

PERSIMMON PLC (the “Company”) AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONSTITUTION

References to “the Committee” shall mean the Audit and Risk Committee.

References to “the Board” shall mean the Board of Directors.

References to “the Code” shall mean the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018.

These revised Terms of Reference were adopted by the Board on 5 March 2024.

1. Membership

- 1.1 The Committee shall comprise at least three members. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee and in consultation with the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- 1.2 All members of the Committee shall be independent non-executive directors at least one of whom shall have recent and relevant financial experience. The Committee as a whole shall have competence relevant to the sector in which the company operates. The Chair of the Board shall not be a member of the Committee.
- 1.3 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, the Chief Financial Officer, Group Internal Audit Manager and audit lead partner will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee on a regular basis and other individuals may be invited to attend all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate and necessary.
- 1.4 Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, which may be extended for up to two additional three-year periods, provided members continue to be independent.
- 1.5 The Board shall appoint the Committee Chair. In the absence of the Committee Chair and/or an appointed deputy at a Committee meeting, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting.

2. Secretary

The Company Secretary or their nominee 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

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two members. 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.

4. Frequency of meetings

- 4.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times a year at appropriate times in the financial reporting and audit cycle and otherwise as required.
- 4.2 Outside the formal meeting programme, the Committee Chair will maintain a dialogue with key individuals involved in the Company’s governance, including the Board Chair, the Group Chief Executive, the Chief Financial Officer, the external audit lead partner and the Group Internal Audit Manager.

5. Notice of meetings

- 5.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the secretary of the Committee at the request of the Committee Chair or any of its members or at the request of the external auditor or the Group Internal Audit Manager if they consider it necessary.
- 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 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 decisions of all meetings of the Committee, including recording the names of those present and in attendance.
- 6.2 Draft minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to the Committee members. Once approved, minutes should be circulated to all other members of the Board and the Company Secretary unless exceptionally, it would be inappropriate to do so.

7. Engagement with shareholders

The Committee Chair should attend the annual general meeting to answer any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities. In addition, the Committee Chair should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's areas of responsibility.

8. Duties

The Committee shall have oversight of the Group as a whole and, unless required otherwise by regulation, shall carry out the duties below for the Company, the Company's major subsidiary undertakings and for the Group as a whole as appropriate:

8.1 Financial reporting

- 8.1.1 The Committee shall monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, including its annual and half-yearly reports, trading updates, and any other formal statements relating to its financial performance, review and report to the Board significant financial reporting issues and judgements which those statements contain having regard to the matters communicated to it by the auditor.
- 8.1.2 In particular, the Committee shall review and challenge where necessary:
 - 8.1.2.1 the application of significant accounting policies and any changes to them;
 - 8.1.2.2 the methods used to account for significant or unusual transactions where different approaches are possible;
 - 8.1.2.3 whether the Company has adopted appropriate accounting policies and made appropriate estimates and judgements, taking into account the views of the external auditor on the financial statements;
 - 8.1.2.4 the clarity and completeness of disclosures in the Company's financial statements and the context in which statements are made; and
 - 8.1.2.5 all material information presented with the financial statements, such as the strategic report and the corporate governance statement insofar as it relates to the audit and to risk management.

- 8.1.3 The Committee shall review any other statements requiring Board approval which contain financial information first, where to carry out a review prior to Board approval would be practicable and consistent with any prompt reporting requirements under any law or regulation including the Listing Rules, Prospectus Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook.
- 8.1.4 Where the Committee is not satisfied with any aspect of the proposed financial reporting by the Company it shall report its views to the Board.

8.2 Narrative reporting

- 8.2.1 Where requested by the Board, the Committee should review the content of the annual report and accounts and advise the Board on whether, taken as a whole, it is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy and whether it informs the Board's statement in the annual report on these matters that is required under the Code.

