

# Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee Terms of Reference

References within this Section to "the Committee" mean the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee.

## 1 Membership and Attendance

- 1.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. The Board has determined that the Chairman of the Board and the non-executive directors of the Company should be members of the Committee.
- 1.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals such as the Chief Executive Officer, the Group Director of Human Resources, the Global Talent Director and external advisers may be invited to attend all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate.
- 1.3 Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, which may be extended for two further three-year periods provided the director still meets the criteria for membership of the Committee and that the majority of the Committee members remain independent.
- 1.4 The Board shall appoint the Committee Chairman who should either be the Chairman of the Board or an independent non-executive director and shall determine the period for which the appointee is to hold office. In the absence of the Committee Chairman, the remaining members present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting. That person shall be an independent non-executive director. The Chairman of the Board shall not chair the Committee when it is dealing with matters of succession of the Chairman of the Board.

## 2 Secretary

2.1 The Company Secretary or his or her designee shall act as the Secretary of the Committee, and provide input and advice to the Committee on corporate governance matters 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 twice 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 any of its members. Such meetings must be convened from the Republic of Ireland.
- 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.

## 6 Minutes of Meetings and reporting responsibilities

- 6.1 The Secretary of the Committee shall minute the proceedings and decisions 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 Chairman of the Committee shall report to the Board at the first Board meeting following each Committee meeting, on the nature and content of its discussion, recommendations and actions to be taken.
- **6.4** Draft minutes of Committee meetings and any resolutions in writing shall be circulated to all members of the Committee.
- Report describing the work of the Committee, including the: process used in relation to Board appointments, its approach to succession planning and how both support the development of a diverse pipeline; how Board evaluation has been conducted, the nature and extent of an external evaluator's contact with the Board and individual directors, the outcomes and actions taken, and how it has influenced or will influence Board composition; and the gender balance of those in the senior management team and their direct. Where an external search consultancy has been engaged, it should be identified in the Annual Report alongside a statement about any other connection it has with the Company or individual directors. The report shall also include a description of the Board's policy on diversity and inclusion, its objectives and linkage to strategy, how it has been implemented, and progress on achieving the objectives.
- 6.6 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 made available for Board discussion when necessary.

### 7 Annual General Meeting

7.1 The Chairman 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 Chairman of the Committee should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's areas of responsibility.



#### 8 Duties

#### **8.1** The Committee shall:

- regularly review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity) required of the Board compared to its current position and make recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes;
- ensure plans are in place for orderly succession of the Board and other senior executives, and oversee the development of a diverse pipeline for succession, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the Company, and what skills and expertise are therefore needed on the Board in the future;
- keep up to date and fully informed about strategic issues and commercial changes affecting the Company and the Group and the markets in which they operate;
- be responsible for identifying and nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise;
- for the appointment of a chairman, the Committee should prepare a job specification, including the time commitment expected;
- for any director appointment, ensure the proposed appointee's other significant time commitments and business interests that may result in a conflict of interest are disclosed to the Board before appointment and that any additional future commitments should not be undertaken without prior approval of the Board.
- before making an appointment, evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence 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 and the time commitment expected. In identifying suitable candidates the Committee shall:
  - o use open advertising or the services of external advisers to facilitate the search;
  - o consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds;
  - consider candidates on merit and against objective criteria having due regard to the benefits of diversity on the Board, and taking care that appointees have enough time available to devote to the position;
- keep under review the leadership needs of the organisation, both executive and non-executive, with a view to ensuring the continued ability of the organisation to compete effectively in the marketplace;
- ensure each non-executive director shall 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;
- keep under review all legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments that might affect Experian plc's operations, striving to ensure that the Company is at the forefront of best practice;



- ensure that the standards and disclosures required by the UK Corporate Governance Code are observed and reflected in disclosures made in the Annual Report;
- review the results of the Board performance evaluation process;
- receive and consider reports on views expressed by shareholders, shareholder representative bodies and other interested parties in relation to corporate governance; and
- work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees, ensuring interaction between committees and with the Board is reviewed regularly.
- **8.2** The Committee shall also make recommendations to the Board concerning:
  - Any changes needed to the succession planning process if its periodic assessment indicates the desired outcomes have not been achieved;
  - suitability of candidates as new directors and succession for existing directors.
  - suitability of candidates for the role of Senior Independent Director;
  - membership of Audit, Remuneration and Nomination & Corporate Governance Committees, in consultation with the chairmen of those committees;
  - 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;
  - the re-election by shareholders of any director under the annual re-election provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code or the "retirement by rotation" provisions in the Company's Articles of Association, having due regard to their performance and ability and why their contribution is important to the Group's long-term sustainable success in light of the skills, experience and knowledge required and the need for progressive refreshing of the Board, taking into account the length of service of individual directors, the Chairman and the Board as a whole. any matters relating to the continuation in office of any director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an executive director as an employee of the Company subject to the provisions of the law and the director's service contract;
  - the appointment of any director to executive or other office other than to the
    positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the recommendation for which
    would be considered at a meeting of the full Board; and
  - legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments that might affect Experian plc's operations.

#### 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 provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code and associated guidance, the requirements of the UK Financial Conduct Authority's Listing Rules, Prospectus Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook and any other applicable rules, as appropriate; and
- 9.4 arrange for periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, review the Committee's 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;
- **10.2** to obtain, at the Company's expense, outside legal or other professional advice on any matters within its terms of reference; and
- 10.3 to sub-delegate certain of its duties to the Chairman 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 United Kingdom.