

Finance and Governance Committee AGENDA NO. 4/21

Meeting Date:Tuesday 8 June 2021Location:Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and OnlineTime:6.45pm

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7 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2021

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/523

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 May 2021 and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes the estimated market valuation of Council's investment portfolio and loan liabilities.

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.48%, which is 1.43% above the benchmark figure of 0.05%.

Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sale of investments totals \$3,394K for the financial year to date, which is \$2K above the 2020/21 year-to-date adopted budget of \$3,392K.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 May 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady Director - Corporate Services



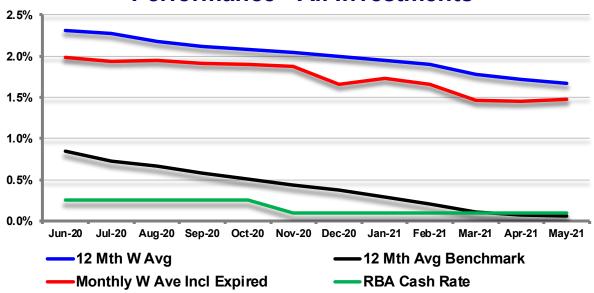
Discussion

Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for May 2021 and the past 12 months are as follows:

| | May | 12 Mth | FYTD |
|----------------|------|--------|------|
| Council Return | 1.48 | 1.67 | 1.66 |
| Benchmark | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Variance | 1.43 | 1.61 | 1.60 |



Performance - All Investments

Council's investment portfolio as at 31 May 2021 was as follows:

| Cash/Term Deposits | \$153.3M | 65.6% |
|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Floating Rate Notes | \$34.5M | 14.8% |
| Fixed Bonds | \$45.7M | 19.6% |
| Total Investments | \$233.5M | |



Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250K) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (generally 30 days to 180 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

Whilst Council has moved some of its investment portfolio out to longer terms to lock in future returns, it should be noted that there is approximately \$100.8 million of Council's funds held in Internal Reserves (as at 30 June 2020).

Council's income from investments continues to exceed budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 31 May was \$1.3 million which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

- 1. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 31 January 2014 at 180 day Bank Bill Swap rate (BBSW) of +175 basis points for the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 2. The interest rate for this loan is reset every six months;
- 2. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 1 September 2014 at 4.95% for Phase 2 of the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 3.



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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 MAY 2021

