



DATALEX PLC

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

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1. CONSTITUTION

1.1 The remuneration committee (**Committee**) was constituted as a committee of the board of directors (**board**) of Datalex plc (**Company**) in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

1.2 The Committee has the delegated authority of the board in respect of the functions and powers set out in these terms of reference.

1.3 The Committee may sub-delegate any or all of its powers and authority as it thinks fit, including, without limitation, the establishment of sub-committees which are to report back to the Committee.

2. ROLE

2.1 The role of the Committee is to assist the board to fulfil its responsibility to shareholders to ensure that:

- (a) remuneration policy and practices of the Company are designed to support strategy and promote long-term sustainable success, reward fairly and responsibly, with a clear link to corporate and individual performance, having regard to statutory and regulatory requirements; and
- (b) executive remuneration is aligned to company purpose and values and linked to delivery of the company's long-term strategy.

2.2 Subject to [Paragraph 2.3](#), in particular, the Committee shall consider:

- (a) remuneration policies, including base pay, long-term and short-term incentives, post-employment shareholding requirements and use of the Committee's discretion;
- (b) remuneration practice and its cost to the Company;
- (c) recruitment, service contracts and severance policies;
- (d) pension and superannuation arrangements and other benefits;
- (e) the engagement and independence of external remuneration advisers; and
- (f) a review of workforce remuneration and related policies and the alignment of incentives and rewards with culture.

2.3 The remuneration of the senior independent director and non-executive directors of the board shall be a matter for the chairman of the Board and the executive directors to be decided at a meeting of the board to be determined within the limits set in the Company's articles of association. No director shall be involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration.

3. DUTIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee shall carry out the following duties for the Company and advise the board appropriately:

3.1 Remuneration policy and practices

- (a) determine and agree with the board the policy for the remuneration and benefits, including pension rights and compensation payments, of the executive directors and set the remuneration for:
 - (i) the chair of the Company;
 - (ii) executive directors;
 - (iii) the company secretary; and
 - (iv) such other classes of employees as the board considers appropriate.

- (b) subject to [Paragraph 3.5\(b\)](#), in determining the remuneration policy, consider:
- (i) all relevant legal and regulatory requirements, the provisions and recommendations of the QCA Corporate Governance Code (the **Code**) and associated guidance;
 - (ii) the need to promote the long-term sustainable success of the Company and the alignment to the Company purpose and values, without paying more than is necessary, having regard to the views of shareholders and other stakeholders, and ensuring that executive directors and the company secretary are rewarded in a fair and responsible manner, provided with appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and are rewarded for their individual contributions;
 - (iii) the strategy of the Company and how the policy reflects and supports the long-term strategy;
 - (iv) the Company's risk appetite and risk management strategy ensuring that the remuneration policy is aligned to the Company's risk policies and systems and long-term strategic goals; and
 - (v) any shareholding requirements, including vesting and holding periods, and any post-employment shareholding requirements for executive directors and the company secretary that encompass both unvested and vested shares;
- (c) when determining executive director remuneration policy and practices, address the following factors:
- (i) clarity;
 - (ii) simplicity;
 - (iii) risk;
 - (iv) predictability;
 - (v) proportionality; and
 - (vi) alignment to culture.
- (d) when determining remuneration schemes and the remuneration policy, consider the use of discretion by the Committee to override formulaic outcomes;
- (e) review the on-going appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy and consult with significant shareholders, as appropriate, on the policy or any other aspects of remuneration;
- (f) within the terms of the agreed remuneration policy, determine the total remuneration package for the chair of the board and each element of the total individual remuneration package for each executive director and the company secretary (to the extent applicable):
- (i) base salary;
 - (ii) profit sharing and specific incentive remuneration schemes or arrangements;
 - (iii) participation in share option schemes and share ownership plans;
 - (iv) pension arrangements, including the level of contributions by the Company; and
 - (v) other bonuses and benefits in cash or in kind.
- (g) ensure, where relevant, that any payments made in respect of any remuneration package are permitted under the Company's remuneration policy;
- (h) exercise any discretion or judgment on remuneration outcomes in accordance with any incentive schemes and the remuneration policy, taking account of company and individual performance, and wider circumstances; and
- (i) agree the policy for authorising claims for expenses from the directors.

