

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
Investment Policy

The College's endowment is held in a range of assets including commercial and residential property, agricultural land and securities, the latter mainly through a limited number of investment funds. An agent is retained to manage the investment property portfolio and the securities investments are divided between a number of managers with both active and passive management strategies considered. Investment decisions are taken by the Investment Committee (which reports to the College's Governing Body) and implemented by the Bursar. The College seeks professional advice on the management of its portfolio and sets benchmarks for manager performance. The asset allocation and distribution/expenditure policies reflect the College's objective of at least maintaining the real value of the endowment on a long-term basis within an appropriate risk framework, providing resources to support the College's activities and assuring adequate liquidity.

The Investment Committee meets at least once per term and is composed of internal and external members, the latter being specifically selected for their relevant professional expertise.

The College pursues an ethical investment policy. The College's investment managers are expected to avoid involvement in organisations that clearly ignore responsible standards in dealing with, inter alia, employees, the environment, and the communities in which they operate.

The Investment Committee reviews implementation of this policy, including through consultation with the retained investment managers, while having regard to the need to adhere to the requirements of charity law. The College thus seeks to ensure that it does not engage financially with any company whose practices are considered to be in conflict with the purposes or aims of the College as a place of education, religion, learning and research, or whose practices it believes likely to alienate a sizeable proportion of the members or benefactors of the College.

The Investment Committee reports to the College's Governing Body, which periodically reviews this policy and its implementation.

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