| Issuer | Investment Name | Investment Rating | Fossil Fuel | Invested at 31-May-21 \$000's | Annualised Period Return (%) | 12 Month Average Return on Current Investments | Return since 01 July 2020 | % of Total Invested | Maturity | Tenor |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|
| Bank of Queensland | 1. Bank of Queensland Floating | | | | | | | | | |
| | Rate Note | AAA | Y | 1,200 | 1.10 | 1.13 | 1.13 | 0.51 | 14/05/2025 | 1826 |
| National Australia Bank | NAB Fixed Bond (Covered) | AAA | Y | 3,746 | 3.10 | 3.10 | 3.10 | 1.60 | 16/03/2023 | 1826 |
| Suncorp-Metway | 3. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate | | | | | | | | | |
| | Note | AAA | N | 4,000 | 1.14 | 1.17 | 1.16 | 1.71 | 22/06/2021 | 1826 |
| Australia and New Zealand | ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 1,499 | 3.16 | 3.17 | 3.16 | 0.64 | 18/01/2023 | 1826 |
| Australia and New Zealand | ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 2,999 | 3.13 | 3.14 | 3.14 | 1.28 | 8/02/2024 | 1826 |
| Australia and New Zealand | ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.86 | 29/08/2024 | 1827 |
| Australia and New Zealand | ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 1,993 | 1.67 | 1.67 | 1.67 | 0.85 | 29/08/2024 | 1805 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 8. ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 1,998 | 1.69 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 0.86 | 16/01/2025 | 1827 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 9. ANZ Fixed Bond | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 2,979 | 1.80 | 1.79 | 1.79 | 1.28 | 29/08/2024 | 1612 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 10. ANZ Floating Rate Note | | | · · · · · | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | 3 | AA- | Y | 1,500 | 1.22 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.64 | 18/01/2023 | 1826 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 11. ANZ Floating Rate Note | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | 3 | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.86 | 9/05/2023 | 1826 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 12. ANZ Term Deposit | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | _, 500 | | | | | | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 1.54 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.71 | 10/11/2022 | 2557 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 13. ANZ Term Deposit | | ····· | ., | | | | | 10/11/2022 | |
| Banking Group | | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 1.49 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.71 | 15/12/2022 | 2557 |
| Commonwealth Bank of | 14. CBA At Call Account | | | 4,000 | 1.45 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.71 | 13/12/2022 | 2001 |
| Australia | 14. ODA AL GAILACCOUNT | AA- | Y | 12,527 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 5.36 | | |
| Commonwealth Bank of | 15. CBA Fixed Bond | | ····· | 12,021 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 5.50 | | |
| Australia | 15. CBA Fixed Bolid | AA- | Y | 3,991 | 3.41 | 3.42 | 3.42 | 1.71 | 25/04/2023 | 1916 |
| Commonwealth Bank of | 16. CBA Fixed Bond | AA- | 1 | 3,991 | 3.41 | 3.42 | 3.42 | 1.71 | 23/04/2023 | 1910 |
| | 10. CBA Fixed Bolid | | Y | 2 407 | 2.00 | 3.28 | 3.28 | 1.50 | 16/09/2022 | 1826 |
| Australia | 47 ODA Fixed Deed | AA- | Ŷ | 3,497 | 3.28 | 3.28 | 3.28 | 1.50 | 16/08/2023 | 1820 |
| Commonwealth Bank of | 17. CBA Fixed Bond | | v | 0.404 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 2.04 | 1.40 | 44/04/0004 | 4000 |
| Australia | | AA- | Y | 3,484 | 3.23 | 3.24 | 3.24 | 1.49 | 11/01/2024 | 1826 |
| Commonwealth Bank of | 18. CBA Term Deposit | | ~ | 4 000 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 4.74 | 00/00/0000 | 0.05 |
| Australia | | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 1.71 | 22/02/2022 | 365 |
| National Australia Bank | 19. NAB Fixed Bond | AA- | Y | 3,997 | 3.08 | 3.07 | 3.07 | 1.71 | 10/02/2023 | 1918 |
| National Australia Bank | 20. NAB Fixed Bond | AA- | Y | 2,998 | 2.95 | 2.94 | 2.94 | 1.28 | 26/02/2024 | 1826 |
| National Australia Bank | 21. NAB Floating Rate Note | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 1.71 | 16/05/2023 | 1826 |
| National Australia Bank | 22. NAB Floating Rate Note | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.86 | 19/06/2024 | 1827 |
| National Australia Bank | 23. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.35 | 0.77 | 0.75 | 1.71 | 24/02/2022 | 371 |
| National Australia Bank | 24. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.31 | 0.74 | 0.68 | 1.71 | 11/11/2021 | 231 |
| National Australia Bank | 25. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.30 | 0.75 | 0.74 | 1.71 | 16/09/2021 | 182 |
| National Australia Bank | 26. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.60 | 0.88 | 0.83 | 1.71 | 16/10/2021 | 365 |
| National Australia Bank | 27. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 0.45 | 1.02 | 0.98 | 1.71 | 11/01/2022 | 357 |
| National Australia Bank | 28. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 1.71 | 18/09/2023 | 1827 |
| National Australia Bank | 29. NAB Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.86 | 2/12/2021 | 364 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 30. Westpac At Call Account | AA- | Y | 31,869 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 13.65 | | |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 31. Westpac Floating Rate Note | AA- | Y | 2,486 | 3.25 | 3.23 | 3.23 | 1.06 | 24/04/2024 | 1917 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 32. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 0.70 | 0.94 | 0.87 | 0.86 | 21/09/2021 | 364 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 33. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 3.55 | 3.55 | 3.55 | 1.71 | 22/02/2022 | 1825 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 34. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 3.32 | 3.32 | 3.32 | 1.71 | 9/08/2022 | 1813 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 35. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 2,000 | 3.38 | 3.38 | 3.38 | 0.86 | 18/08/2022 | 1815 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 36. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 1.23 | 1.26 | 1.26 | 1.71 | 17/02/2022 | 1826 |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 37. Westpac Term Deposit | AA- | Y | 4,000 | 3.14 | 3.14 | 3.14 | 1.71 | 2/11/2021 | 1461 |
| Macquarie Bank | 38. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond | A+ | Y | 3,999 | 1.71 | 1.71 | 1.70 | 1.71 | 12/02/2025 | 1827 |
| Suncorp-Metway | 39. Suncorp-Metway Floating | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | Rate Note (Covered) | A+ | N | 1,000 | 0.99 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 0.43 | 16/08/2022 | 1826 |
| Suncorp-Metway | 40. Suncorp-Metway Floating | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | Rate Note | A+ | N | 1,200 | 1.17 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 0.51 | 24/04/2025 | 1823 |
| Bank of Queensland | 41. Bank of Queensland Fixed | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bond | BBB+ | Y | 1,997 | 3.46 | 3.42 | 3.42 | 0.86 | 16/11/2021 | 1267 |
| Bank of Queensland | 42. Bank of Queensland Term | | | | | | | | | |
| | Deposit | BBB+ | Y | 2,000 | 2.55 | 2.55 | 2.55 | 0.86 | 13/06/2024 | 1827 |
| Bank of Queensland | 43. Bank of Queensland Term | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Deposit | BBB+ | Y | 4,000 | 0.50 | 1.80 | 1.68 | 1.71 | 16/09/2021 | 273 |
| Bank of Queensland | 44. Bank of Queensland Term | | | , | | | | | | |
| | Deposit | BBB+ | Y | 2,000 | 3.75 | 3.75 | 3.75 | 0.86 | 9/12/2021 | 1823 |
| Bank of Queensland | 45. Bank of Queensland Term | | ····· | _, 200 | | | | | | |
| Same of Quoonsiand | Deposit | BBB+ | Y | 4,000 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 1.71 | 15/11/2022 | 1804 |
| Bendigo and Adelaide Bank | 46. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | .,500 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | | IST. TLOLL | |
| | Fixed Bond | BBB+ | N | 2,000 | 3.54 | 3.55 | 3.55 | 0.86 | 25/01/2023 | 1826 |
| Bendigo and Adelaide Bank | 47. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank | 0001 | · · · · · | 2,000 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20/01/2023 | 1020 |
| Bonargo ana Adeiaide Barik | Floating Rate Note | BBB+ | N | 1,998 | 1.15 | 1.17 | 1.16 | 0.86 | 25/01/2023 | 1532 |
| Heritage Bank | | DDDT | I IN | 1,390 | 1.15 | 1.17 | 1.10 | 0.00 | 20/01/2023 | 1552 |
| Heritage Bank | 48. Heritage Bank Floating Rate | | | 2,000 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10/08/0000 | 1005 |
| | | BBB+ | N | 2,000 | 0.84 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 12/08/2022 | 1085 |
| AMP | 49. AMP At Call Account | BBB | Y | 396 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.17 | | |