3.2 Share based remuneration and bonus arrangements

- (a) recommend for approval by the board the design of, and determine the targets for, the operation of all long-term incentive schemes in which executive directors and the company secretary participate. For any such schemes or plans, determine each year whether the awards will be made, and if so, approve the levels of participation in such schemes or plans by those individuals;
- (b) monitor and assess any performance conditions applicable to any long-term incentive awards granted under any schemes or plans adopted by the Company. Ensure that the performance conditions are fully

explained, aligned to the Company purpose and values, and clearly linked to the successful delivery of the Company's long-term strategy and enhancement of shareholder value. Consider whether any factors should be taken into account which would make an alternative outcome more appropriate and aligned to the interests of shareholders;

- (c) consider whether the executive directors and the company secretary should be eligible for annual bonuses;
- (d) recommend for approval by the board the design of, and determine annual targets and key performance indicators for, any bonus scheme operated by the Company and assess performance against targets and key performance indicators, by the Company, individual executive directors and the company secretary;
- (e) exercise independent judgement and discretion when authorising outcomes under all incentive arrangements, taking account of company and individual performance, and wider circumstances;
- (f) design and invoke agreed safeguards, for example, clawback or withholding the payment of any sum or share award, to protect against rewards for failure through appropriate risk management of any incentive arrangements to ensure that any performance-related payments reflect actual achievements; and
- (g) ensure that all incentive arrangements are aligned to the Company's risk policies and systems, its purpose and values, support the strategy and promote long-term sustainable success.

3.3 Pensions

Review the pension arrangements for the executive directors and the company secretary and consider:

- (a) the alignment of pension contribution rates, or payments in lieu, for executive directors and the company secretary with those available to the workforce; and
- (b) the pension consequences and associated costs to the Company of basic salary increases and any other changes in pensionable remuneration or contribution rates, particularly for directors close to retirement, when compared with workforce arrangements.

3.4 Service contracts and severance

- (a) approve the terms of the service contracts, the duration of which shall not exceed one year's notice period, for executive directors and the company secretary and any material amendments to those contracts;
- (b) determine the policy for, and scope of, termination payments and compensation commitments for each executive director and the company secretary and ensure that poor performance is not rewarded and that there is a clear policy to link non-contractual payments to performance; and
- (c) ensure that contractual terms on termination, and any payments made, are fair to the individual and the Company and in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements, that failure is not rewarded and that the duty to mitigate loss is fully recognised.

3.5 Workforce remuneration and related policies

- (a) review workforce remuneration and related policies and the alignment of incentives and rewards with culture;
- (b) engage with the workforce to explain how decisions on executive pay reflect wider company pay policy; and
- (c) oversee any major changes in remuneration and employee benefits structures throughout the Company.

3.6 Remuneration consultants

- (a) to help it to fulfil its obligations and enable it to judge where to position the Company relative to other companies, have full authority to appoint remuneration consultants and to commission or purchase any reports, surveys or information which it deems necessary, at the expense of the Company but within any budgetary restraints imposed by the board; and

- (b) be exclusively responsible for establishing the selection criteria, selecting, appointing and setting the terms of reference for any remuneration consultants who advise the Committee.

3.7 Shareholder approval

- (a) produce a report to shareholders annually on matters relating to executive remuneration that shall include the information required to be disclosed by the Companies Acts, the Code, the Listing Rules (as published by Euronext Growth Dublin) (**Listing Rules**) and any other relevant statutory, regulatory or governance codes (the **annual remuneration report**);
- (b) submit the annual remuneration report for approval by the board and shareholders annually; and
- (c) subject to delegation of authority by the board, engage in appropriate discussions as necessary with shareholders if, 20 per cent. or more of votes have been cast by shareholders against a resolution to approve the annual remuneration report or directors' remuneration policy at any annual general meeting or general meeting, as the case may be, and agree with the board any appropriate disclosure, including in the annual report.

3.8 Other matters

- (a) keep abreast of external remuneration trends and market conditions;
- (b) consider such other matters as are referred to the Committee by the board; and
- (c) work and liaise as necessary with all other board committees.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 the Committee shall comprise a minimum of three members. Each Committee member shall be an independent non-executive director as determined by the board. If any member of the Committee is deemed not to be independent, then the board shall provide an explanation as to why they consider it appropriate for such director to be a member of the Committee.

4.2 The board shall appoint members of the Committee, on the recommendation of the nomination committee, in consultation with the Committee chair. It is recognised that the number of members may fall below three for temporary periods due to departures pending new appointments.

4.3 The chair of the board may be a member of, but not chair, the Committee if he or she was considered to be independent on appointment as chair.

