Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference

References within this document to “the Committee” mean the Remuneration Committee.

1 Membership and Attendance

1.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee and in consultation with the Chair of the Remuneration Committee. The Board has determined that all non-executive directors (excluding the Chair of the Board) should be members of the Committee. The Chair of the Board may also be appointed to serve on the Committee as an additional member if he or she was considered independent on appointment as Chair.

1.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals such as the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Group Director of Human Resources/Chief People Officer and external advisers will be invited to attend all or any part of any meeting as and when appropriate. Invitees have no right of attendance and no director may be present or vote when his/her remuneration is being considered.

1.3 Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, which may be extended for further periods of up to three years, provided the director still meets the criteria for membership of the Committee and (other than the Chair of the Board, if he/she is a member of the Committee) continues to be independent.

1.4 The Board shall appoint the Chair of the Remuneration Committee who shall be an independent non-executive director who shall have served on a remuneration committee for at least 12 months, and the Board shall determine the period for which the appointee is to hold office. In the absence of the Committee Chair, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting. The Chair of the Board shall not be Chair of the Committee.

2 Secretary

2.1 The Company Secretary or his or her designee shall act as the Secretary of the Committee, and will ensure that the Committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration to be given to issues.

3 Quorum and Location

3.1 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two members of whom at least one must be an independent non-executive director. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

3.2 A majority of the meetings of the Committee will be held in the Republic of Ireland; other Committee meetings may be held at another location outside the United Kingdom.

4 Frequency of meetings

4.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and otherwise as required.
5 Notice of Meetings

5.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary of the Committee at the request of the Committee Chair. Such meetings must be convened from the Republic of Ireland.

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Committee and any other person required to attend, no later than four working days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to Committee members and to other attendees, as appropriate, at the same time.

5.3 The Secretary of the Committee shall give notice of meetings to the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and the Group Director of Human Resources/Chief People Officer.

6 Minutes and reporting responsibilities

6.1 The Secretary of the Committee shall minute the proceedings and resolutions of all Committee meetings, including recording the names of those present and in attendance.

6.2 The Secretary of the Committee shall ascertain, at the beginning of each meeting, the existence of any conflicts of interest and minute them accordingly.

6.3 The Chair of the Committee shall report to the Board at the first Board meeting following each Remuneration Committee meeting, on the nature and content of its discussion, recommendations and action to be taken.

6.4 Draft minutes of Committee meetings and any resolutions in writing shall be circulated to all members of the Committee, the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.

6.5 The Committee shall provide a description of its work in the Annual Report in line with the requirements of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

6.6 The Committee shall also ensure that provisions regarding disclosure of information as set out in Companies (Directors’ Remuneration Policy and Directors’ Remuneration Report) Regulations 2019 (including on a voluntary basis, as appropriate) are fulfilled and that a report of the directors’ remuneration policy and practices is included in the Company’s Annual Report and put to shareholders for approval at the Annual General Meeting. If the Committee has appointed remuneration consultants, the Annual Report should identify such consultants alongside a statement about any other connection with the Company or individual directors.

6.7 The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed, and adequate time should be available for Board discussion where necessary.

7 Annual General Meeting

7.1 The Chair of the Committee shall attend the Annual General Meeting prepared to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee’s reports and activities. In addition, the Chair of the Committee should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee’s areas of responsibility.
8 Duties

The Committee shall:

8.1 Have delegated responsibility for determining the remuneration policy for directors’ remuneration and setting remuneration for the Chief Executive Officer, the Chair of the Board, the executive directors, the Company Secretary and such other senior executives as it is, from time to time, designated to consider, in accordance with the Principles and Provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code. The remuneration of non-executive directors shall be a matter for the Chair and the executive members of the Board. No director or executive shall be involved in any decisions as to his or her own remuneration;

8.2 Establish remuneration schemes that promote long-term shareholding by executive directors that support alignment with long-term shareholder interests, with share awards subject to a total vesting and holding period of at least five years, and a formal policy for post-employment shareholding requirements encompassing both unvested and vested shares.