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|---|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| AMP | 50. AMP Floating Rate Note | BBB | Y | 2.000 | 1.16 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 0.86 | 10/09/2021 | 729 |
| AMP | 51. AMP Floating Rate Note | BBB | Y | 997 | 1.43 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 0.43 | 30/03/2022 | 917 |
| AMP | 52. AMP Term Deposit | BBB | Y | 1.000 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.43 | 30/07/2021 | 365 |
| Bank Australia | 53. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note | BBB | N | 1,000 | 1.42 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 0.43 | 30/08/2021 | 1096 |
| Bank Australia | 54. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note | BBB | N | 2,000 | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.86 | 2/12/2022 | 1096 |
| Credit Union Australia | 55. CUA Floating Rate Note | BBB | N | 1,000 | 1.17 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 0.43 | 24/10/2024 | 1827 |
| Defence Bank | 56. Defence Bank Term Deposit | BBB | N | 2,000 | 0.43 | 1.26 | 1.23 | 0.86 | 8/02/2022 | 364 |
| ME Bank | 57. ME Bank At Call Account | BBB | N | 7,556 | 0.60 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 3.24 | | |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | 58. NPBS FRN | BBB | N | 2,000 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.86 | 4/03/2026 | 1826 |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Building Society Term Deposit | BBB | N | 2,000 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 0.86 | 27/01/2022 | 1092 |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Building Society Term Deposit | BBB | N | 2,000 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 0.86 | 10/02/2022 | 1095 |
| Police & Nurses Limited | 61. P&N Bank Term Deposit | BBB | N | 1,000 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 0.43 | 2/11/2023 | 1821 |
| Teachers Mutual Bank | 62. Teachers Mutual Bank | | | | | | | | | |
| | Floating Rate Note | BBB | N | 1,400 | 1.41 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 0.60 | 2/07/2021 | 1096 |
| Auswide Bank | 63. Auswide Bank Floating Rate | | | | | | | | | |
| | Note | BBB- | N | 1,500 | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 0.64 | 17/03/2023 | 1095 |
| Auswide Bank | 64. Auswide Bank Term Deposit | BBB- | N | 2,000 | 1.69 | 1.69 | 1.69 | 0.86 | 15/02/2022 | 715 |
| Auswide Bank | 65. Auswide Bank Term Deposit | BBB- | N | 2,000 | 0.50 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.86 | 12/08/2021 | 182 |
| QPCU | 66. QBank Floating Rate Note | BBB- | N | 750 | 1.55 | 1.57 | 1.57 | 0.32 | 14/12/2021 | 1096 |
| QPCU QPCU | 67. QBank FRN | BBB- | N | 1,000 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.43 | 22/03/2024 | 1096 |
| QPCU | 68. QBank Term Deposit 69. QBank Term Deposit | BBB- BBB- | N N | 1,000 | 0.50 | 1.10 1.55 | 1.05 1.54 | 0.43 | 15/12/2021 5/08/2021 | 372 91 |
| QPCU | • | BBB- | N | 1,000 | 1.65 | 1.55 | 1.54 | 0.43 | 1/10/2021 | 365 |
| BNK Banking Corporation | 70. QBank Term Deposit 71. BNK Banking TD | Unrated | N ? | 1,000 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.43 | 6/01/2021 | 274 |
| WAW Credit Union Co- | 72. WAW CU Term Deposit | Unrated | · · · · · · | 1,950 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.04 | 0/01/2022 | 2/4 |
| operative Limited | • | NA | N | 2,000 | 0.80 | 1.30 | 1.25 | 0.86 | 15/12/2021 | 372 |
| Coastline Credit Union | 73. Coastline CU Term Deposit | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.55 | 1.18 | 1.12 | 0.43 | 16/12/2021 | 371 |
| Gateway Bank | 74. Gateway Bank Term Deposit | NR | N | 2,000 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.86 | 5/08/2021 | 90 |
| Maitland Mutual | 75. Maitland Mutual Term Deposit | NR | N | 2,000 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.86 | 10/08/2021 | 180 |
| Queensland Country Bank | 76. Queensland Country Bank Term Deposit | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.45 | 1.35 | 1.32 | 0.43 | 15/07/2021 | 121 |
| Railways Credit Union | 77. MOVE Term Deposit | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.43 | 19/05/2022 | 364 |
| Railways Credit Union | 78. MOVE TD | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.43 | 12/05/2022 | 356 |
| Summerland Financial | 79. Summerland CU Term | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | Deposit | NR | N | 2,000 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.86 | 6/07/2021 | 90 |
| Warwick Credit Union | 80. Warwick CU Term Deposit | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.75 | 1.31 | 1.26 | 0.43 | 9/03/2023 | 728 |
| Warwick Credit Union | 81. Warwick CU Term Deposit | NR | ? | 1,000 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.43 | 5/08/2021 | 183 |
| | | | | 233,506 | 1.47 | 1.68 | 1.66 | 100 | | 1 |

