

### Final Dividend

The Board recommends that shareholders approve a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2013 of 21.0p per Ordinary Share.

## **Resolutions 4 to 10**

### Re-election of directors

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, all of the continuing directors will retire at the AGM and all are offering themselves for re-election.

The Company announced on 7 February 2013 that Stacey Cartwright would be stepping down from the Board at the close of the AGM and so would not be seeking re-election.

Biographical details of all the directors who are seeking re-election are set out on page 76 of the Annual Report and Accounts and are also available on the Company's website. The Board is satisfied that each of the directors standing for re-election continues to perform effectively and demonstrates commitment to his or her role, including commitment of time for Board and Committee meetings and any other duties.

## **Resolution 11**

### Election of Carol Fairweather

The Board unanimously proposes and recommends to shareholders that Carol Fairweather be elected as a director of the Company. Her biographical details are set out below and will also be available on the Company's website.

Carol joined Burberry in 2006, and since 2008 has served as Senior Vice President, Finance leading the Group finance function, including financial reporting, planning

and analysis, global shared services, tax, treasury and financial governance. Prior to joining Burberry, Carol was Director of Finance at News International Limited from 1997 to 2005 and UK Regional Controller at Shandwick plc from 1991 to 1997. She began her career at Ernst & Young.

## **Resolutions 12 and 13**

### To authorise the reappointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors and to determine their remuneration

At every general meeting at which accounts are presented to shareholders, the Company is required to appoint auditors to serve from the end of the meeting until the next such meeting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ('PwC') have indicated that they are willing to continue as the Company's auditors for another year. The Audit Committee has reviewed PwC's effectiveness and recommends their reappointment. The resolutions authorise the Company to reappoint them and, following normal practice, to authorise the Audit Committee to determine their remuneration.

## **Resolution 14**

### Political donations and expenditure

This Resolution seeks authority from shareholders for the Company and its subsidiaries to make donations to EU political parties, other political organisations or independent electoral candidates, or incur EU political expenditure. It is the Company's policy not to make donations to political parties and the Company has no intention of altering this policy. However, the definitions in the Act of 'political donation', 'political organisation' and 'political expenditure' are broadly drafted. In particular, they may extend to bodies such as those concerned with policy review, law reform, representation of the business community and special interest groups, which the Company and its subsidiaries may wish to support. Accordingly, the Company is seeking this authority to ensure that it does not inadvertently commit any breaches of the Act through the undertaking of routine activities which would not normally be considered to result in the making of political donations. The aggregate amount of expenditure permitted by this authority will be capped at £25,000.

## **Resolutions 15 and 16**

### Authorities to allot shares and disapply pre-emption rights

Resolution 15 would give the directors the authority to allot Ordinary Shares (or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any securities into Ordinary Shares) up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to £73,000 (representing 146,000,000 Ordinary Shares). This amount represents approximately one-third of the issued Ordinary Share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 20 May 2013, being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice.

The directors have no current plans to issue shares other than in connection with employee share schemes.

The Company holds 30,027 of its Ordinary Shares as treasury shares, being just under 0.01 per cent of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 20 May 2013, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice.

Resolution 16 would give the directors the authority to allot Ordinary Shares (including any Ordinary Shares which the Company elects to hold in treasury) for cash without first offering them to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings. This authority would be limited to allotments or sales in connection with rights issues or other pre-emptive offers, or otherwise up to an aggregate maximum nominal amount of £11,050 (representing 22,100,000 Ordinary Shares). This aggregate nominal amount represents approximately 5 per cent of the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company as at 20 May 2013, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice. In respect of this aggregate nominal amount, the directors confirm their intention to follow the provisions of the Pre-Emption Group's Statement of Principles regarding cumulative usage of authorities within a rolling three-year period where the Principles provide that usage in excess of 7.5 per cent should not take place without prior consultation with shareholders.

The authority sought under this resolution is a standard authority taken by most listed companies each year. The directors consider that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders generally that they should have the flexibility conferred by the above authorities to make small issues of shares for cash (on a pre-emptive or, where appropriate, a non pre-emptive basis) as suitable opportunities arise, although they have no present intention of exercising any of these authorities.

The authorities sought under resolutions 15 and 16 will expire on the conclusion of the AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014).

#### **Resolution 17**

##### **Purchase of own shares**

This Resolution seeks shareholder approval for the Company to make market purchases of up to 44,200,000 Ordinary Shares, being just under 10 per cent of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 20 May 2013 and specifies the minimum and maximum prices at which the Ordinary Shares may be bought.

In certain circumstances it may be advantageous for the Company to purchase its own shares and the directors consider it to be desirable for the general authority to be available to provide flexibility in the management of the Company's capital resources. Purchases of the Company's own shares will be made if to do so would be in the best interests of the Company and of its shareholders generally, and would result in an increase in earnings per share.

The Company may either retain any of its own shares which it has purchased as treasury shares with a view to possible use at a future date or cancel them. Holding the shares as treasury shares gives the Company the ability to use them quickly and cost-effectively and would provide the Company with additional flexibility in the management of its capital base. No dividends will be paid on and no voting rights will be exercised in respect of treasury shares.

It is the Company's current intention that of any shares repurchased under this authority, sufficient shares will be held in treasury to meet the requirements, as they arise, of the Company's share incentive arrangements, with the remainder being cancelled.

