

University of Chester Policy for Socially Responsible Investment

Introduction

The University of Chester routinely invests funds with third party organisations through the regular investment of surplus funds and endowments. The Socially Responsible Investment Policy of the University of Chester is intended to be entirely consistent with the duty to secure maximum returns from the investment of charitable funds and is based on the premise that the University's choice of where to invest should reflect the ethical values it espouses in public life.

The Objectives and Values of the University

The University seeks to achieve maximum return from its set of investments that have been selected prudently. The University takes account of social, environmental, ethical and governance considerations in the selection, retention and realisation of these investments. The University is committed to transparency about how and when investment decisions were made.

Wherever possible and in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines, the University wishes to make such investments in ways that are consistent with the mission and values of the University. The University will strive to invest where the activities of the company are, on socially responsible grounds, consistent with the educational and/or research objectives of the University. The University will also take into account of the published guidance of the Charity Commission on socially responsible investment of charitable funds.

The University will not knowingly invest in companies whose activities include practices which directly pose a risk of serious harm to individuals or groups, or whose activities are inconsistent with the mission and values of the University.

The University will consider representation from members of the University community that the University should not invest, or should disinvest, in specific companies, this will be done via the University Council.