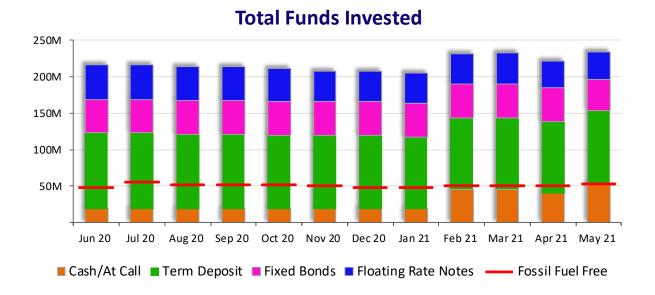
*Monthly returns when annualised can appear to exaggerate performance

**Market valuations are indicative prices only, and do not necessarily reflect the price at which a transaction could be entered into.

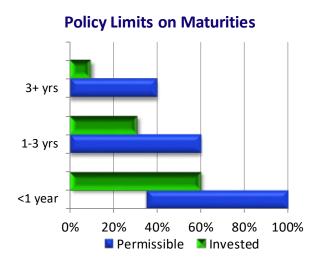
| Return including Matured/Traded Investments | May | <u>12 Mth</u> | <u>FYTD</u> |
|---|------|---------------|-------------|
| Weighted Average Return | 1.48 | 1.67 | 1.66 |
| Benchmark Return: AusBond Bank Bill Index (%) | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Variance From Benchmark (%) | 1.43 | 1.61 | 1.60 |
| | | | |

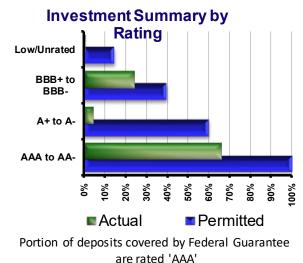
| Investment Income | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--|--|
| | \$000's | Fossil Fuel Free (000's) | | | |
| This Period | 267 | Yes | 52,404 | | |
| Financial Year To Date | 3,394 | No | 173,152 | | |
| Budget Profile | 3,392 | Unknown | 7,950 | | |
| Variance from Budget - \$ | 2 | | | | |