The committee shall also carry out the following duties to assist the Board in fulfilling its reporting responsibilities in the annual report:

- 8.2.3 Monitor and review the effectiveness of the company's risk management and internal control systems.
- 8.2.4 Review the company's procedures to manage or mitigate principal risks and to identify emerging risks, to assist in the board's assessment of principal and emerging risks.
- 8.2.5 Review and assess the company's risk appetite and associated stress testing.
- 8.2.6 Evaluate the company's principal risks, to be taken into account by the board when assessing the company's prospects.
- 8.2.7 Review and approve the statements to be included in the annual report concerning internal controls and risk management.

8.3 Internal controls and risk management systems

The Committee shall:

- 8.3.1 keep under review the Company's internal financial control systems that identify, assess, manage and monitor financial risks, and other internal control and risk management systems; and
- 8.3.2 review and approve the statements to be included in the annual report concerning internal controls, risk management, including the assessment of principal risks and emerging risks, and the viability statement.

The Committee shall also oversee and seek suitable assurance regarding:

- 8.3.3 The risk exposures of the company, including risk to the company's business model, and solvency and liquidity risks.
- 8.3.4 The adequacy and effectiveness of the company's processes and procedures to manage risk and the internal control framework, including the design, implementation and effectiveness of those systems.
- 8.3.5 The ability of the company's risk management and internal control systems to

identify the risks facing the company and enable a robust assessment of principal risks.

- 8.3.6 The company's capability to identify and manage new and emerging risks.
- 8.3.7 The effectiveness and relative costs and benefit of particular controls.
- 8.3.8 The effectiveness of management's processes for monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems and ensuring corrective action is taken when necessary.
- 8.3.9 The company's ability to reduce the likelihood of principal risks materialising and the impact on the business of risks that do materialise.
- 8.3.10 The appropriateness of the company's values and culture and reward systems for managing risk and internal controls, and the extent to which the culture and values are embedded at all levels of the company.
- 8.3.11 The Group Internal Audit Manager's right of direct access to the Chairman of the Board and to the Committee.

8.4 Compliance, whistleblowing and fraud

The Committee shall:

- 8.4.1 review the adequacy and security of the Company's arrangements for its employees, contractors and external parties to raise concerns, in confidence, about possible wrongdoing in financial reporting or other matters. The Committee shall ensure that these arrangements allow proportionate and independent investigation of such matters and appropriate follow up action;
- 8.4.2 review the Company's procedures for detecting fraud;
- 8.4.3 review the Company's systems and controls for the prevention of bribery and receive reports on non-compliance;
- 8.4.4 review regular reports from the Money Laundering Reporting Officer and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's anti-money laundering systems and controls, with presentations to the Committee when requested; and
- 8.4.5 review reports from the Company Secretary and Group Internal Audit Manager and keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control environment.

8.5 Group Internal Audit

The Committee shall:

- 8.5.1 approve the appointment and removal of the Group Internal Audit Manager;
- 8.5.2 review and approve the role and mandate of Group Internal Audit, monitor and review the effectiveness of its work, and annually approve the Internal Audit Charter ensuring it is appropriate for the current needs of the Group;
- 8.5.3 review and approve the annual Internal Audit Plan to ensure it is aligned to the key risks of the business and receive regular reports on work carried out;
- 8.5.4 ensure Internal Audit has unrestricted scope, the necessary resources and access to information to enable it to fulfil its mandate, ensure there is open

communication between different functions and that Internal Audit evaluates the effectiveness of these functions as part of its Internal Audit Plan, and ensure that Internal Audit is equipped to perform in accordance with appropriate professional standards for internal auditors;

- 8.5.5 ensure that the Group Internal Audit Manager has direct access to the Board Chair and the Chair of the Committee, providing independence from executive management and accountability to the Committee;
- 8.5.6 carry out an annual assessment of the effectiveness of Internal Audit and as part of this assessment:
 - 8.5.6.1 meet with the Group Internal Audit Manager at least annually without the presence of management to discuss the effectiveness of Internal Audit;
 - 8.5.6.2 review and assess the annual Internal Audit Plan;
 - 8.5.6.3 receive a report on the results of Internal Audit's work;
 - 8.5.6.4 determine whether it is satisfied that the quality, experience and expertise of Internal Audit is appropriate for the business; and
 - 8.5.6.5 review the actions taken by management to implement the recommendations of internal audit and to support the effective working of the Internal Audit function;
- 8.5.7 monitor and assess the role and effectiveness of Internal Audit in the overall context of the Group's risk management system and the work of second line functions, finance and the external auditor; and
- 8.5.8 consider whether an independent, third party review of processes is appropriate.

