

**TBC Bank Group PLC**

**(the "Company")**

**ESG and Ethics Committee ("Committee")**

**Terms of Reference**

These Terms of Reference define the Committee's role and responsibilities, authority delegated to the Committee by the Board, as well as its structure, membership and procedural matters related to the Committee's activities.

**1. Role of the Committee**

The role of the Committee is to support and advise the Board of Directors („**Board**“) in:

- a) its oversight of the implementation of (i) strategy (ii) policies AND (iii) programs of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (“**ESG**”) matters and ensuring that the ESG strategy is implemented across all relevant businesses of the Group;
- b) promoting its collective vision of values, conduct and culture and overseeing management's efforts (i) to foster a culture of ethics (ii) appropriate conduct, and (iii) employee ethical engagement within the Group.

**2. Detailed Responsibilities**

In carrying out its role, the Committee shall:

**2.1 ESG oversight:**

- a) Periodically review the Group's ESG strategy, including climate strategy, as well as implementation plans and monitor its execution;
- b) Oversee ESG policies and practices, and their implementation by management including those relating to (i) funding (ii) lending (iii) internal programs AND (iv) social contributions;
- c) Oversee Group's disclosures on ESG matters, including reporting in line with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) principles, in the Annual Report and Accounts;
- d) Be updated on trends and requirements of investors and other stakeholders in relation to ESG matters and oversee how the Group responds to such investor expectations;
- e) Provide recommendations regarding overall ESG targets in line with the Group's strategy.
- f) Assist the Board in communicating the Group's ESG strategy with all relevant stakeholders.
- g) Oversee management's efforts to raise awareness on ESG matters;
- h) Review information and statistics on all ESG-related topics and their implementation within the Group.

**2.2 Ethics and Conduct**

- a) Oversee management's efforts to foster a culture of ethics;
- b) Periodically review and recommend for approval to the Board the Group's Code of Ethics and the Group's Code of Conduct;
- c) Assess the Group's ethics-related policies and their compliance with the ethics-related standards, including fair treatment of customers;
- d) Review information and statistics on all ethics-related topics within the Group.

### **3. Committee Membership and Composition, Members' Rights and Obligations**

- 3.1 The Committee shall comprise a minimum of three members, including the Committee Chair. The Chairman of the Board can be a member of the Committee.
- 3.2 One of the directors shall be appointed by the Board as the Chair of the Committee (the "**Committee Chair**"). In the absence of the Committee Chair, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting.
- 3.3 Committee members should have the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence to enable them to discharge their respective duties and responsibilities effectively.
- 3.4 Committee members are appointed for a term of one year, subject to annual re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.
- 3.5 Committee members shall have the following rights:
  - (a) to request documents, reports, explanations and other relevant information from the officers, executives and employees of the Group;
  - (b) to invite the Group's officers, executives and employees to its meetings as observers to question them, and seek explanations and clarifications;
  - (c) to utilise the services of outside consultants, experts and advisors;
  - (d) to perform any other duties as may be required by the Board within the scope of authority of the Committee as set forth herein;
  - (e) to contribute written suggestions and propositions in order to improve Committee activities;
  - (f) to place matters on the agenda of the Committee meeting and to vote on any matters in the agenda, and to demand inclusion to the Committee meeting minutes of his or her individual opinion;
  - (g) to contribute recommendations on the improvement of relevant policies within the Committee's scope for the consideration of the Board;
  - (h) on giving reasonable notice, to resign from the Committee;
  - (i) Where there is disagreement between the Committee and the Board, adequate time should be made available for discussion of the issue with a view to resolving the disagreement. Where any such disagreement cannot be resolved, the Committee shall have the right to report the issue to the shareholders as part of the report on its activities in the Company's annual report; and
  - (j) to have sufficient resources in order to carry out the Committee's duties including access to the Company Secretary professional advice.

