



AUDIT COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund Limited

(the “Company”)

Audit Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership

The Committee comprises of Fiona Le Poidevin (Chair), supported by Margaret Stephens, Timothy Drayson and Paul Le Page as committee members. The Audit Committee (the “Committee”) will meet at least three times per year. The Committee shall comprise at least three members. Membership shall include at least one member of the Risk Committee. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Remuneration & Nomination Committee in consultation with the Chair of the Audit Committee.

All members of the Committee shall be independent non-executive Directors and the Board shall satisfy itself that at least one member has recent and relevant experience, and that the Committee as a whole shall have competence relevant to the sector in which the Company operates. The Chair of the Board may be a member of, but not chair, the Committee provided he or she was independent on appointment as Chair. If the Board Chair is a member, an explanation from the Board will be included in the annual report why it believes this is appropriate.

All members of the Board have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, the external auditor will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee on a regular basis and other non-members may be invited to attend all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate and necessary.

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.

The Board shall appoint the Committee Chair. In the absence of the Committee Chair and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting.

Secretary

The Company secretary, or his or her 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.

Quorum and Authority

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two members. Provided that a quorum is present, decisions can be approved by a simple majority.

Frequency of meetings

The Committee shall meet at least three times a year at appropriate intervals in the financial reporting and audit cycle and otherwise as required.

Outside of the formal meeting programme, the Committee Chair will maintain a dialogue with key individuals involved in the Company's governance, including the Board Chair and the external audit lead partner.

Notice of meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the secretary of the Committee at the request of any of its members or at the request of the external audit lead partner if they consider it necessary.

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, any other person required to attend and all other non-executive Directors, no later than five working days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to all members of the Board and to other attendees as appropriate, at the same time.

Minutes of meetings

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

Draft minutes of committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all members of the Committee. Once approved, minutes should be circulated to all other members of the Board unless it would be inappropriate to do so in the opinion of the Committee Chair.

Annual General Meeting

The Committee Chair shall attend the annual general meeting to answer shareholder questions on the Committee's activities. Should the Chair be unable to attend one of the other Committee members will do so.

Duties

The Committee should carry out the duties below for the Company as appropriate.

Financial reporting

The Committee shall monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, including its annual and half-yearly reports, and any other formal announcement relating to its financial performance, reviewing, challenging (where necessary) and reporting to the Board on significant financial reporting issues and judgments which they contain having regard to matters communicated to it by the auditor, and how they were addressed. For example review and challenge of the valuation of the Company's investments.

In particular, the Committee shall review and challenge and agree where necessary:

- the consistency of, and any changes to, significant accounting policies both on a year on year basis and across the Company;
- the methods used to account for significant or unusual transactions where different approaches are possible;
- whether the Company has followed appropriate accounting standards and made appropriate estimates and judgments, taking into account the views of the external auditor;
- the clarity and completeness of disclosure in the Company's financial reports and the context in which statements are made;
- all material information presented with the financial statements, such as the business review and the corporate governance statements relating to the audit and to risk management;
- the going concern assumption and viability statement; and
- compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority and any other legal, regulatory or listing requirements.

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.

Narrative reporting

The Committee should review the content of the annual report and financial statements 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. The Committee shall also consult with the ESG & Stakeholder Engagement Committee on the narrative sections contained within the Company's annual report and half-year financial statements to ensure that:

- the criteria set out in section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 have been accurately reported in the context of the Company;
- the content of the narrative sections is consistent, accurate and describes each of the Company's key stakeholders and their relevant interest in the Company; and
- the engagement mechanisms used for communicating with key stakeholders during the reporting period are accurately described, including any comments on how key strategic decisions taken by the Board have impacted the relevant stakeholder group during the period.

Internal controls and risk management systems

The Committee shall, in conjunction with the Risk Committee:

- keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls and internal control and risk management systems;
- consider whether the internal control and risk management systems of the key service providers (primarily the administrator, Investment Adviser and Investment Manager) are adequate and receive reports from the Company's service providers covering internal and risk management systems and procedures supported, as appropriate, by SOC 1 or AAF Reports or similar;
- ensure that a framework of strong corporate governance and best practice is in place, which is believed to be suitable for an investment company and which enables the Company to comply and report against the requirements of the Guernsey Code, UK Corporate Governance Code or the AIC Code where considered appropriate; and
- review and approve the statements to be included in the annual report concerning internal controls and risk management, and statements concerning the Company's principal risks and the actions taken to mitigate such risks.

Compliance, whistleblowing and fraud

- The Committee shall review the adequacy and security of the Company's arrangements for its contractors 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;
- review the Company's procedures for detecting fraud;
- review the Company's systems and controls for the prevention of bribery and receive reports on non-compliance;
- review regular reports from the Money Laundering Reporting Officer and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's anti-money laundering systems and controls;
- review regular reports from the Compliance Officer and keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's compliance function; and

- consider annually whether the Company should have an internal audit function and provide the reasons for any absence of such a function within the relevant section of the annual report to shareholders. And where it does then to monitor and review the effectiveness of the Company's internal audit function.

