Nomination Committee
Terms of Reference
Amended by resolution of the Board dated 10 December 2019

There shall be established a Committee of the Board, duly constituted in accordance with Article 116.1 of the Company’s Articles of Association, to be known as the Nomination Committee.

1. Definitions
Reference to the ‘Committee’ shall mean the Nomination Committee.
Reference to the ‘Board’ shall mean the board of directors of the Company.

Membership

1.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be made up of at least 3 members, the majority of whom should be independent non-executive Directors.

1.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals, such as representatives from external advisers, may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting, as and when appropriate and necessary.

1.3 The Board shall appoint the Committee Chairman who should be either the Chairman of the Board or an independent non-executive Director. In the absence of the Committee Chairman and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting from those who would qualify under these terms of reference to be appointed to that position by the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall not chair the Committee when it is dealing with the matter of succession to the chairmanship.

2. Secretary
The Company Secretary or his or her nominee shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

3. Quorum
The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two independent non-executive directors. 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.
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4. Frequency of meetings

The Committee shall meet at least once a year. Additional meetings shall be called by the Secretary at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.

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 Chairman.

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, any other person required to attend and all other non-executive Directors, no later than five 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.

6. Minutes of meetings

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

6.2 Draft minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all members of the Committee. Once approved, minutes should be circulated to all other members of the Board unless in the opinion of the Committee Chairman it would be inappropriate to do so.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Committee Chairman should attend the annual general meeting to answer any shareholder questions on the Committee’s activities.

8. Duties

The Committee should carry out the duties below for the parent company, any subsidiary undertakings and the group as a whole, as appropriate.

The Committee shall:

8.1 regularly review the structure, size, age, gender and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity) of the Board and make recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes;

8.2 give full consideration to succession planning for Directors, including the Chairman, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the Company, and the skills and expertise needed on the Board in the future;

8.3 be responsible for identifying and nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise;

8.4 before any appointment is made by the Board, evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the Board, and, in the light of this evaluation prepare a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment. In identifying suitable candidates the Committee shall:
8.4.1 consider using the services of external advisers to facilitate the search;

8.4.2 consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds; and

8.4.3 consider candidates on merit and against objective criteria and with due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board, including gender and race, taking care that appointees have enough time available to devote to the position.

8.5 for the appointment of a chairman, the Committee should prepare a job specification, including the time commitment expected. A proposed chairman’s other significant commitments should be disclosed to the Board before appointment and any changes to the Chairman’s commitments should be reported to the Board as they arise;

8.6 prior to the appointment of a Director, the proposed appointee should be required to disclose any other business interests that may result in a conflict of interest and be required to report any future business interests that could result in a conflict of interest;

8.7 ensure that on appointment to the Board, non-executive Directors receive a formal letter of appointment setting out clearly what is expected of them in terms of time commitment, committee service and involvement outside Board meetings;

8.8 review the results of the Board performance evaluation process that relate to the composition of the Board; and

8.9 review annually the time required from non-executive Directors. Performance evaluation should be used to assess whether the non-executive Directors are spending enough time to fulfil their duties.

8.10 draft letters of appointment for approval by the Board.

8.11 work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees.

The Committee shall also make recommendations to the Board concerning:

8.12 formulating plans for succession for non-executive Directors and in particular for the key role of Chairman;

8.13 suitable candidates for the role of Senior Independent Director, if required;

8.14 membership of the Audit and Management Engagement committee, and any other Board committees as appropriate, in consultation with the Chairmen of those committees;

8.15 the re-appointment of any non-executive Director at the conclusion of their specified term of office having given due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience required;

8.16 the election or re-election of Directors. All Directors are subject to annual re-election. The Committee will recommend Directors for re-election and will set out for the Board the specific reasons why each Director’s contribution is and continues to be important to the Company’s long-term success (UK Code, Provision 18). The Committee will have due regard to Directors’ performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience.
required and the need for progressive refreshing of the Board (particularly in relation to directors being re-elected for a term beyond nine years); and

8.17 any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time.

9. Reporting responsibilities

9.1 The Committee Chairman shall report to the Board on its proceedings after each meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities.

9.2 The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.

9.3 The Committee shall produce a report to be included in the Company’s annual report about its activities, the process used to make appointments and explain if external advice has not been used.

10. Other matters

The Committee shall:

10.1 have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company Secretary for assistance as required;

10.2 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;

10.3 give due consideration to laws and regulations, the provisions of the Code, the requirements of the UK Listing Authority’s Listing, Prospectus and Disclosure and Transparency Rules and the requirements of the Market Abuse Regime and any other applicable Rules, as appropriate; and

10.4 arrange for periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, review its constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.

11. Authority

11.1 The Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain, at the Company’s expense, outside legal or other professional advice on any matters within its terms of refer.

11.2 The Committee is authorised to seek any information it required from the Manager in order to perform its duties.