



Bank of Ireland

Group Remuneration Committee

Terms of Reference

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Bank of Ireland Group plc (the “Company”)
Group Remuneration Committee (“Committee”)
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1. Objectives

This is the Committee of the Board of Directors of Bank of Ireland Group plc (the “Board”) responsible for ensuring that the Group’s (being the Company and its subsidiaries) overall reward strategy is consistent with achievement of the Group’s strategic objectives.

The Committee is responsible for the oversight of Group-wide remuneration policy and has delegated responsibility for determining the policy for executive director remuneration and setting remuneration for the Chairman of the Board (the “Board Chairman”), Directors and the Senior Management Team across the Group (being the Group Executive Committee) (including the members of the court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (the “Bank”) (the “Court”), and those employees whose activities have a material impact on the Group’s risk profile and for considering and making recommendations to the Board in respect of same.

In framing remuneration strategy, frameworks and policies, the Committee shall give full consideration to the principles and provisions of the Capital Requirements Directives (CRD IV), the Capital Requirements Regulation, the European Banking Authority (EBA) Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies, the Central Bank of Ireland’s Codes and Guidelines, the UK Corporate Governance Code , and other applicable law and regulation, and shall take into account the long term interests of shareholders, investors and other stakeholders in the Group and the public interest. In addition, remuneration frameworks and policies may differ to reflect local geographical and regulatory requirements.

The Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the Group operates remuneration frameworks, policies and practices which are, where possible, in line with relevant legal and regulatory requirements, as to its application. Due consideration shall be given to laws, regulations and any published guidelines or recommendations having regard to any restrictions to which the Company or any member of the Group is subject.

In addition, the Committee is responsible for ensuring that the remuneration, frameworks, policies and practices for members of the Senior Management Team (being the Group Executive Committee) support the objectives of any agreement between any Group company and the State.

The resultant frameworks, policies and practices will be reviewed regularly by the Committee and will be recommended to the Board for ratification.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The Committee will comprise a minimum of three independent Non-Executive Directors who have the knowledge, skills and experience to reach an independent judgement on the suitability of the frameworks, policies and practices, including implications for risk and risk management. Membership and chairmanship of the Committee will be reviewed by the Board each year on the recommendation of the Group Nomination, Governance & Responsible Business Committee in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee will be an independent Non-Executive Director and will have served on the Committee for a minimum of twelve months. The general aim is to change the membership from time to time to ensure an appropriate balance between continuity and fresh perspectives.
- 2.2 The Board Chairman may serve on the Committee as an additional member (but not chair) if he or she was considered independent on appointment as Board Chairman.
- 2.3 Directors who perform an executive function shall not be members of the Committee. The Group Chief Executive shall however be in attendance as required. The Group Secretary shall be secretary of the Committee.
- 2.4 At least one member of the Committee will also be a member of the Board Risk Committee.

- 2.5 Each year the membership of the Committee will be displayed in the Annual Report and Accounts. When a Director, who is a member of the Committee, stands for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, his/her membership of the Committee will be noted on the proxy forms issued to shareholders.

3. Meetings and Quorum

- 3.1 The Committee will meet as often as it deems necessary for the discharge of its responsibilities.
- 3.2 The quorum for meetings shall be two members.
- 3.3 Any member of the Committee who has any personal interest in the matters to be considered by the Committee must so declare that interest and must absent himself/herself from any meeting while such issue is being considered.

Neither the members of the Board nor the Committee may participate in discussions or decisions relating to their own remuneration.

- 3.4 Questions arising at any Committee meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, where there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Votes shall be recorded in the minutes. Where decisions are unanimous, they shall be recorded as such in the minutes. Dissensions and negative votes shall be documented in the minutes in terms acceptable to the dissenting person or negative voter.

4. Duties

Without limiting the generality of the Committee's objectives set out in paragraph 1, the Committee shall have the following functions:

- 4.1 Adopt and implement the Group Remuneration Policy, including a Material Risk Taker Policy, and ensure that the Committee shall operate within that policy. The design of the Group Remuneration Policy and practices should support the long-term business strategy strategy, values and culture of the Group. It should promote long-term sustainable success, including a formal policy to promote long-term shareholdings by Executive Directors and post-employment shareholding requirements.
- 4.2 Adopt and implement a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and determining director and senior management remuneration, addressing clarity, simplicity, risk, predictability, proportionality and alignment to culture when considering Executive Director remuneration. No director should be involved in deciding their own remuneration outcome.
- 4.3 Oversee the annual review of the Group Remuneration Policy, including the Material Risk Taker Policy, with input from the Court Remuneration Committee, relevant risk management functions and the Group Risk Committee, and review workforce remuneration and related policies and the alignment of incentives and reward with culture, taking these into account when setting the policy for executive director remuneration.
- 4.4 Review workforce remuneration, including retention risk and loss of talent from the Group, with a view to ensuring that staff are rewarded fairly and competitively, and support the Group in attracting, engaging and retaining high-calibre people.
- 4.5 Approve, after consultation with the Board, the Group Chief Executive's annual performance assessment and remuneration terms.
- 4.6 Approve the total remuneration package for the Board Chairman, the Governor of the Court, each Executive Director, members of the Senior Management Team (being the Group Executive Committee), as defined from time to time by the Court and the Head of Internal Audit, including, in each case:
- salary;
 - variable payments;

- stock options and awards;
- service contracts;
- pension benefits.