External Audit

The Committee shall

- consider and make recommendations to the Board, to be put to shareholders for approval at the AGM, in relation to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the Company's external auditor;
- ensure that at least once every ten years the audit services contract is put out to tender to enable the Committee to compare the quality and effectiveness of the services provided by the incumbent auditor with those of other audit firms; and in respect of such tender oversee the selection process and ensure that all tendering firms have such access as is necessary to information and individuals during the duration of the tendering process;
- if an auditor resigns, investigate the issues leading to this and decide whether any action is required;
- oversee the relationship with the external auditor including (but not limited to):
 - recommendations on their remuneration, including both fees for audit and non-audit services, and that the level of fees is appropriate to enable an effective and high quality audit to be conducted;
 - approval of their terms of engagement, including any engagement letter issued at the start of each audit or interim review and the scope of the audit or interim review;
 - assessing annually their independence and objectivity taking into account relevant professional and regulatory requirements and the relationship with the auditor as a whole, including the provision of any non-audit services;
 - monitoring the engagement of the Company's auditors to provide non-audit services and ensure that they comply with the Company's non-audit services policy, that they receive prior approval, and considering any impact they may have on independence and taking into account the relevant regulations and ethical guidance in this regard and (2) in relation to audit firm rotation, put the audit services out to tender every ten years to enable the Committee to compare the quality and effectiveness of the services provided by the incumbent external Auditor with those of other audit firms. The maximum period of continuous audit service provided by any one audit firm shall not exceed 20 years.
 - satisfying itself that there are no relationships (such as family, employment, investment, financial or business) between the auditor and the Company (other than in the ordinary course of business) which could adversely affect the auditor's independence and objectivity;
 - monitoring the auditor's compliance with relevant ethical and professional guidance on the rotation of audit partner, the level of fees paid by the Company compared to the overall fee income of the firm, office and partner and other related requirements;
 - assessing annually the qualifications, expertise and resources of the auditor and the effectiveness of the audit process, which shall include a report from the external auditor on their own internal quality procedures; and

- evaluating the risks to the quality and effectiveness of the financial reporting process and consideration of the need to include the risk of the withdrawal of their auditor from the market in that evaluation.
- meet regularly with the external auditor (including once at the planning stage before the audit once after the audit at the reporting stage and once after the interim review) and at least once a year, without management being present, to discuss the auditor's remit and any issues arising from the audit;
- review and approve the annual audit plan and ensure that it is consistent with the scope of the audit engagement, having regard to the seniority, expertise and experience of the audit team; and
- review the findings of the audit with the external auditor. This shall include but not be limited to, the following:
 - a discussion of any major issues which arose during the audit;
 - key accounting and audit judgments;
 - levels of errors identified during the audit; and
 - the effectiveness of the audit process.

The Committee shall also:

- review any representation letter(s) requested by the external auditor before they are signed by management;
- review the management letter and management's response to the auditor's findings and recommendations; and
- develop and implement policy on the supply of non-audit services by the external auditor to avoid any threat to auditor objectivity and independence, taking into account any relevant ethical guidance on the matter.

Reporting responsibilities

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. This report shall include:

- the significant issues that it considered in relation to the financial statements and how these were addressed;
- its assessment of the effectiveness of the external audit process and its recommendation on the appointment or reappointment of the external auditor; and
- any other issues on which the Board has requested the Committee's opinion.

The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.

The Committee shall compile a report on its activities to be included in the Company's annual report. The report should include 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; the significant issues that the Committee considered in relation to the financial statements and how these issues were

addressed, having regard to matters communicated to it by the auditor; and all other information requirements set out in the AIC Code.

The Committee should exercise judgment 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. The report to shareholders need not repeat information disclosed elsewhere in the annual report and accounts, but could provide cross-references to that information.

Other matters

The Committee shall:

- have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the company secretariat for assistance as required;
- 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;
- give due consideration to laws and regulations, the provisions of the AIC Code and the requirements of the UK Listing Authority's Listing, Prospectus and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and any other applicable rules, as appropriate;
- be responsible for co-ordination of external auditors;
- oversee any investigation of activities which are within its terms of reference;
- work and liaise as necessary with all other Board committees; and
- 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.

Authority

The Committee is authorised to:

- seek any information it requires from any employee, agent, or service provider to the company in order to perform its duties;
- obtain, at the Company's expense, independent legal, accounting or other professional advice on any matter it believes it necessary to do so;
- call any connected person to be questioned at a meeting of the Committee as and when required; and
- 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.

Where a duty falls within the terms of reference of both the Audit Committee, the Risk Committee and/or the ESG & Engagement Committee, the chair of those committees shall have the discretion between them to determine the extent of responsibility of each committee.

Committee membership:

Fiona Le Poidevin (Chair), Margaret Stephens, Timothy Drayson and Paul Le Page.