

# Risk Management Framework

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## Summary

This Risk Management Framework (“RMF”) is aimed at providing a coherent foundation for effective risk management providing an overarching methodology and guidelines for governing UKIB’s key risks. This document is required by UKIB’s Framework and Financial Framework Documents and is approved annually by the Board of UKIB and by HM Treasury (the “Shareholder”, HMT). It will also be subject to regular internal audit review. This document details UKIB’s approach towards risk management, forming the guiding reference framework for all risk policies and guidelines in UKIB. The Framework can be summarised using the below diagram.



## UKIB Purpose & Risk Strategy

### Purpose and Overview of the Bank

UKIB has been established to provide infrastructure finance in support of two key government policy objectives (the “Strategic Objectives”). Its purpose is:

- 1) To help tackle climate change from an infrastructure perspective, particularly meeting the government’s net zero emissions target by 2050; and
- 2) To support regional and local economic growth through better connectedness, opportunities for new jobs and higher levels of productivity.

Under its Operating Principles and Investment Principles set out in the Bank’s Framework Document, the Bank must also achieve a “triple bottom line”: maximising its policy impact and crowding in private finance (additionality), whilst producing the return required by the Shareholder. This document accommodates the relevant requirements of the Framework Document and Financial Framework. The purpose of the risk management strategy and framework is to support the achievement of the objectives of the Bank by providing a consistent approach to the management of the universe of risks that UKIB faces.

### Risk Management Strategy

The risk management strategy is to embed an effective risk management framework which enables the risks to the Bank’s objectives to be managed in as simple and as effective a way as possible. It will foster a risk-aware culture and provide the necessary reporting to provide assurance that key risks are managed within the appetite set by the Board.

The Risk and Compliance function will achieve this through facilitating and overseeing the management of risks associated with the activities that the Bank undertakes and the products and services it provides to its clients.

The risk management strategy components are derived from and are in alignment with government guidance and standards for a public body, including Cabinet Office functional standards and HM Treasury’s (HMT) Orange Book on the management of risk. The risk management strategy and Framework will be subject to Internal Audit review.

### Embedding Risk Management

The CRO and their team seek to embed risk management by:

- facilitating identification, assessment, measurement and monitoring of key risks to the Bank’s objectives.
- enabling risk appetite to be defined and monitored by the Board.
- advising, educating, and raising awareness of risk and its management with Bank colleagues.

- preventing risk exposures exceeding appetite and ensuring remedial actions are put in place where it occurs.
- defining and communicating risk standards and methodologies.
- performing independent monitoring and oversight of the effectiveness of key controls; and,
- providing appropriate risk reporting and disclosures to all relevant stakeholders.

## Risk Taxonomy

The risk taxonomy outlines the key areas of risk that the Bank is exposed to including six higher level one risk categories and 24 level two sub-categories (see below). For the key sub-categories of risk, the Board sets a risk appetite that determines the guardrails or buffers that should not be exceeded. Within those areas of risk, specific individual risks can then be identified, assessed, and managed at a granular level on the Bank's and its functions' risk maps and registers.

Risk Category	Definition
<b>Strategic &amp; Business</b>	Strategic & Business risk relates to threats that may inhibit the delivery of the Bank's business strategy. Strategic & Business risk can also arise from setting an inappropriate strategy, unclear plans, priorities, or accountabilities.
<b>Reputational</b>	The risk of damage to the Bank's reputation from adverse events, poor execution, or repeated failures. This includes stakeholder engagement risk.
<b>Financial</b>	Financial risk comprises market risk (including interest rate risk), credit risk, equity investment risk, liquidity, counterparty, and climate-related financial risks. These component risks may result in poor returns from investments, failure to manage assets/liabilities or to obtain value for money from the resources deployed, thus constraining the Bank's balance sheet. Failure to manage financial risks within approved appetite could trigger breach of other key risks including Strategic & Business and Reputational.
<b>Operational - Operations</b>	Operational risk is the risk of loss (or gain) resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, and systems or from external events which impact the operations of the Bank.
<b>Operational - People</b>	The risk of failure to attract and retain suitable and sufficient resource to achieve the Bank's objectives and to build a positive culture.
<b>Operational - Legal &amp; Regulatory</b>	The risk of breaching laws and regulations, breaching contracts, and the potential for legal disputes. This category includes the risk of the Bank's services being used for money laundering or terrorist financing, and the risk of fraud against the Bank.

