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To: Ascential plc (“**Ascential**” or the “**Company**”) shareholders, and, for information purposes only, persons with information rights.

Notification of publication of important documentation in relation to the recommended cash acquisition of Ascential by Informa plc (“Informa”).

On 24 July 2024, the boards of Ascential and Informa announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended cash acquisition pursuant to which Informa proposes to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Ascential (the “**Acquisition**”). The Acquisition is intended to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement (the “**Scheme**”) under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the “**Act**”). The next step in the process is for Ascential Shareholders and Scheme Shareholders to vote on the Acquisition.

Please find enclosed a hard copy of the scheme document published today, which contains further details of the Acquisition, the Scheme, an explanatory statement in compliance with section 897 of the Act and notices of the shareholder meetings (the “**Scheme Document**”). The Scheme Document is also available to view at, and can be downloaded from, Ascential’s website at <https://www.ascential.com/investors/recommended-offer-for-ascential-by-informa/offer-related-documents>. For the avoidance of doubt, the content of Ascential’s website is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this communication.

Ascential Shareholders (but not persons with information rights) will also find, in connection with voting at the shareholder meetings, enclosed with this letter hard copies of the following important documents in relation to the Acquisition:

1. a hard copy of the BLUE Form of Proxy for the Court Meeting; and
2. a hard copy of the YELLOW Form of Proxy for the General Meeting.

Persons with information rights can view the above-mentioned important documents in relation to the Acquisition at Ascential’s website at <https://www.ascential.com/investors/recommended-offer-for-ascential-by-informa/offer-related-documents>.

Please read the Scheme Document and the enclosed documents carefully.

Right to request hard copies

You may request a hard copy of any information incorporated into the Scheme Document by reference to another source, free of charge, by contacting Equiniti during business hours (8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.) on +44 (0) 371 384 2050 or by submitting a request in writing to Equiniti at Corporate Actions, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA stating your name, and the address to which the hard copy should be sent.

Questions you may have

If you have any questions about this Document, the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or are in any doubt as to how to complete the Forms of Proxy or to submit your proxies through CREST or via the electronic means, please contact Equiniti by calling the Shareholder Helpline on +44 (0) 371 384 2050. The Shareholder Helpline will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (U.K. time) Monday to Friday (except public holidays in England and Wales). Please ensure the country code is used if calling from outside the U.K. Calls to the Shareholder Helpline from outside of the U.K. will be charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes. Please note that Equiniti cannot provide advice on the merits of the Scheme, nor give financial, tax, investment or legal advice.

Persons with information rights

If you are an indirect investor through a nominee shareholder, we have received notification from a nominee shareholder that, as an underlying investor in the Company, you have elected to receive "information rights" in accordance with the Act. This entitles you to receive copies of documents sent to shareholders on our share register. Your main contact in terms of your investment remains the registered shareholder, custodian or broker who administers your investment. Any changes or queries relating to your personal details or shareholding must be directed to your existing contact.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter and the Scheme Document, and thank you in advance for voting at the Meetings.

Yours faithfully,

Naomi Howden
Company Secretary
Ascential plc

The directors of the Company accept responsibility for the information contained in this letter relating to the Company. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the directors of the Company (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this letter is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Addresses may be provided to Informa

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by you for the receipt of communications from Ascential may be provided to Informa during the offer period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code").

Disclosure requirements of the Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified.

An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the tenth business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror, save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. If you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure, you should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.