8.6 External Audit

The Committee shall:

- 8.6.1 consider and make recommendations to the Board, to be put to shareholders for approval at the annual general meeting, in relation to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the Company's external auditor;
- 8.6.2 develop and oversee the selection procedure for the appointment of the audit firm in accordance with the applicable Code and regulatory requirements, ensuring that all tendering firms have access to all necessary information and individuals during the tendering process;
- 8.6.3 if an auditor resigns, investigate the issues leading to this and decide whether any action is required;
- 8.6.4 oversee the relationship with the external auditor. In this context the Committee shall:
 - 8.6.4.1 approve their remuneration, including both fees for audit and non-audit services, and ensure that the level of fees is appropriate to enable an effective and high quality audit to be conducted; and
 - 8.6.4.2 approve their terms of engagement, including any engagement letter issued at the start of each audit and the scope of the audit;
- 8.6.5 assess annually the external auditor's independence and objectivity taking into account relevant law, regulation, the Ethical Standard and other professional requirements and the Group's relationship with the auditor as a whole, including any threats to the auditor's independence and the safeguards applied to mitigate those threats, including the provision of any non-audit services;

- 8.6.6 satisfy itself that there are no relationships between the auditor and the Company (other than in the ordinary course of business) which could adversely affect the auditor's independence and objectivity;
- 8.6.7 agree with the Board a policy on the employment of former employees of the Company's auditor, taking into account the Ethical Standard and legal requirements, and monitor the application of this policy;
- 8.6.8 monitor the auditor's processes for maintaining independence, its compliance with relevant law, regulation, other professional requirements and the Ethical Standard, including the guidance on the rotation of audit partner and staff;
- 8.6.9 monitor the level of fees paid by the Company to the external auditor compared to the overall fee income of the firm, office and partner and assess these in the context of relevant legal, professional and regulatory requirements, guidance and the Ethical Standard;
- 8.6.10 assess annually the qualifications, expertise and resources, and independence of the external auditor and the effectiveness of the external audit process, which shall include a report from the external auditor on their own internal quality procedures;
- 8.6.11 seek to ensure co-ordination of the external audit with the activities of the Internal Audit function;
- 8.6.12 evaluate the risks to the quality and effectiveness of the financial reporting process in the light of the external auditor's communications with the Committee;
- 8.6.13 develop and recommend to the Board the Company's formal policy on the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, including prior approval of non-audit services by the Committee and specifying the types of non-audit services to be preapproved, and assessment of whether non-audit services have a direct or material effect on the audited financial statements. The policy should include consideration of the following matters:
 - 8.6.13.1 threats to the independence and objectivity of the external auditor and any safeguards in place;
 - 8.6.13.2 the nature of the non-audit services;
 - 8.6.13.3 whether the external audit firm is the most suitable supplier of the non-audit service;
 - 8.6.13.4 the fees for the non-audit services, both individually and in aggregate, relative to the audit fee; and
 - 8.6.13.5 the criteria governing compensation;
- 8.6.14 meet regularly with the external auditor, including once at the planning stage before the audit and once after the audit at the reporting stage. The Committee shall meet the auditor at least once a year, without management being present, to discuss the auditor's remit and any issues arising from the audit;
- 8.6.15 discuss with the external auditor the factors that could affect audit quality and review and approve the annual audit plan, ensuring it is consistent with the scope of the audit engagement, having regard to the seniority, expertise and experience of the audit team;
- 8.6.16 review the findings of the audit with the external auditor. This shall include but not be limited to, the following:

- 8.6.16.1 a discussion of any major issues which arose during the audit;
 - 8.6.16.2 key accounting and audit judgements;
 - 8.6.16.3 levels of errors identified during the audit;
 - 8.6.16.4 the auditor's explanation of how the risks to audit quality were addressed; and
 - 8.6.16.5 the auditor's view of their interactions with senior management;
- 8.6.17 review any representation letter(s) requested by the external auditor before they are signed by management;
- 8.6.18 review the management letter and management's response to the auditor's findings and recommendations; and
- 8.6.19 review the effectiveness of the audit process, including an assessment of the quality of the audit, the handling of key judgements by the auditor, and the auditor's response to questions from the Committee.

