



Murweh Shire Council Investment Policy

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1. Legislative Authority

Local Government Act 2009 Section 104

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 191

Under Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*

- (1) A local government must prepare and adopt an investment policy.
- (2) The investment policy must outline—
 - (a) The local government’s investment objectives and overall risk philosophy; and
 - (b) Procedures for achieving the goals related to investment stated in the policy.

Investment of Council funds is to be in accordance with Council’s powers to invest under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, as amended and the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007(SBFA)*

2. Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Investment policies of Council (whether written or not).

3. Objectives

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4. Purpose

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4.2 Scope

The intent of this document is to outline Murweh Shire Council’s investment policy and guidelines regarding the investment of surplus funds, with the objective to maximise earnings within approved risk guidelines and to ensure the security of funds.

Investments will be managed with the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons. This includes having in place appropriate reporting requirements that ensure the investments are being reviewed and overseen regularly.

Investment officers are to manage the investment portfolios not for speculation, but for investment and in accordance with the spirit of this Investment Policy. Investment officers are to avoid any transaction that might harm confidence in Council. They will consider the safety of capital and income objectives when making an investment decision.

4.3 Delegation of Authority

Authority for the implementation of the investment policy is delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer may delegate this authority to the Director of Corporate and Regulatory Services in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 257- Delegation of Local Government powers and Section 259 - Delegation of Chief Executive Officer powers.

4.4 Term of Investment

Council's investment portfolio should be realisable, without penalty, in a reasonable timeframe. The term to maturity of Council investments should not exceed one year.

4.5 Authorised Investments

- Interest Bearing Deposits with the a commercial financial institution that has a physical presence within the Murweh Shire
- Deposits with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)

4.6 Quotations on Investments

When investing with a commercial financial institution quotes are to be obtained from the relevant institutions. The best quote on the day will be successful after having regard to administrative and banking costs and credit rating of the institution.

4.7 Priority of Funds Placement

Investments will be placed to maximise interest income within acceptable risk standards. Consideration will be given to term to maturity and the amount Council would be compelled to hold to meet liabilities as and when they fall due, thus maximising funds available for investment.

4.8 Reporting

The investments are to be included in the monthly financial report to Council.

5. Variations

Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

6. Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every year or as required by changes to process of legislation, relevant Standards and industry best practice.