4.4 Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, extendable by no more than two additional three year periods, so long as members continue to be independent.

4.5 The board shall appoint the Committee chair from among the independent non-executive directors, and before such appointment, the appointee should have prior experience of having served on a remuneration committee. In the absence of the Committee chair or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present at a meeting shall elect one of their number present to chair the meeting.

4.6 The Committee chair shall review membership of the Committee annually, as part of the annual performance evaluation of the Committee.

4.7 The company secretary, or his or her nominee, shall act as the secretary of the Committee and provide all necessary support to the Committee, including the recording of Committee minutes and ensuring that the Committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration of the relevant issues.

5. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

5.1 The Committee shall meet at least twice a year and otherwise as required.

5.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals such as the chief executive, the head of human resources and external advisers may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting, as and when appropriate and necessary and with the agreement of the Committee chair. The Committee chair shall have the discretion to decide who, other than Committee members, shall attend and address Committee meetings.

5.3 No person (including directors, the chair of the board or senior executives) shall participate at a meeting of the Committee (or during a relevant part) at which any part of their remuneration is being directly discussed or participate in any recommendation or decision specifically concerning their remuneration.

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

5.5 Meetings of the Committee may be conducted when the members are physically present together or in the form of either video or audio conference.

6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

6.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the secretary of the Committee at the request of the Committee chair.

6.2 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 calendar 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, but Committee papers may be forwarded at shorter notice with the approval of the Committee chair.

7. QUORUM

7.1 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a Committee meeting shall be two members.

7.2 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.

8. VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 Subject to [Paragraph 8.2](#), each Committee member shall have one vote which may be cast on matters considered at the meeting.

8.2 If a matter that is considered by the Committee is one where a Committee member, either directly or indirectly has a personal interest, that member shall not be permitted to vote on that matter.

9. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

9.2 Draft minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all Committee members. Once approved, minutes shall be circulated to all other board members unless in the opinion of the Committee chair it would be inappropriate to do so.

9.3 A resolution in writing and signed by all Committee members will be as effective as a resolution passed at a Committee meeting. Any written resolution shall be tabled and noted at the next meeting of the Committee.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 The Committee chair shall attend the annual general meeting to answer shareholder questions on the Committee's activities.

11. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

11.1 The Committee chair shall report to the board on its proceedings after each meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities and the minutes of all Committee meetings shall be included in the board papers for a subsequent board meeting.

11.2 The Committee shall:

- (a) report to the board on workforce reward, incentives and conditions, and support the board's monitoring of the alignment of company policies and practices with culture and strategy;
- (b) make whatever recommendations to the board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed;
- (c) prepare a formal report for shareholders to be incorporated in the Company's annual report that shall include the matters referred to in [Paragraph 3.7\(a\)](#) and ensure that it is submitted for approval in accordance with [Paragraph 3.7\(b\)](#) above;
- (d) if the Committee has appointed remuneration consultants, identify in the annual report, the name of the consultants and state whether they have any connection with the Company or individual directors;
- (e) ensure, through the chair of the board, that the Company maintains contact, and the Committee chair seeks engagement, as required, with the Company's major shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's areas of responsibility;
- (f) prepare and adopt a report on the Committee's work and activities for inclusion in the Company's annual report which includes the number of meetings of the Committee and individual attendance by the members; and
- (g) make publicly available the Committee's terms of reference by placing them on the Company's website.

12. GENERAL MATTERS

The Committee shall:

12.1 Have access to sufficient resources to carry out its duties, including access to the company secretary for assistance as required.

12.2 Be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and on an on-going basis for all members. Any individual training is to be discussed and agreed with the company secretary.

12.3 Give due consideration to laws, regulations and any published guidelines or recommendations regarding the remuneration of directors of listed companies and formation and operation of share schemes.

12.4 Work and liaise as necessary with all other board committees, including the nomination committee in respect of any remuneration package to be offered to any new appointee of the board.

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

13. AUTHORITY

The board authorises the Committee to:

13.1 Carry out all duties set out in these terms of reference, to have unrestricted access to the Company's documents and information and to obtain, at the Company's expense, appropriate independent legal or professional advice on any matter within its terms of reference as it considers necessary.

13.2 Seek any information it requires from any employee of the Company to perform its duties.



13.3 Secure the attendance of external advisers at its meetings if it considers this necessary, at the Company's expense.

13.4 Call any employee of the Company to be questioned at a Committee meeting as and when required.

13.5 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.