8.7 Risk appetite, tolerance and strategy

The committee shall:

- 8.7.1 Advise the board on the company's overall risk appetite, tolerance and strategy, and the principal and emerging risks the company is willing to take in order to achieve its long-term strategic objectives.
- 8.7.2 Advise the board on the likelihood and the impact of principal risks materialising, and the management and mitigation of principal risks to reduce the likelihood of their incidence or their impact.
- 8.7.3 Advise the board on the risk aspects of proposed changes to strategy and strategic transactions including acquisitions or disposals, ensuring that a due diligence appraisal of the proposition is undertaken, focusing in particular on implications for the risk appetite, tolerance and strategy of the company, and taking independent external advice where appropriate and available.

9. Reporting responsibilities

- 9.1 The Committee Chair shall report formally to the Board on its proceedings after each meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities and shall also formally report to the board on how it has discharged its responsibilities. The report shall include:
- 9.1.1 the significant issues that it considered in relation to the financial statements (required under paragraph 8.1.1) and how these were addressed;
 - 9.1.2 its assessment of the effectiveness of the external audit process (required under paragraph 8.6.10), the approach taken to the appointment or reappointment of the external auditor, length of tenure of audit firm, when a tender was last conducted and advance notice of any re-tendering plans; and
 - 9.1.3 any other issues on which the Board has requested the Committee's opinion.
- 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 provide advice to the remuneration committee on any risk weightings to be applied to performance objectives incorporated in the incentive structure for executive remuneration and make recommendations to the remuneration committee on clawback provisions.

- 9.4 The Committee shall produce a report on its activities to be included in the Company's annual report. The report should describe the work of the Committee, including:
- the significant issues that the Committee considered in relation to the financial statements and how these issues were addressed;
 - an explanation of how the Committee has addressed the independence and effectiveness of the external audit process and the approach taken to the appointment or reappointment of the external auditor, information on the length of tenure of the current audit firm, when a tender was last conducted and advance notice of any retendering plans; and
 - an explanation of how auditor independence and objectivity are safeguarded if the external auditor provides non-audit services, having regard to matters communicated to it by the auditor and all other information requirements set out in the Code.
- 9.5 In compiling the reports referred to in 9.1 and 9.4, the Committee should exercise judgement in deciding which of the issues it considers in relation to the financial statements are significant, but should include at least those matters that have informed the Board's assessment of whether the Company is a going concern and the inputs to the Board's viability statement. The report to shareholders need not repeat information disclosed elsewhere in the annual report and accounts, but could provide cross-references to that information.

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 Secretariat for advice and 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 relevant laws and regulations, the provisions of the Code and published guidance, the requirements of the FCA's Listing Rules, Prospectus Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook and any other applicable rules, as appropriate;
- 10.4 be responsible for oversight of the co-ordination of the Group Internal Audit Manager and the external auditor;
- 10.5 oversee any investigation of activities which are within its terms of reference;
- 10.6 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; and
- 10.7 work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees ensuring interaction between committees and with the Board is reviewed regularly, taking particular account of the impact of risk management and internal controls being delegated to the different committees.

11. Authority

The Committee is authorised to:

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

- 11.2 obtain, at the Company's expense, independent legal, accounting or other professional advice on any matter if it believes it necessary to do so;
- 11.3 call any employee to be questioned at a meeting of the Committee as and when required;
- 11.4 Delegate any matter or matters to another committee or person(s) as it deems appropriate; and
- 11.5 have the right to publish in the Company's annual report details of any issues that cannot be resolved between the Committee and the Board. If the Board has not accepted the Committee's recommendation on the external auditor appointment, reappointment or removal, the annual report should include a statement explaining the Committee's recommendation and the reasons why the Board has taken a different position.

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Based upon Chartered Governance Institute model terms of reference for Audit Committees and Risk Committees.