

Policy Title: Investments

Policy Statement:

To ensure that funds held by the Council are invested:

1. In a conservative manner, whilst striving to achieve the best outcome for the Council;
2. So as to yield a suitable level of diversification of counter party risk;
3. So as to maintain a low level of risk exposure by using recognised rating criteria; and
4. So as to allow for ready access to funds for day to day requirements.

Policy Procedure:

1. Reserve Funds and funds surplus to the immediate needs of the Regional Council may be invested with financial institutions with a Standard and Poors rating of "AA-" or better.
2. Where funds are invested with a financial institution whose credit rating falls below the prescribed level, the funds are to be liquidated in the most effective and expedient manner.
3. Funds may only be invested in interest bearing deposits or other bank guaranteed instruments.
4. Where the funds are placed for a tenor of not more than 90 days, they may be invested with one financial institution.
5. Where the funds are placed for a tenor exceeding 90 days, no more than 50% of the total funds shall be held by any one institution. The tenor of any investment is not to exceed 365 days.
6. Details of the performance and amounts invested with each financial institution shall be reported regularly in the Regional Council's Members' Information Bulletin.
7. Where practical, funds should be invested in such a manner as to provide sufficient access to funds within any normal payment cycle.
8. The Regional Council's investment portfolio is not to be leveraged to obtain funding.
9. Preference is to be given to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, where the investment is compliant with all other aspects of the Investment Policy and the investment offers returns that are at least equal to those offered by other financial institutions. Financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry will be identified based on publicly available information

Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 s.6.11, s.6.14 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Reg.17, Reg.19
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Council Meeting Date	
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