## Risk Culture

The Bank is consciously building its own culture, a combination of public and private sector ways of working, with responsibilities aligned to the FCA Senior Managers & Certification Regime and FCA Principles for Business as considered applicable, as well as the HMT's Orange Book on the management of risk. These clarify responsibilities for managing and overseeing risk and for providing independent assurance. UKIB expects that management, and all employees understand and champion both the basis for risk management and the operating practices laid out in this document.

UKIB aims to build a risk-aware culture by designing and embedding good practice risk management through communication and training regarding the Bank's strategy and activities. A key part of this is to establish ownership of risks and controls across the Bank and the ability of staff to escalate matters without fear of any adverse consequences.

## Governance, Roles and Responsibilities

### Committee Structure

The Board is responsible for the effective management of risk. The setting of risk appetite and the approval of risk management policies are matters reserved for the Board. The Audit & Risk Committee of the Board oversees the key risks and provides

advice and challenge to the reporting of risks, controls, and actions to manage risk within Board risk appetite.

The Risk Committee is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee. It is responsible for reviewing the risk management strategy and frameworks, risk profile, and risk appetite on behalf of the Executive Committee, escalating issues where necessary.

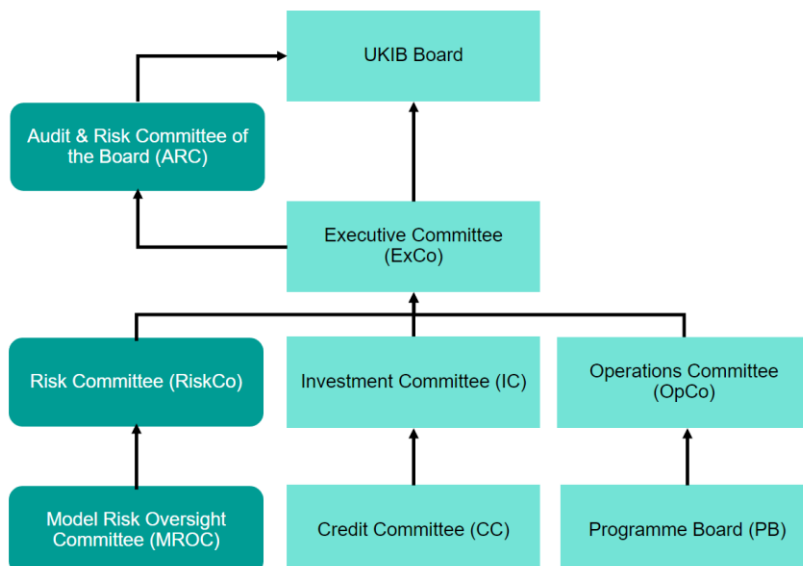
ExCo may direct further risk-taking or greater mitigation of risk exposures within the guidelines of the Board's appetite for risk. It may also endorse risk acceptances within defined limits. Significant risks from functional registers may be escalated to the Bank's corporate risk map and register for ExCo and Board attention where relevant.

The Model Risk Oversight Committee oversees the quality assurance of the integrity and effectiveness of critical models and reports to Risk Committee. Financial Risk is assessed as part of each deal and the output is submitted to Investment Committee to consider the CRO's recommendation.

Credit Committee is a subcommittee of Investment Committee. It oversees any changes in risk ratings, annual reviews of investments and covenant waivers or material changes to terms and conditions of any UKIB investment.

Other risks not having separate governance committee arrangements are discussed in the Risk Committee and escalated if necessary.

### Committee Structure for Risk Management



## The Three Lines of Defence

The Bank operates a three lines of defence model.