In their deliberations, the Committee will have regard to the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy, relevant market comparisons and practice, alignment to company purpose and values, retention risk, and successful delivery of the company's long-term strategy, together with any other relevant guidance. The Committee's deliberations will also, where appropriate, be informed by a reasonable assessment of the Group's risk profile, financial situation and future prospects based on input from the Board Risk Committee. In the case of the Head of Internal Audit, the Committee will consult with the Chairman of the Group Audit Committee.

- 4.7 Have direct oversight over the remuneration of heads of control functions and senior risk management and compliance officers.
- 4.8 Consider the implications of remuneration policy/commitments for Executive Directors and members of the Senior Management Team (being the Group Executive Committee) and the Head of Internal Audit in the event of early termination, in order to ensure that any such payments are fair, reasonable and appropriate to all parties. In the case of the Head of Internal Audit, the Committee will consult with the Chairman of the Group Audit Committee. The Committee should ensure that compensation commitments in service contracts do not reward poor performance.
- 4.9 The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors of the Board and the Court shall be a matter for the Board Chairman in consultation with the Group Chief Executive, the Group Secretary and the Chief People Officer. Such fees will be determined by the Board itself (non-executives not participating in the decision) within the limit as set from time to time by shareholders in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Levels of remuneration for the chair and all Non-Executive Directors should reflect the time commitment and responsibilities of the role. Remuneration for all Non-Executive Directors should not include share options or other performance-related elements.
- 4.10 Review from time to time the level of board fees paid by subsidiary boards and recommend to the Board, increases (if any), to be proposed by the Board to the board of that subsidiary.
- 4.11 Review and approve annually the following, where they exist:
 - (1) long-term incentive programmes;
 - (2) employee stock plans; and
 - (3) general pension increases.
- 4.12 Determine the powers delegated to any Management Remuneration Committees and consider the minutes of their deliberations.
- 4.13 Annually review the Group Remuneration Policy, including the Material Risk Taker Policy, for all Group staff and in particular for those identified as material risk takers. Review the overall remuneration of the top earners within the Group each year.
- 4.14 Approve any contract of employment or related contract, and any proposed amendments to these (including salary changes), for any Executive Director of the Company or of the Bank or for the Board Chairman or Governor.
- 4.15 Consider and recommend to the Board policy on shareholder disclosure and related matters for all remuneration issues including the contents of the Directors' Remuneration Report contained in the Annual Report and Accounts. Ensure that such disclosure is clear and transparent.
- 4.16 Consider scenarios which might test the remuneration system's ability to react to future external and internal events.

- 4.17 Perform any other duties or responsibilities relating to remuneration issues delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time.
- 4.18 Review, on an annual basis, the Committee's Terms of Reference and recommend to the Board any amendments thereto. The Committee shall also approve any recommendation of the Court Remuneration Committee to be made to the Court in respect of amendments to the Court Remuneration Committee's Terms of Reference.

5. Authority

- 5.1 The Committee will operate under delegated authority from the Board and the Chairman of the Committee will report to the Board on the Committee's proceedings after each meeting. Committee minutes will also be circulated to the Board.
- 5.2 The Committee shall have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Group Secretariat for assistance as required. As and when required the Committee may access professional advice and may commission both informal and formal remuneration studies to assist its formulation of remuneration policy. The Committee should be responsible for the appointment of any remuneration consultants and should consider whether they have any other connection with the Group. The consultants should be identified in the Annual Report. The Committee must exercise independent judgment when evaluating the advice of external third parties and when receiving views from Executive Directors and senior management.
- 5.3 The Committee will seek relevant advice from the Board Risk Committee where appropriate, for example, in considering incentives which are based on future revenues whose timing and likelihood are uncertain. The Chief Risk Officer will be invited to attend at least one Committee meeting per year to report on the Group's risk profile, its financial condition and future prospects, and to consider the implications of remuneration policies for risk and risk management within the Group. On the occasion of his/her presentation to the Committee, the Chairman of the Board Risk Committee will be invited to attend the Committee meeting.
- 5.4 The Committee may invite any Director, Executive or other person to attend any meeting(s) of the Committee as it may from time to time consider desirable to assist the Committee in the attainment of its objectives.
- 5.5 The Committee is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee of the Group to enable it discharge its responsibilities.
- 5.6 The Committee Chair should seek regular engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to work of the Committee, particularly to understand shareholder views on governance and performance against the strategy.

6. Performance Evaluation

On a yearly basis, the Committee shall review the effectiveness of its operations and report to the Board on its findings and recommendations.