3.6 Committee members shall have the following obligations:

- (a) act in accordance with these Terms of Reference, the Articles of Association of the Company, the UK Corporate Governance Code together with any relevant guidance, the requirements of the UK Financial Conduct Authority's Listing Rules, Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and any other applicable rules and regulations, as appropriate;
- (b) to participate in the activities and work of the Committee, and attend all meetings;
- (c) to treat as confidential all information that becomes known to him/her in the course of performing his/her duties;
- (d) to inform the Board of any conflicting interest regarding decisions to be made by the Committee;
- (e) to adhere to all applicable laws and regulations and these Terms of Reference whilst carrying out his or her activities;
- (f) to act in the best interests of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and, in doing so, have regard (amongst other matters) to:
  - (i) the likely consequences of any decision in the long term;
  - (ii) the interests of the Company's employees;
  - (iii) the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
  - (iv) the impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment;
  - (v) the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
  - (vi) the need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

**4. Committee Meetings**

- 4.1 **Notice of the Meetings** - Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Company Secretary at the request of the Committee Chair or any of its members at any time, to consider any matters falling within the competence of the Committee. In special circumstances, the Committee meetings can be called by the Company Secretary at the request of the CEO or Chairman of the Board if they consider it necessary. Unless the Committee otherwise agrees, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be provided 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 or in case of matters of urgency – no later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting.
- 4.2 **Meetings** - Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary and at least four times a year. All Committee members are expected to attend the meetings, in person or via telephone or video conference. The Committee meeting agenda will be prepared and provided in advance of the meeting to the members, along with appropriate materials. Outside of the formal meetings, the Committee Chair will maintain a dialogue with key

individuals involved in the Group's governance, including the Board Chairman and the CEO.

- 4.3 **Attendees** – only the members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings, other persons may be invited by the Committee Chair to attend the meeting, if and when appropriate. The Company Secretary shall attend all Committee meetings.
- 4.4 **Quorum** – the quorum for the Committee meeting shall be two.
- 4.5 **Voting** - each Committee member shall have one vote which may be cast on matters considered at the meeting, where:
  - (a) votes can only be cast by members attending a Committee meeting.
  - (b) 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 at the meeting; and
  - (c) except where he or she has a personal interest, the Committee Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 4.6 **Secretary** – the Company Secretary shall act as the secretary of the Committee. The Committee is supported by the Company Secretary on all matters, including assisting the Committee Chair in planning the Committee's work, drawing up meeting agendas, maintenance of minutes, drafting of material about its activities for the annual report, collection and distribution of information and provision of any necessary practical support. The Company Secretary ensures that the Committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration to be given to the issues.
- 4.7 **Professional Advice** – the Committee and the Committee Chair shall have access to the advice and services of the Company Legal Counsel and the external (local and/or international) legal counsel on regulatory and legal matters.
- 4.8 **Minutes** – the Secretary shall minute the proceedings and the decisions of all meetings of the Committee, including recording the names of those absent and in attendance. The Secretary shall also ascertain, at the beginning of each meeting, the existence of any conflicts of interest and minute them accordingly. The Secretary shall prepare and circulate the draft minutes of the Committee meetings promptly to all members and other attendees of the relevant meeting. Minutes of any meeting shall be announced as final, once signed by the Chair. Unlimited access to all the minutes of the Committee meetings must be granted to all Board members at any time. The Secretary is the key responsible person to provide such access. 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 noted at the next meeting of the Committee.
- 5. **Committee Professional Development, Self-Assessment, Reporting and Disclosure**
  - 5.1 The Committee will undertake appropriate and timely professional development, including an induction programme for new members and on an ongoing basis for all members. The professional development shall include, but not be limited to, an understanding of the principles of and developments in governance-related matters.
  - 5.2 The Committee shall, with the support of the Company Secretary, conduct an annual self-assessment (including the evaluation of the Committee's compliance with the Terms of

Reference) and report any conclusions and recommendations to the Board not later than in the two month period from the end of the relevant year.

- 5.3 The Committee shall annually review these Terms of Reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.
- 5.4 The Committee Chair shall report to the Board on its proceedings at the following Board meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities. The Committee Chair shall inform the Chairman of the Board as soon as possible on matters that the Committee has deemed as urgent.
- 5.5 The Committee can make recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.
- 5.6 The Committee shall annually produce a report on its activities, which shall be presented to the Board and be published in the Company's annual report. The Committee Report shall comply with all applicable UK regulatory requirements and where relevant, with the requirements of the National Bank of Georgia.
- 5.7 Committee information, including the Terms of Reference, membership of the Committee and the description of the Committee's duties and activities during the year, shall be disclosed on the Company's website.

## **6. Other Matters**

- 6.1 **Amendments** – these Terms of Reference may be amended by the Board at its sole discretion without prior notification.
- 6.2 **Inconsistency with UK Law**– where these Terms of Reference are inconsistent with UK law or other applicable UK regulations, the latter shall prevail.