### First Line of Defence (1LOD)

The first line of defence has direct accountability for the identification, assessment, and management of risks. They are also responsible for the provision and maintenance of an effective control environment and compliance with risk-related policies and appetite limits.

### Second Line of Defence (2LOD)

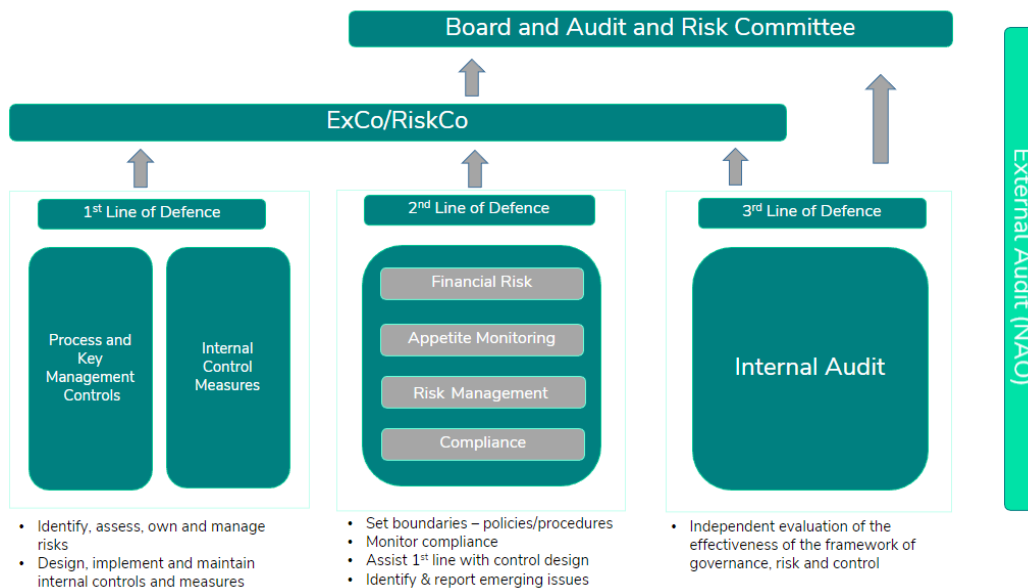
The second line of defence is responsible for facilitating the risk management process and

providing oversight and challenge to the effectiveness of risk decisions taken by the first line of defence. The second line of defence is also responsible for the provision and maintenance of risk policies, frameworks, and training.

### Third Line of Defence (3LOD)

The third line of defence is the independent assurance provided to the Audit & Risk Committee and the Board by Internal Audit including regarding the effectiveness of risk management across the first and second lines of defence.

## The Three Lines of Defence Model



## Risk Appetite

The Board has set the risk appetite for UKIB including an overarching appetite statement which articulates the level of residual risk that the Bank is willing to take or tolerate in achieving its Strategic Objectives.

The overarching risk appetite is stated as follows:

“We will take the risks necessary to achieve our policy ambitions, the required financial return and impact outcomes as defined by the shareholder.

We will do this within the constraints of being a publicly owned arm’s length body.”

The above statement is further clarified by a suite of risk appetite statements, one for each significant level two category of risk that the Bank faces. The Bank has established measures that monitor adherence to the Board’s risk appetite with thresholds indicating at what point the Bank is operating outside of each respective appetite statement and where immediate action may be required. Adherence to risk appetite statements is monitored and reported via a suite of Key Risk

Indicators (KRIs) to the Risk Committee ('RiskCo'), Executive Committee ('ExCo'), the Audit and Risk Committee ('ARC') and to the Board. The shareholder will receive reporting on adherence to risk appetite as part of the Quarterly Shareholder Meeting. UKIB will report any incidence of a

breach and intended actions to remedy the breach to UK Government Investments (UKGI) / HMT as soon as practicable after internal escalation. Updates on remedies will then also be supplied to UKGI/ HMT until any breaches are resolved.