The total number of awards and options to subscribe for Ordinary Shares outstanding as at 20 May 2013 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice), was 8,808,457 representing approximately 1.99 per cent of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) at that date. If the existing share purchase authority given on 12 July 2012 (to the extent not already utilised) and the authority being sought under this Resolution were utilised in full, the issued share capital would be reduced by an equivalent amount and the outstanding awards and options would represent approximately 2.49 per cent of the issued share capital as at 20 May 2013. No warrants over Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company are in existence as at 20 May 2013.

This authority will expire on the conclusion of the AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014).

#### **Resolution 18**

##### **Notice of general meetings**

This Resolution seeks to renew an authority granted at last year's AGM to allow the Company to call general meetings, other than an AGM, on 14 clear days' notice. Changes made to the Act by the Shareholders' Rights Regulations increase the notice period required for general meetings of the Company to 21 days unless shareholders approve a shorter notice period, which cannot however be less than 14 clear days (AGMs will continue to be held on at least 21 clear days' notice). Prior to the Shareholders' Rights Regulations coming into force, the Company was able to call general meetings, other than an AGM, on 14 clear days' notice without obtaining such shareholder approval.

The shorter notice period would not be used as a matter of routine for such meetings, but only where the flexibility is merited by the business of the meeting and is thought to be to the advantage of shareholders as a whole.

The approval will be effective until the Company's next AGM to be held in 2014 (or, if earlier, 12 October 2014).

## OTHER NOTES

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### Entitlement to attend and vote

1. To be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the votes they may cast), shareholders must be registered in the register of members of the Company at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 10 July 2013 (or, in the event of any adjournment, on the date which is two working days before the time of the adjourned meeting). Changes to the register of members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.
2. To be admitted to the AGM, members are asked to present their admission card (which is attached to the proxy card) or present proof of identity.
3. On arrival at the place of the AGM, all those entitled to attend and vote will be required to register and collect a poll card.
4. All resolutions at the AGM will be decided by poll. The directors believe a poll is more representative of shareholders' voting intentions because shareholders' votes are counted according to the number of shares held and all votes tendered are taken into account.

### Appointment of proxies

5. Members are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote on their behalf at the meeting. 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 share or shares held by that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A proxy form which may be used to make such appointment and give proxy instructions accompanies this Notice. If you do not have a proxy form and believe that you should have one, or if you require additional forms, please contact Equiniti on 0871 384 2839. Calls to this number are charged at 8 pence per minute plus network extras. Lines are open 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. The Equiniti overseas helpline number is +44 (0) 121 415 7047.

6. To be valid any proxy form or other instrument appointing a proxy must be received by the Company's Registrar, Equiniti by no later than 9.30am on Wednesday, 10 July 2013. Please send the completed proxy form to Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA or visit [www.sharevote.co.uk](http://www.sharevote.co.uk) and follow the instructions provided.
7. In the case of a member which is a company, the proxy form must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company.
8. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.
9. The return of a completed proxy form, other such instrument or any CREST Proxy Instruction will not prevent a shareholder attending the AGM and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so.
10. Unless voting instructions are indicated on the proxy form, a proxy may vote or withhold his vote as he thinks fit on the resolutions or on any other business (including amendments to resolutions) which may come before the meeting. Please note that a 'vote withheld' (as it appears on the proxy or voting instruction form) is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes 'for' or 'against' a resolution.
11. 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).
12. If more than one valid proxy appointment is submitted, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

**Appointment of proxies through CREST**

13. 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. 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.
14. 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 (available via [www.euroclear.com/CREST](http://www.euroclear.com/CREST)). 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 Equiniti (ID RA19) by 9.30am on Wednesday, 10 July 2013. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the time stamp 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.
15. 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, 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.

16. 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.

**Nominated persons**

17. Any person to whom this Notice is sent who is a person nominated under section 146 of the Act to enjoy information rights (a 'Nominated Person') may, under an agreement between him/her and the shareholder by whom he/she was nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the AGM. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, he/she may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the shareholder as to the exercise of voting rights.
18. The statement of the rights of shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraphs 5 and 6 above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these paragraphs can only be exercised by shareholders of the Company.

**Corporate representatives**

19. Any corporate shareholder may appoint one or more corporate representative(s) who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.

**Questions at the AGM**

20. Any member attending the meeting has the right to ask questions. The Company must cause to be answered at the AGM any question relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM which is put by a member attending the meeting, except in certain circumstances, including: (i) if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered; (ii) if to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information; or (iii) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question.



**Issued shares and total voting rights**

21. As at 20 May 2013 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice) the Company's issued share capital consists of 442,274,225 Ordinary Shares, carrying one vote each and the Company held 30,027 Ordinary Shares as treasury shares. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 20 May 2013 are 442,244,198.

**Website publication of audit concerns**

22. Under section 527 of the Act, members meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company at no expense to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 (including the auditors' report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous AGM. Any such statement will be forwarded to the Company's auditor not later than the time the statement is made available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.

**Information available on website**

23. A copy of this Notice and other information required by section 311A of the Act can be found at [www.burberryplc.com](http://www.burberryplc.com).

**Documents available for inspection**

24. The service contracts and letters of appointment for all directors are available for inspection at the AGM for at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting and during the meeting until the conclusion of the AGM.

**Electronic communication**

25. Shareholders may at any time choose to receive all shareholder documentation in electronic form via the internet, rather than through the post in paper format. Shareholders who decide to register for this option will receive an email each time a statutory document is published on the internet. Shareholders who wish to receive documentation in electronic form should contact the Company's Registrars, Equiniti, or visit [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk) and register for the electronic communications service.

26. Any electronic address provided either in this Notice or any related documents (including the proxy form) may not be used to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

