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Press Release

ShareSoc Calls for Revitalised AGMs

General meetings are one of the best opportunities for companies to communicate with their owners: the shareholders. But ShareSoc members often find that Annual General Meetings are not the lively and mutually informative occasions that they should be. With the main AGM season looming, ShareSoc has published a document explaining how they should be run. This 12-page note provides guidance on how to get the best out of such meetings, both for shareholders attending and those managing or chairing such meetings.

General Meetings of public companies are sometimes perceived as being a moribund institution with an archaic format and often populated only by those who have the time to spare. But they can be enormously useful for investors when they are properly run. However they are frequently defective in a number of ways, with directors missing the opportunity to communicate with all their shareholders.

We hope our new guide will improve matters in the coming months – to read it click on this link: <u>www.sharesoc.org/How To Run A General Meeting.pdf</u>

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