### Economic Capital

Economic Capital represents the amount of capital that UKIB needs to ensure that it stays solvent given its risk profile.

The Bank will retain sufficient risk-bearing capacity to constitute a remote ongoing risk exposure to HMT. The Bank will ensure the effective planning and management of capital resources. It will ensure this by conducting stress testing to estimate the expected decline in the amount of capital and liquidity at a specified confidence level within a chosen time horizon. This would help demonstrate UKIB's liquidity and capital remains sufficient in severe yet plausible scenarios, results of which will be reported to the Shareholder annually.

The Bank is developing its own Economic Capital methodology, supported by a model for calculating the economic capital attributable to individual investments and the investment portfolio as a whole. Once this methodology is developed and assured the Bank will have the opportunity to optimise capital usage and to monitor vs the Standardised and Foundational IRB methodologies. In terms of capital adequacy, the Bank will continue for the time being to retain the most conservative of these approaches for each investment. In addition, a stress testing approach is being developed and will be conducted each year to test capital and liquidity adequacy and portfolio capital requirements. The methodology is

subject to independent assurance with findings shared with UKGI and HMT.

### Risk Data and Management Systems

UKIB acknowledges the importance of ensuring that accurate data underpins the quality of risk management decision-making. CAMMs is the vehicle through which risk capture, risk monitoring and risk reporting is delivered.

Through chairing the Model Risk Oversight Committee the Head of Financial Risk is responsible for the oversight of business-critical financial and other models and their operation, updates, and application. All information related to budgets, projections, actual financial performance, assumptions, stress-testing, scenario analysis and its financial impact on all risk exposures including liquidity and capital and any related disclosures thereof is managed and maintained by Finance.

### Emerging Risks

The CRO will assist senior management in establishing Emerging Risks in accordance with the risk strategy. Emerging risks are defined as those which are expected to become more apparent over the next five years, but which may be brought much closer by a trigger event. The Emerging Risk Register will be maintained by Operational Risk and will be reviewed and updated with stakeholders at least on an annual basis, feeding into the CRO report that is tabled at ARC and shared with UKGI and HMT.

### Environmental, Social, Resilience and Governance

The Bank's Strategic Objectives of helping to tackle climate change (including supporting the net emissions target by 2050) and supporting regional and local economic growth are aligned to managing Environmental, Social, Resilience and Governance (ESRG) risk. Meeting those objectives will primarily be achieved through the lending and investment decisions UKIB makes. UKIB has an Impact Framework and an ESG Framework to



assess both the opportunities and risks of any potential investment, including ESG screening.

ESG screening might raise financial, reputational, regulatory or policy risks and we are developing our standards for this screening. We will incorporate them through our risk framework. In addition to effective investment the Bank must also manage the impact of its day-to-day operations on the environment.

UKIB will report on its climate-related financial risks in line with the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosure

## Appendix A: Glossary

Term	Definition
Key Risk Indicator (KRI)	A metric used to provide an indication of the level of risk.
Managing Public Money	Managing Public Money is the government's guidance to departments on how to manage public money effectively. The guide sets out rules and responsibilities, as well as guidance on best practice to achieve value for money. These MPM rules are applicable to UKIB.
Economic Capital	A requirement is derived by calculating the worst possible decline in capital over a specific time assessed to a specific confidence level. This is then compared to available capital.
Risk Appetite Statement	A narrative description of the amount and type of risk that the Bank is willing to accept in pursuit of its objectives.
Senior Manager Certification (SMCR)	&The SMCR is part of the UK regulators' drive to improve culture, governance and accountability within financial services firms.
Risk and Control Assessment (RCSA)	Self-Periodic self-assessments of risks and controls by their owners using assessment methodologies outlined by the Operational Risk Team.
1LOD	The first line of defence.
2LOD	The second line of defence.
HMT	His Majesty's Treasury – the Bank's shareholder.
UKGI	UK Government Investments – the government's centre of excellence for corporate governance and corporate finance. Acts as the Shareholder Representative on the UKIB Board.