WH SMITH PLC

STATEMENT REGARDING SHAREHOLDER CONSULTATION FOLLOWING VOTING AT A GENERAL MEETING ON 12 MARCH 2026

As announced following a general meeting of WH Smith PLC (the "**Company**") held on 12 March 2026 (the "**GM**"), 79.35% of votes were cast in favour of Resolution 2, which related to the approval of a deed of grant of a one-off share option to the Company's Executive Chairman, Leo Quinn.

Following the GM, the Company has engaged with shareholders to better understand their views regarding remuneration. While the Company is still considering the comments received, shareholder feedback is consistent with the Company's pre-existing understanding of shareholder views on remuneration issues. The Company considers that the one-off award to Leo Quinn earlier this year is strongly aligned with the creation of long-term shareholder value and necessary to attract, recruit and retain the key talent needed to drive the Company's transformation and deliver profitable growth.

The Company will continue to engage with shareholders on remuneration-related matters more broadly.

An update will be provided in the Company's annual report for the financial year ended 31 August 2026.