



2024 – 2025 INVESTMENT POLICY

POLICY PURPOSE

The objective of this policy is to ensure sound management of the investment of surplus funds after assessing market and liquidity risks, with the objective to maximise earnings within approved risk guidelines and to ensure the security of funds within the legislative framework of the State.

Additionally the policy identifies Council's philosophy and strategy for investment, overall risk philosophy and the investment objectives and expectations.

SCOPE

Council is required under the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to have an investment policy.

This policy applies to the investment of all surplus and operating cash held by McKinlay Shire Council.

Council also has responsibilities under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, in particular section 44.

POLICY CONTENT

Council investments will be made in accordance with:

- i) *Local Government Act 2009* – Section 104 (5) (c)(i);
- ii) *Local Government Regulation 2012* – Section 191;
- iii) *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*; and
- iv) All investments must be in accordance with Category One Investments only as listed in Section 44 of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and Section 8 of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007*.

Authorised investments:-

- Interest Bearing Deposits with a licensed bank.
- Deposits with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC).
- Deposits with a local or regionally based financial institution specifically approved by McKinlay Shire Council for investments with consideration to the interest rate offered and the credit rating of the institution and term of investment.

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How Council will Invest:-

- Deposits with a local or regionally based financial institution or the QTC by way of a general at call account; and
- Deposits with a local or regionally based financial institution or the QTC by way of a fixed term of not more than 1 year.

All investments must be denominated in Australian currency.

McKinlay Shire Council will demonstrate investigations on Principal Stability Ratings achieving a Standard and Poors or Moody rating of “AA” or better.

Should the local financial institution tend to be unrated with Standard and Poors and Moody, the Director of Corporate and Community Services is to conduct a financial analysis of these institutions immediately after receiving those institutions financial statements, which are normally received on an annual basis.

McKinlay Shire Council will evaluate and assess credit risk and interest rate risk prior to investment.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, *investments* are defined as arrangements that are undertaken or acquired for producing income and apply only to the cash investments of McKinlay Shire Council.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007*
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

The Treasurer may, from time to time, constrain the investing activities of local government by limitation, caveat, restriction and/or other relevant regulation.

Where this occurs, this Investment Policy will be reviewed and reissued for the subsequent change in legislation.

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:-

Authority for the implementation of the investment policy is delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer has delegated this authority to the Director of Corporate and Community Services in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009, Section 257- Delegation of local government powers (1) (b) and Section 259- Delegation of Chief Executive Officer powers (1)* and subject to a quarterly report provided to Council, detailing the investment portfolio and its performance. The report will also detail actual investment income earned versus budget year to date.

RELATED POLICIES

Nil

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

REVISION HISTORY

<i>Version</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Adoption Date</i>
1	2017/18 Investment Policy	27 June 2017
1	2018/19 Investment Policy	29 June 2018
1	2019/20 Investment Policy	9 August 2019
1	2020/21 Investment Policy	21 July 2020
1	2021/22 Investment Policy	20 July 2021
1	2022/23 Investment Policy	19 July 2022
1	2023/24 Investment Policy	18 July 2023

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