## THE CITY OF LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

### **Schedule of Matters Reserved for the Board**

Whilst the Board has delegated the management of the Company's investments to the Manager, and certain functions are dealt with by Committees which report to the Board, the Directors collectively are ultimately responsible for all affairs of the Company. The following matters are specifically reserved for determination by the Board of Directors.

#### **URGENT MATTERS**

For matters that have to be dealt with urgently, between regular Board meetings, a meeting will be held in person, or by telephone or video conference in which as many Directors as possible will participate. This will allow Directors the opportunity to discuss the matter and raise questions. Any Director unable to attend will be sent the relevant papers and will have the opportunity to give his views to the Chairman, another Director or the Company Secretary before the meeting.

If the matter is routine and discussion is unnecessary, the approval of all Directors may be obtained by means of a written resolution. In all cases the procedures will balance the need for urgency with the overriding principle that each Director should be given as much information as possible, the time to consider it properly and an opportunity to discuss the matter prior to the commitment of the Company.

1	Strategy and Management					
1.1	Responsibility for the overall leadership and management of the Company and setting the Company's values and standards.					
1.2	Approval of the Company's long-term objectives, strategy and benchmarks, to include the determination of the parameters of the investment strategy and investment, treasury and risk management policies within whithe Manager can exercise judgement.					
1.3	Oversight of the Company's operations ensuring:  competent and prudent management; sound planning an adequate system of internal control; adequate accounting and other records; and compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations.					
1.4	Review of the Company's performance in the light of stated objectives and ensuring that any necessary corrective action is taken.					
1.5	Regular review of reports submitted by the Manager, such as the portfolio valuations, transactions, balance sheets and revenue forecasts.  Review of any other ad hoc reports as requested of the Manager by the Board.					
1.6	Review of the Company's stated investment objective and policy; any material amendment to be approved by shareholders and the FCA.					
1.7	Set gearing levels and approve bank borrowing facilities.					
1.8	Review of geographical asset allocation.					
1.9	Approval of treasury policies including foreign currency exposure and the use of financial derivatives.					
1.10	Regular review of the Manager's Stewardship and Responsible Investment policies and the approach to Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") matters.					
2.	Structure and Capital					
2.1	Approval of changes relating to the Company's status as an investment trust company or its capital structure, including reduction of share capital, the authorisation of share issues and share buy backs and the use of treasury shares.					
2.2	Consider share price performance and net asset value performance.					

2.3	Consideration of proposals relating to corporate acquisitions / disposals.						
3.	Contracts						
3.1	Consider all material contracts of the Company (or its subsidiaries), in particular the sanction in advance of any acquisition or sale:						
	<ul> <li>with a value in excess of 5% of assets under management;</li> <li>which is in a fund or company managed by the Manager; or</li> </ul>						
	which does not have or has not applied for a Stock Exchange listing.						
3.2	Consider all contracts of the Company (or its subsidiary) not in the ordinary course of business.						
3.3	Consider all contracts involving bank borrowings and foreign currency transactions.						
3.4	Consider any takeover offer.						
4.	Board Membership and Other Appointments						
4.1	Establish the terms and conditions of appointment of non-executive Directors and ensure regular review of such terms and conditions.						
4.2	Through the Nominations Committee, to lead the process for appointments, ensure plans are in place for orderly succession to the Board and oversee the development of a diverse pipeline for succession.						
4.3	Consider changes to the structure, size and composition of the Board following recommendations from the Nominations Committee.						
4.4	Consider appointments to and removals from the Board following recommendations by the Nominations Committee.						
4.5	Ensure adequate succession planning for the Board.						
4.6	Select the Chairman of the Board and approve the description of the role of the Chairman.						
4.7	Formulate the policy on the tenure of the Chair.						
4.8	Appoint any Senior Independent Director and approve the description of the role of the Senior Independent Director.						
4.9	Consider the continuation in office of Directors at the end of their term of office, when they are due to be reelected by shareholders at an AGM.						
4.10	Undertake a formal and rigorous annual evaluation of the Board's performance and that of the Board Committees and individual Directors.						
4.11	Determine the independence of Directors.						
4.12	Identify and manage Directors' conflicts of interest, ensuring that the influence of third parties does not compromise or override independent judgement.						
4.13	Appoint/remove the company secretary.						
4.14	Appointment, reappointment or removal of the external auditor to be put to shareholders for approval following the recommendations of the Audit Committee.						
4.15	Determine the remuneration of the external auditor.						
4.16	Appointments to boards of subsidiary companies.						
5.	Remuneration						
5.1	Determine and approve the Directors' remuneration policy to be put to shareholders for approval.						
5.2	Determine the remuneration for the Chairman.						
5.3	Determine the remuneration of the Directors, subject to the approved remuneration policy.						

