

## Ethical investment statement

LSBU Group's sole exposure to the financial markets is via its endowment fund which at 30 April 2021 was valued at £892k.

LSBU's Board of Governors are committed to ethical investment. Endowment fund assets are held by a Fund Manager in a fund that has an environmental, social & governance strategy, with funds invested in a range of shares, bonds and other assets. The fund will not invest in tobacco producers, manufacturers of whole weapon systems, manufacturers of automatic and semi-automatic civilian firearms or any retailers of civilian firearms. In addition, the fund will avoid investment in companies that generate more than:

- 5% of revenues from alcohol producers, activities connected to adult entertainment, gambling operations and activities connected to predatory lending
- 10% of revenues from the retail or distribution of alcohol related products/services, the manufacture of weapons systems (including components and services designed for weapons use and products or services designed for weapons use), gambling related activities and or tobacco related products/services.

The current Fund Manager is active in voting on company resolutions and will engage in direct dialogue with companies on a wide range of environmental, social and governance-related matters of concern.

The principle that underpins any decision related to endowment asset investment is that LSBU must fulfil its fiduciary responsibilities i.e. to ensure a prudent and responsible approach to investing.

The policy is kept under regular review.

Please also find here links to useful documents if you would like more information: ([Guide to Ethical Restrictions](#) | [Other stewardship reports and policies](#))