

Remuneration Committee

Terms of reference

Purpose

The purpose of Remuneration Committee ('the Committee') is to ensure the proper remuneration of the University's senior post holders, as well as to have oversight of remuneration arrangements for other senior members of staff.

Definitions

For this purpose, the following definitions are applied:

'Senior post holders' means:

- the President and Vice-Chancellor; and
- members of the University Executive Board.

'Other senior members of staff' means (with the exception of those already included within the definition of 'senior post holders'):

- employed Officers of the University, as defined in Section III of the Ordinances of the University; and
- Level 7 employees; and
- any other employees paid a basic salary of £100,000 or more per annum.

Responsibilities of the Committee

The Committee shall:

- i. Determine the remuneration of the President and Vice-Chancellor.
- ii. Determine the policy by which the remuneration of members of University Executive Board is set.
- iii. Review and approve the remuneration of members of University Executive Board on receipt of recommendations from the President and Vice-Chancellor or his or her nominee.
- iv. Approve the principles by which the remuneration of employed Officers of the University is set.
- v. Approve the principles by which the remuneration of Level 7 employees is set.
- vi. Monitor the remuneration processes applying to employed Officers of the University, Level 7 employees, and any other employees paid a basic salary of £100,000 or more per annum.
- vii. Review and approve severance arrangements for senior post holders, employed Officers of the University and any employees paid a basic salary of £100,000 or more per annum.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Committee will:

- viii. Consider the context in which the University operates.
- ix. Consider senior remuneration in the context of remuneration for all staff.

- x. Consider equality, diversity and inclusion data as relevant to these Terms of Reference.
- xi. Consider benchmarking data as relevant to these Terms of Reference.
- xii. Consider the public interest and the safeguarding of public funds alongside the interests of the institution when considering all forms of payment, reward and severance to the staff within its remit.
- xiii. Provide an annual report to Council on the conduct of its business.
- xiv. Provide a publicly available annual report on the conduct of its business.

Membership

The Committee shall comprise the Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of Council, the Treasurer and two lay members of Council.

The Vice-Chair of Council will normally be the Chair of the Committee. In the event that the Chair of Council is Chair of the Committee, he or she may not chair any discussion in relation to item i. of these Terms of Reference.

Other attendees

The Committee shall be supported by the Executive Director of Human Resources or his or her nominee who shall provide or arrange for provision of appropriate advice and guidance to the Committee.

The Clerk to the University Council and Senate or his or her nominee shall act as the secretary of the Committee.

The Chair of the Committee may invite other attendees as appropriate. No attendee will be present for any agenda item which concerns his or her own remuneration or which for some other reason would cause a conflict of interest.

Meetings and quorum

The Committee shall meet with such frequency and at such times as it may determine. The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be three, one of whom must be the Chair of Council or the Vice-Chair of Council.