8.3 Design remuneration policies and practices to support strategy and promote long-term sustainable success, with executive remuneration aligned to company purpose and values, clearly linked to the successful delivery of the company’s long-term strategy, and that enable the use of discretion to override formulaic outcomes and to recover and/or withhold sums or share awards under appropriate specified circumstances.

8.4 When determining executive director remuneration policy and practices, consider the Code requirements for clarity, simplicity, risk mitigation, predictability, proportionality and alignment to culture.

8.5 In determining such remuneration policy, take into account all other factors, which it deems necessary including relevant legal and regulatory requirements, the provisions and recommendations of the UK Corporate Governance Code and associated guidance. The objective of such policy shall be to attract, retain and motivate executive management of the quality required to run the Group successfully without paying more than is necessary, having regard to views of shareholders and other stakeholders.

8.6 Review the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy;

8.7 Approve the design of, and determine targets for, Group performance-related pay schemes operated by the Company and approve the total annual payments made under such schemes;

8.8 Review the design of all share incentive plans for approval by the Board and where required, shareholders. For all such plans, determine each year whether awards will be made and, if so, the overall amounts of such awards, the individual awards to executive directors, the Company Secretary and other designated senior executives and the performance targets to be used;

8.9 Determine the policy for, and scope of, pension arrangements for the Chair (if relevant), each executive director, the Company Secretary and other designated senior executives;
8.10 Ensure that contractual terms on termination of designated senior executives, and any payments made, are fair to the individual and the Company, that failure is not rewarded and that the duty to mitigate loss is fully recognised;

8.11 Within the terms of the agreed policy, and in consultation with the Chair of the Board and/or Chief Executive Officer as appropriate, approve the total individual remuneration package of the Chair, each executive director, the Company Secretary and other designated senior executives including bonuses, incentive payments and share options or other share awards. The choice of financial and strategic measures is important, as is the exercise of independent financial judgment and discretion when determining remuneration awards, taking account of Group and individual performance, and wider circumstances.

8.12 When setting remuneration policy for directors, review and have regard to the pay and employment conditions across the Company or Group, especially when determining annual salary increases;

8.13 Oversee any major changes in employee benefit structures throughout the Company or Group;

8.14 Ensure that all provisions regarding disclosure of remuneration, including pensions, as set out in the Jersey Companies Law, UK Listing Rules, UK Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the UK Corporate Governance Code, are fulfilled; and

8.15 Obtain reliable, up-to-date information about remuneration in other companies of comparable scale and complexity.

8.16 Through the Chair of the Committee and the Group HR Director/Chief People Officer, ensure that the Company maintains contact as required with its principal shareholders regarding remuneration.

8.17 Work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees, ensuring the interaction between committees and with the Board is reviewed regularly.

9 Other

The Committee shall;

9.1 have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Group Corporate Secretariat for advice and assistance as required;

9.2 be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and on an ongoing basis for all members;

9.3 give due consideration to all relevant laws and regulations, the Principles and Provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code and published guidelines or recommendations regarding the remuneration of company directors and the formation and operation of incentive plans and the requirements of the UK Financial Conduct Authority’s Listing Rules, Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook and Prospectus Rules and any other applicable rules, as appropriate; and
9.4 arrange for periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, review its constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating effectively and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.

10 Authority

The Committee is authorised:

10.1 to seek any information it requires from any employee of the Company in order to perform its duties; and

10.2 to appoint remuneration consultants to advise the Committee, to be exclusively responsible for establishing the selection criteria and setting the terms of reference of such consultants, to obtain, at the Company’s expense, any outside legal or other professional advice and to commission or purchase any reports, surveys or information which it deems necessary, within any budgetary restraints imposed by the Board. The Committee should avoid designing pay structures based solely on benchmarking to the market or on the advice of remuneration consultants; and

10.3 to sub-delegate certain of its duties to the Chair of the Committee and/or other Directors and/or a sub-committee of the Committee as the Committee deems appropriate, such delegation to be exercised at all times outside the UK.