



Ethical Investment Policy



POLICY

Ethical investment considerations form an integral part of Evergreen Care Bexley (ECB). Through its Ethical Investment Policy, ECB seeks a constructive engagement with the corporate world in order that responsible business practices and high standards of corporate behaviour are encouraged and supported. The organisation is also mindful of the need to be involved in activities that are materially consistent with Christian values.

ECB is supportive of companies that seek to develop their businesses successfully and sustainably in the interests of shareholders. The use of positive ethical criteria in assessing companies is firmly incorporated within the ethical investment policy through a process of constructive engagement with business. Criteria have been identified across five broad areas as:

- responsible employment practices
- best corporate governance practice
- conscientiousness with regard to human rights
- sustainable environmental practice
- sensitivity towards the communities in which business operates

Companies are monitored according to this Statement of Ethical Investment Policy and, where appropriate, by developing an ongoing dialogue and engagement with them.

Companies that promote pornography or supply armaments will not be used.

Investment is also avoided in any company a major part of whose business activity or focus is in the following areas:

- Gambling
- Tobacco and tobacco related products
- Alcoholic beverages (manufacture and licensed sale)
- Non-offensive military equipment
- Weekly-collected home credit (doorstep lending)
- Human embryonic cloning

ECB will avoid investment in companies whose management practices they judge to be unacceptable.

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