

ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

1. Policy Statement / Purpose

- 1.1 Durham University is committed to ensuring that it makes investment decisions responsibly and with integrity.
- 1.2 The University is an educational charity. A proportion of its assets are invested in order to generate a financial return to support the University's objective which is to advance education, learning and research for the public benefit.
- 1.3 The University has committed to sustainable investment by positively supporting investments in sustainable companies and through establishing restrictions on some types of investments. More specifically the University will not invest in companies that generate revenue from the manufacturing or production of tobacco, armaments or fossil fuel extractive companies.

2. Scope

- 2.1 Historically, the view of fund managers managing investments on behalf of others has tended to be that investment may properly be made in any public company operating clearly within the law. However, organisations are now seen as accountable for the social and environmental outcomes of their activities, not just the financial benefits generated.
- 2.2 The Ethical Investment Policy has been developed to allow the University to pursue an ethical approach while minimising any negative impact on its investment returns. Investment decisions informed by socially responsible and ethical considerations will also take into account the Charity Commission position that trustees have a duty to maximise returns on investment for charitable benefit.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 This policy will be owned by the Chief Financial Officer and implemented by the Finance Service under the guidance of the Chief Financial Officer to ensure activity is in line with the purpose of this policy.
- 3.2 The University Executive Committee and Ethics Advisory Committee will on an annual basis review the policy to ensure the framework set out in this policy remains appropriate.
- 3.3 The policy will be reported on by the Chief Financial Officer annually at the University Finance Committee.
- 3.4 This policy will be reviewed and monitored by University Finance Committee on behalf of the Council; the policy is to be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee on an annual basis.

3.5 The University Council will approve any amendments to the criteria set out in section four.

4. Policy, Procedures and Enforcement

4.1 Responsible Investment

The University will adopt investment strategies that seek to minimise and ideally eliminate irresponsible corporate behaviour.

Some of the ethical, social, environmental and governance issues which it will focus on include:

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