6.	Financial Reporting and Controls					
6.1	Approval of announcements of half year and final results.					
6.2	Approval of the annual report and accounts, including the viability statement, corporate governance statement and the directors' remuneration report and policy.					
6.3	Approval of the half year report.					
6.4	Approval of the dividend policy.					
6.5	Approval and declaration of interim dividends and the recommendation of the final dividend and any special dividends.					
6.6	Approval of any significant changes in accounting policies or practices.					
6.7	Approval of the Company's annual operating budget and any material changes.					
6.8	Approval of the valuation of any unlisted investments, following recommendation by the Audit Committee.					
7.	Internal Controls and Risk Management					
7.1	Ensuring maintenance of a sound and adequate system of internal controls and risk management including monitoring the Company's risk management and internal control systems and, at least annually, carry out a review of their effectiveness and report on that review in the Annual Report.					
7.2	Approving procedures for the detection of fraud and the prevention of bribery.					
7.3	Considering the Company's third-party service providers policies and procedures in respect of BA10 and the policies and procedures in place to prevent facilitation of tax evasion in accordance with CFA17.					
7.4	Satisfy itself that the manager and all other third-party suppliers of services to the Company maintain a sound system of internal control and risk management including:					
	<ul> <li>Receiving reports on, and reviewing the effectiveness of, the Company's risk and control processes to support its strategy and objectives.</li> <li>Undertaking an annual assessment of these processes.</li> <li>Approving an appropriate statement for inclusion in the annual report.</li> </ul>					
7.5	Regular review of the schedule of investment limits and restrictions in order to ensure compliance with regulations.					
7.6	Review of Custodian's arrangements for the safekeeping of the Company's investment portfolio.					
7.7	Monitor and evaluate other service providers.					
8.	Communications and Public Relations					
8.1	Ensuring a satisfactory dialogue with shareholders and maintenance of good relations with the Company's stakeholders.					
8.2	Approval of the resolutions and corresponding documentation to be put forward to shareholders at a general meeting.					
8.3	Approval of all circulars, prospectuses and listing particulars.					
8.4	Approval of press releases concerning matters decided by the Board.					
8.5	Approval of Company announcements (with the exception of routine announcements and announcements which are time critical, for example directors' dealings and substantial shareholder announcements).					
8.6	Approval of the marketing strategy and objectives and the marketing budget.					
9.	Shareholders and Stakeholders					
9.1	Receive reports on the views of the Company's shareholders and other stakeholders.					
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9.2	Understand the view of the Company's key stakeholders and consider CA s172 in board discussions and decision-making. Keep engagement mechanisms under review so that they remain effective.					
9.3	Regularly monitor the shareholder profile of the company and put in place a system for canvassing shareholder views and for communicating the board's views to shareholders.					
9.4	Consider the actions it intends to take to consult shareholders in order to understand the reasons behind a situation where 20 per cent or more of votes have been cast against the board recommendation for a resolution.					
10.	Corporate Governance Matters					
10.1						
10.2	Appointment and review of the performance of, and contractual arrangements with, the Manager following recommendations from the Nominations Committee.					
10.3	Annual review of the continuing appointment of the Manager following recommendations from the Nominations Committee					
11.	Delegation of Authority					
11.1	Chairmanship and membership of Board Committees following recommendation of the Nominations Committee.					
11.2	Approve the Terms of Reference of Board Committees.					
11.3	Consider the recommendations of Board Committees and sub committees.					
11.4	Authorise the use of ad-hoc sub-committees of the Board and consider recommendations of such sub-committees.					
12.	Policies					
12.1	Approval of policies, including any communications policy or corporate social responsibility policy.					
12.2	Formulate a charitable donations policy.					
12.3	Approve a share dealing procedure compliant with the Market Abuse Regulation.					
13.	Other					
13.1	Consider all issues in relation to regulatory or statutory Compliance.					
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Matters the Board considers suitable for delegation are contained in the Terms of Reference of each Committee.

In addition, the Board will receive reports and recommendations from time to time on any matter which it considers significant to the Company.