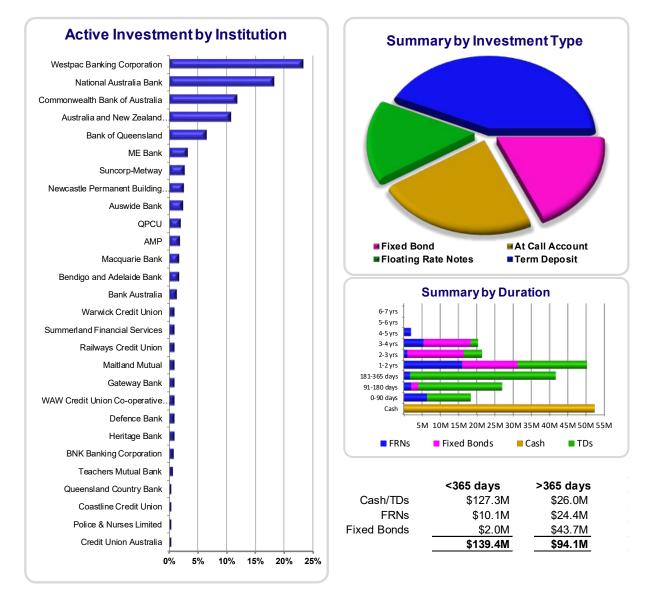


Analysis of investments









Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either Fossil Fuel or Non Fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures below do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are Fossil Fuel or Non Fossil Fuel aligned.

As at 31 May 2021, Council had a total amount of \$52.4M million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 22.4% of its total investment portfolio.

By way of comparison, Council had \$50.5 million (24.5% of its total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, as at policy inception on 31 January 2018.



Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.48%, which is 1.43% above the benchmark figure of 0.05%. Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sales of investments totals \$3,394K for the period ending 31 May 2021 and is \$2K above the 2020/21 year-to-date adopted budget of \$3,392K.

Summary

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns above benchmark. The recommendation in this report is consistent with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, which deals with the investment of surplus funds by Councils.

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

I certify that as at the date of this report, the investments listed have been made and are held in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and applicable legislation.

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer



8 ANNUAL RATES RECEIPT

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/507

REPORT SUMMARY

At the September 2020 Council meeting, Council resolved to maintain financial transparency for ratepayers on how Council income is spent. In implementing this resolution, a report for a personalised Annual Rates Receipt to all ratepayers as an insert accompanying the 2021/22 Annual Rates Notice to come back to Council in March 2021.

This report outlines the implementation of the resolution of Council from the September 2020 meeting and the proposed personalised Annual Rates Receipt.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Annual Rates Receipt

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady Director - Corporate Services



Discussion

At the September 2020 Council meeting, the following resolution of Council was passed:-

That Council: -

- (a) Acknowledge that Council's service provider does not yet offer the capability to deliver a cost-effective replica of the ATO's 'Annual Rates Receipt' notice, as outlined in the report;
- (b) Maintains its support for ratepayers to receive transparent financial information about how their rates are spent by the City of Ryde;
- (c) As an interim measure, endorse a general newsletter containing Council's 2020/21 budgeted income and expenditure to be provided to all ratepayers as part of an insert in the 2020 November Rates Instalment Notice and made publicly available on Council's website.
- (d) Implement a personalised financial information notice to all ratepayers as an insert accompanying the 2021/22 Annual Rates Notice with a report to come back to Council in March 2021.

In implementing the above Council resolution, a non personalised breakdown was incorporated into the November 2020 newsletter that was issued to ratepayers that received a November 2020 instalment notice. The same version of this financial breakdown was also published on the Council's website for the public to view the following information:-

- How Council sources its revenue;
- How Council allocated its base budget;
- How Council allocates its capital budget;
- A sample of how rates funds are allocated.

The proposed personalised Annual Rates Receipt (with sample information) can be found at **ATTACHMENT 1**. The format of the Annual Rates receipt is similar to that of the ATO tax payment receipt and the allocations on the receipt will be based on the 2021/22 Operational Plan and aligned to Council's Programs.

The personalised Annual Rates Receipt will be included with the Annual rates notice issued in mid July 2021. In order to ensure that the personalised Annual Rates Receipt is issued with the Annual Rates notice, it is suggested that only changes to the wording on template are made due to the lead time required in making changes to the proposed template.



Financial Implications

The proposed rates receipt will be funded from the existing base budget as there are adequate budget within the 21/22 base budget.

Conclusion

To date, Council Officers have included financial information in the November 2020 newsletter issued with the November 2020 rates instalment and created a webpage on how Council spends its budget. The personalised Annual Rates Receipt is proposed to be issued in as a part Annual Rates installment in mid-July 2021.



ATTACHMENT 1

