

Oxford SU Sustainability Demands

Oxford Students Union have published sustainability demands. This note sets out Keble College's response as of April 2023.

1. *Adopt a target for net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain at least as ambitious as the central university's 2035 date.*

The College is supportive of the principle but has not yet formally adopted this target. We are still gathering detailed data and developing a decarbonisation plan, with the help of external experts who we have commissioned. We will adopt the target when we have established a plan towards meeting it. We will advocate for a commitment to collaborative action across the Collegiate University that we believe is necessary in order to achieve this.

2. *Publish a strategy as to how they will achieve this target, with annual reporting, covering scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions as well as biodiversity impacts, and including or alongside a policy commitment to divest from fossil fuels.*

The College Sustainability Committee has been focussing on four main areas in which we believe we can have the largest impact: travel, procurement, food and energy. This has included discussion of our Scope 1-3 emissions and we are actively gathering the data required to report these metrics as soon as possible.

The College has already completed divestment from fossil fuels. Almost all of Keble's investments are held by OUEM, who have a commitment not to invest in fossil fuels (see <https://www.ouem.co.uk/> for the full ESG statement). The very small proportion that are not held by OUEM are investments being wound up, an investment in an Oxford-based Science start-up incubator, and housing.

3. *Implement the appropriate governance and enablers to enact this strategy, including a sustainability committee with student representation, and dedicated staff time.*

The College has a Sustainability Committee which is a full committee of Governing Body. Members of both the MCR and JCR are represented and have attended all meetings. We have a Sustainability Officer who provides support for the committee, maintains an action list and supports its implementation. The Committee is chaired by Felix Leach, Fellow and Tutor in Engineering, who contributes a substantial amount of dedicated time to its work. The Warden is a member of the committee and also very actively engaged in its work.